

MORONGO VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

11207 OCOTILLO STREET. MORONGO VALLEY, CA 92256

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6:00 p.m. Regular Business

December 20, 2023

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

<https://morongocsd.specialdistrict.org/>

This Board Meeting will take place in person at the Covington Park MPR, located at the address above. As a convenience to the public, the meeting will be livestreamed for those who wish to observe remotely. Please note that due to the in-person meeting format and technical limitations, members of the public will only be able to provide public comment in person. Please also note that in the event of technical issues that disrupt the meeting livestream, the meeting will continue.

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Board Meeting of December 20, 2023, was called to order at 6:00 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, Present

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board of Directors now takes time to consider your comments on items which are on the agenda. The acting Chairperson 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 for both agenda items and non-agenda items. If you wish to comment on an agenda item or non-agenda item during Public Comment or raise your hand. In addition, members of the public may submit comments electronically prior to the meeting using the form on the District's website. The acting Chairperson will recognize all electronic comments submitted at least 48 hours prior to the meeting either by reading the comment(s) at the meeting or noting on the record that comments were received and provided to the Board at or before the meeting.

None at this time.

E. ADDITIONS TO, AND/OR REORDER 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 unanimous vote of the Board. [Gov. Code Sec. 54954.2(b)(2)]

1. Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of December 20, 2023.

President Gorke renamed the item H1 to Revenue Possibilities.

MOTION: President Gorke motioned to approve the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of December 20, 2023, with the amendments.

SECOND: Director Tolbert

RESULT: Motion passes with a 5/0 vote.

F. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Sheriff's Report – San Bernardino County Sheriff's Representative

Not in attendance.

2. General Manager/Fire Chief Report – James Brakebill

For the last 30 days no fires, 38 EMS, all involving ALS, 4 public assist, and one special incident. Call volume has increase by 14% were at 563 calls. I want to publicly thank our Santa, Glenn Sheppard. Everyone enjoyed the Christmas tree lighting. It was a great first time since COVID. The demolition is done on the office, were currently waiting for things to be put back together. For FEMA, \$2,800 was turned down to the threshold was \$3,800. Both Brittany and I have talked to the FEMA rep, they are trying to get that reverse. The budget is getting back in line as we are getting our tax money in and catching up.

3. Cash / Check Disbursements & Credit Card Purchases for November – Director Tolbert

Cash disbursements \$137,484.15 for November, the breakdown is we paid quite a few that were outstanding like SDRMA, Wildan and Associates, they do our assessment. This is how we collect our taxes, we also paid Smith Marion, they do our audits, we pay them twice a year. \$383,390.40 was deposited from our property taxes. One deposit we are going to making is paying ourselves back to the money market account. As for the budget were operating over at about \$76,000 dollars. As far as the overage, we are waiting on OES money, and we didn't plan for the extra PPE's.

G. 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 November 15, 2023.
2. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of November 21, 2023.
3. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of December 14, 2023.

MOTION: Director Tolbert motioned to accept the consent calendar as presented.

SECOND: Director Watts

RESULT: Motion passes with a 5/0 vote.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. REVENUE POSSIBILITIES

President Gorke wanted to list this as a community fund stating she has a friend that works on the east coast they have a membership community fund where any type of overage can fund those that can't afford it. Director Tolbert will be heading an Ad Hoc meeting January 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Captain McEachen another idea that has been discussed is bringing an ambulance to the Fire Department and doing our own transports that we can bill and keep the money in the district rather than going elsewhere. Many Fire Departments are taking over their rights to transport as this would bring on quicker response times and so forth. In the difficulty finding paramedics the potential to utilize the ambulance program as a trainee program. Were we use them as a medic and train them to be a firefighter in return. This would allow them to do one the job training and get a trainee wage. This is a conversation I think we could begin having as a money generator. We have a college up the road as well that we could use for their programs. FTE and strong workforce funds could be shared between us and the college bringing in more money.

2. SB 1383

Effective January 1, 2022, California state law Senate Bill (SB) 1383 Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy, requires all businesses, residents, and multifamily properties, to separate organic materials (such as plant debris, food waste, food soiled papers, untreated wood waste) and recyclable materials from trash, and either subscribe to the required collection services or self-haul to an appropriate facility for diversion. It has been brought to the Board of Directors attention that the Morongo Valley Transit Station is not an approved facility. Community Members have requested the Boards support in making it possible for them to use the Morongo Valley Transit station rather than drive 30 plus minutes to dispose of waste.

Public Comments

Tony (unknown last name)

Estibar Solis

No action was taken by the Board of Directors on this item.

3. TENNIS COURT REFURBISHMENT

Community member Brad Budinger has been researching grants that would help refurbish the Covington Park tennis courts. He reported he need to hose the tennis court and make a diagram for the grant. Also, he needs to find funding sources for the grant. Updated the board to where he is at the getting a grant to update the tennis courts.

I. CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. CSD AND FIRE DEPARTMENT EXTERNAL DOORS

During the Special Board Meeting of October 10, 2023, the Board approved the Norman Doors bid as presented pending money from FEMA. However, since this time the door locks have been rendered unusable. This has created a safety concern for fire and CSD personnel.

MOTION: President Gorke motioned to accept the bid from Normans doors as presented.

SECOND: Director Tolbert

RESULT: Motion passes with a 5/0 vote.

J. CLOSED SESSION

The Regular Closed Session of the Board of Directors of December 20, 2023, was called to order by President Gorke at 6:55 PM, with Vice-President Watts, Director Tolbert, Director Fisher, Director Hayden and Chief Brakebill present.

Public Employee Performance Evaluation

(Government Code Section 54957)

Title: General Manager/Fire Chief

K. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of December 20, 2023, reconvened and was called to order by President Gorke at 9:00 p.m. President Gorke reported that the Board of Directors did not take any reportable action.

L. INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

The Board of Directors stated there would be a Special Meeting on January 9, 2023.

M. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next Regular Board Meeting January 17, 2024

N. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of December 20, 2023, was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Moved: Director Tolbert Second: President Gorke Vote: 5/0