

**MORONGO VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
11207 Ocotillo Street  
Morongo Valley, CA 92256

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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6:00 p.m. Regular Business

**October 21, 2020**

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Government Code Section 54954.2 (a)(3) [Brown Act] – States that,

"No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that members of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Section 54954.3. In addition, on their own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, a member of a legislative body or its staff may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. Furthermore, a member of a legislative body, or the body itself, subject to rules or procedures of the legislative body, may provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda".

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Board Meeting of October 21, 2020 was called to order at 6:02 PM.

**B. ROLL CALL**

1. Gayl Swarat, President X
2. Kristina Brook, VicePresident X
3. Matthew Campos, Director X
4. Laurie Klimowicz, Director X
5. Johnny Tolbert, Director X

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Swarat.

**D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The Board generally considers items in the order listed on the agenda. However, items may be considered in any order as established by the direction of the Board. Under certain circumstances, new agenda items may be added by a two-thirds vote of the Board. [Gov. Code Sec. 54954.2(b)(2)]

1. Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of October 21, 2020  
**President Swarat stated she would like Item G.2 changed from a discussion item to an action item.**

**MOTION:** Director Campos Motioned to approve the Regular Board Meeting Agenda for October 21, 2020 with the changes.

**SECOND:** Director Tolbert Seconds.

**RESULT:** Motion Passed with a 5-0 Vote.

## **E. AGENCY REPORTS**

1. Sheriff's Report – San Bernardino County Sheriff's Representative  
**The Sheriff was not in attendance.**
2. Director of Operation's Report – Deputy Chief Brakebill  
**Deputy Chief Brakebill reported that during the month of September the Morongo Valley Fire Department assisted with the El Dorado Fire and Coverage for Yucca Valley. He also mentioned that we have saved \$2,193 as credit incentive points for SDRMA. He went over the Morongo Valley Fire Departments training and calls reports.**

**MOTION:** Director Campos motioned to approve the Director of Operations Report.

**SECOND:** Director Brook Seconds.

**RESULT:** Motion passed with a 5-0 Vote.

3. Risk Management and Public Relations Ad Hoc Committee Report – Directors Klimowicz and Brook  
**There was nothing to report at this time.**
4. Fire Apparatus Driving Parameters Ad Hoc Committee – Director Brook and Tolbert  
**There was nothing to report at this time.**
5. Morongo Valley Community Services District and Fire Department Funding Ad Hoc Committee – President Swarat and Director Campos  
**There was nothing to report at this time.**

## **F. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Items on the consent calendar are routine matters or formal documents covering previous District Board instruction. Items may be acted on by one motion of the Board unless a Board Member requests a separate discussion and/or action on an item.

1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 16, 2020  
**Director Brook stated that "accommodation" should read "commendations" in her Director Report.**

**MOTION:** Director Tolbert motioned to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 16, 2020 with the changes.

**SECOND:** Director Brook Seconds.

**RESULT:** Motion passed with a 5-0 Vote.

2. Cash/Checks Disbursements & Credit Card Purchases for September - \$114,489.50  
**Director Tolbert had questions about the recent grant that the Morongo Valley Fire Department submitted with Yermo – Calico Fire Department. President Swarat stated that this would be on the next Regular Board Meetings Agenda when Director of Operations Yearsley returned from his vacation.**

**MOTION:** President Swarat motioned to approve the Cash / Checks Disbursements & Credit Card Purchases of September.

**SECOND:** Director Brook Seconds.

**RESULT:** Motion passes with a 5-0 Vote.

Public Comment – *Estelle Foster*

Mrs. Foster stated that she appreciates the Fire Department. She calls them the little firefighters who could. She hopes they are enjoying the freezer that was donated by Home Depot.

## **G. CONTINUED BUSINESS**

### **1. Halloween Trunk or Treat**

**Christina Gorke proposed an idea for a haunted walking trail through Covington Park. She stated her idea was COVID compliant and she would get insurance to cover the walking trail. After much discussion the Board of Directors decided that at this time the haunted walking trail is too high of a risk.**

**MOTION:** Director Campos motioned to reject Christina's proposal considering all the risks discussed.

**SECOND:** Director Tolbert Seconds.

**ROLE CALL:** Gayl Swarat, President **AYE**, Kristina Brook, Vice President **NAY**, Matthew Campos, Director **AYE**, Laurie Klimowicz, Director **AYE**, Johnny Tolbert, Director **AYE**.

**RESULT:** Motion passed with a 4-1 Vote.

### **2. Covington Park Closure**

**After little discussion the Board of Directors deemed it necessary to remain closed at this time.**

Website Comment – *Carla Harrower*

"I have found that according to \*Transportation Systems Engineering Lecture 31: Channelization (pg10) author Dr. Tom Matthew Feb. 19 2014: "Traversable raised curb medians should always be used with reboundable reflectorized vertical panels." The areas on highway 62 where these raised curb medians are located, most of the reflectors are missing. I am very concerned and fearful that this is going to cause a terrible accident on the highway. Especially at night. There are no reflectors at all on the majority of the medians, and it is extremely difficult to see them at night. It is my educated guess that the reflectors have failed somehow to stay in place, maybe due to the extreme heat in our area causing them to become loose and blow away. I find it curious that there is nothing left where they were installed after they are gone. We need to have the reflectors replaced and figure out why they failed to stay in place. The reflectors were effective, and we should contact Cal Trans or the Department of Transportation, and make them replace the reflectors on our highway, and also reinforce them to make sure they do not disappear again."

**After some discussion President Swarat stated that she would have Director of Operations Yearsley contact Cal Trans regarding these issues.**

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*END OF ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS*

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## **H. INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR REPORTS**

- 1. President Swarat – "Everything everyone said double for me." She thanks everyone for tonight and would like everyone to stay safe.**
- 2. Vice President Brook – She would like to than Carla for bringing the Highway to everyone's attention. She thanks Christina for everything she did. She thanks the Fire Department for helping a former student when he was hit in the crosswalk. She is also looking forward to the upcoming Holidays. Stay safe everyone.**
- 3. Director Klimowicz – "God Bless the Fire Department, God Bless everyone."**

4. Director Tolbert – **He thanks the men and women of the Fire Department, no one ever complains. He thanks District staff for keeping information flowing. He thanks the Board Members for such a great meeting.**
5. Director Campos – **He is thankful for the men and women who work at the CSD and Fire Department. No one ever complained during the long hours the recent fires have brought. They do a tremendous job. He is very grateful for each and everyone.**

MORONGO VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Next Regular Board Meeting: November 18, 2020

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Board Meeting of October 21, 2020 was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

**Moved:** Director Campos

**Second:** Director Tolbert

**Vote:** 5/0