

MORONGO VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
11207 OCOTILLO STREET. MORONGO VALLEY, CA 92256
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING TOWN HALL MINUTES

6:00 p.m. Regular Business
January 10, 2024

Covington Park – MPR
11165 Vale Drive
Morongo Valley, CA 92256

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Board Meeting Town Hall was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

1. Christina Gorke, President, Present
2. Lynn Watts, Vice President, Present
3. Johnny Tolbert, Director, Present
4. Lance Fisher, Director, Present
5. Steve Hayden, Director, Not Present

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board of Directors now takes time to consider your comments on items that are on the agenda. The President will recognize you at the appropriate time to assist in the orderly and timely conduct of the meeting. When called upon to speak, please state your name and residence. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes or less. If you wish to comment on an agenda item or non-agenda items during Public Comment, fill out the form on our website, or raise your hand. There will also be a one (1) minute Public Comment period before each agenda item.

None at this time.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. MVCSD REVENUE POSSIBILITIES

The Board of Directors took this time to have an open discussion regarding revenue possibilities for the Morongo Valley Community Services District.

Director Tolbert led the conversation of moving forward with a tax. His concerns were amongst getting a 2/3 vote from the community, otherwise needing 66% of the citizens to

support a tax and meeting the 88-day schedule of September 8, 2024. Due to regulations, this would need to be a fire tax, a tax strictly for the fire department. While the community members that were in attendance showed support for a tax some questions arose, such as can we split cost between residential lots and vacant parcels? Director Tolbert will report answers later after contacting the appropriate agency.

There were community concerns regarding overspending, stating that “Even if the overspending didn’t occur, we would still be needing more, it’s a fact.”, “The elected officials need to have control over the budget.”

It was also discussed how SB 525 may affect the District, as it would require pay rates to increase by \$7 per employee. Director Tolbert is currently waiting for a legal opinion from the Districts attorney.

President Gorke proposed establishing a membership for the district. Concerns about the language arose, some suggesting using contributor rather than membership. The community showed ample support for this program, President Gorke will create a solid outline and bring it to the January 17, 2024, regular meeting. Proposed pricing is as follows:

Individual with a credit card payment \$125

Individual with a cash payment \$120

Household \$400

Friends and family \$550

Sponsor a neighbor \$100

Write in amount.

Other programs that were suggested are a round up program at local businesses as donations for fire department and an ISA program for the fire department between the department and CMC – this program offsets the cost of labor.

F. INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

No reports were given.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Directors Special Board Town Hall Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.