

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Covington Park, Community Building MPR
11165 Vale Drive
Morongo Valley, CA 92256

7:00 p.m. Regular Business
January 21, 2020

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Board Meeting of January 21, 2020 was called to order at 7:02 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

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

All the Directors were present

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 January 21, 2020

Director Campos would like to add a closed session item regarding the Director of Operations 360 Evaluation. President Swarat informed Director Campos that it cannot be added due to California laws. Only emergencies can be added as closed item sessions during a meeting. Director Tolbert mentioned he would like to add an item to readdress Buddy Stogner's cleaning contract due to law changes. This was added as agenda item H2.

MOTION: Director Brooks motioned to approve the January 21, 2020 agenda with the changes.

SECOND: Director Klimowicz Seconds.

RESULT: Motion to Pass with a 5-0 vote

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments at this time.

F. AGENCY REPORTS

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

Sargent Hurtado reported that he compiled the 2019 statistics, the rough estimate is 19,000 calls for service. Approximately 200 arrests and 100 citations. He mentioned that due to personal issues he will be moving to public affairs and will no longer be attending the meetings. He would like the community to prepare for the King of the Hammers. They're expecting around 70,000 trailers. The Sheriff's Department will be ramping up the patrol during this time. CHP expects this to be a huge event.

2. Director of Operations Report – Gerald Yearsley

Director of Operations Yearsley spoke about the Christmas Tree Lighting on December 11, 2019. He mentioned that it was a huge success and many residents of Morongo Valley attended. He also spoke about the OTS Grant. He mentioned that the tools such as cutters, spreaders, a ram and vehicle stabilization air bags were ordered.

MOTION: Director Tolbert motioned to approve the Director of Operations Report.

SECOND: Director Brook Seconds.

RESULT: Motion to Pass 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. Director of Operations Ad Hoc Committee – President Swarat and Director Brook
The Board of Directors discussed the Annual Director of Operations Review/Evaluation. President Swarat mentioned that Chief Brakebill offered a workshop to teach the Board of Directors how to do a proper evaluation. Chief Brakebill stated that some know that he teaches. He stated that he would like to do the evaluation correctly the first time. After some discussion the Board of Directors decided to hold a public workshop on February 5, 2020 at 7:00PM in the MPR to learn how to correctly do an evaluation.

5. Fire Apparatus Driving Parameters Ad Hoc Committee -Directors Brook and Tolbert
Director Brook mentioned that the Morongo Valley CSD and Fire Department received a citation for tires. She asked if the Engine was back on the road. Director of Operations Yearsley stated that he rebutted the citation, new tires were ordered but not needed. Director of Operations Yearsley stated that the engine is back on the road and according to CHP the citation was dismissed.

6. Morongo Valley Youth Softball League – Carl “Buddy” Stogner
Buddy was not in attendance.

G. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items on the consent calendar are considered to be 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 December 17, 2019
There were no corrections on the December 17, 2019 minutes.

MOTION: Director Brook motioned to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2019.

SECOND: Director Tolbert Seconds.

RESULT: Motion to pass with a 5-0 vote

2. Cash/Checks Disbursements & Credit Card Purchases - \$127,732.07
The Board of Directors reviewed and discussed the cash/checks disbursements and credit card purchases. For the month of December 2019 there were two checks over the amount of \$5,000. First check was written for the Money Market Account in the amount of \$20,000. There was a Bill Payment check written for Curtis for \$48,545.06.

MOTION: Director Brook motioned to approve the Cash/Checks Disbursements and Credit Card Purchases.

SECOND: Director Klimowicz Seconds.

RESULT: Motion to Pass with a 5-0 vote

H. OLD/CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Website Compliance

During the Regular Board Meeting of December 17, 2019, it was brought up to the Board of Directors that Senate Bill No. 929 requires that all Special Districts have and upkeep a Website by January 1, 2020. The Board of Directors decided to approve utilizing Streamline's services in order to ensure that we were compliant with this Bill by January 1, 2020. The website is up and running and we are compliant with what the Bill dictates. We are not required to upload prior minutes or Board Agendas to the website, though, it is something we might want to consider (this would take time). To access the website, go to <https://morongocsd.specialdistrict.org/>

2. Hiring of Buddy Stogner regarding AB5

Director Tolbert mentioned that during January 2020 California passed the AB5 Bill. Recently the Morongo Valley CSD and Fire Department hired Buddy Stogner's business B&T Tires to clean the restrooms. The AB5 Bill does not allow the Morongo Valley CSD and Fire Department to contract Buddy's business in this way since we also purchase other services from Mr. Stogner's business. The Morongo Valley CSD and Fire Department either must hire Mr. Stogner as an employee to do the restroom maintenance in order to be compliant with the AB5 Bill. Director of Operations Yearsley stated he would like to do more research on this bill before deciding. Mr. Yearsley believes there is a dollar amount that Mr. Stogner may fall under. It was decided that the Morongo Valley CSD and Fire Department will continue accepting and pay for Mr. Stogner's services until more research on the AB5 Bill is done.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Voting of President and Vice President

It was mentioned that voting for the President and Vice President only has to happen every two years except after elections. President Swarat would like to continue to serve as Morongo Valley's President. Vice President Brook also would like to continue serving. Director Klimowicz stated that both President Swarat and Vice President Brook do an excellent job serving the residents of Morongo Valley.

MOTION: President Swarat motions to remain in the same positions.

SECOND: Director Klimowicz Seconds.

RESULT: Motion to Pass with a 5-0 Vote

ROLE CALL: President Swarat AYE, Vice President Brook AYE, Director Klimowicz AYE, Director Campos AYE, Director Tolbert AYE.

2. Change of Agenda Item "Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items"

President Swarat stated that she would like to get as much community support as possible. Moving the "Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items" earlier in the meeting would benefit those community members who cannot stay out as late for the duration of the meetings. Director of Operations Yearsley stated that there are no rules stating that we cannot write the agenda the way we would like. Director Tolbert stated that this is our agenda and we can write it how we please.

MOTION: Director Tolbert motioned to move the Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items section to under Public Comments on Agenda Items.

SECOND: Director Klimowicz Seconds.

RESULT: Motion to Pass with a 5-0 Vote.

3. Cost of Attorney for Board of Directors related problems.

President Swarat stated that she had compiled some of the total amount spent on Board related items for 2016 and 2017 was \$6,512.75. She stated that the Board of Directors need to consider what they spend money on. She mentioned that she will have the full amounts for 2018 and 2019 next month. Mr. Kennedy sent all the billing for the Board related issues. It cost \$185 an hour. We've had about 30 hours of work over a two year period. President Swarat stated that she will bring this back to the Board during the next Board Meeting with the correct final amount.

4. Upcoming Grants Discussion

There is an upcoming grant for the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) that we are eligible for. The grant must be turned in no later than January 30, 2020 (However, we would like to shoot for January 27, 2020). It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve putting our efforts into this grant as well as approve the cost of this grant.

The Board of Directors discussed that this grant is a medical side grant only this time and specific to just equipment (no medicines). It was also discussed that grants are what keep this fire department going and without them, we just don't have the funds to purchase all the equipment needed. We currently have a good working relationship with OTS and we also have \$25,000 in the Budget to work on Grants.

MOTION: Director Tolbert motioned to approve spending up to and to exceed \$3,470 on grant assistance.

SECOND: Director Klimowicz seconds

RESULT: Motion to pass with a 5-0-1 Vote with Director Brook Abstaining.

5. Funding Discussion

It was stated that no matter how many grants the Morongo Valley CSD and Fire Department gets, we still need money to pay our Fire Personnel better wages. Eventually the Morongo Valley CSD and Fire Department is going to run out of money. Creating a committee to create assessments to help bring more money in would be very helpful. An Ad Hoc Committee was formed, led by President Swarat and Director Campos with assistance from Deputy Chief Brakebill, Director of Operations Yearsley and Captain Gorter.

-----END OF ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-----

J. INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

President Swarat- She stated that we all have to come together, we have to be a team the Board of Directors, the office and the Fire Department.

Vice President Brook- She stated that she called about the per capita grant no updates yet. She would also to thank the Fire Department for running the call on Keith Howington as well as a 5th grader with a head injury.

Director Klimowicz- She would like to thank the community for the support. She would like the community to tell other members who were not in attendance about our website.

Director Tolbert- He would like to thank everyone and the Fire Department. He also mentioned that we need to schedule the mid year budget.

Director Campos- He would like to thank the Fire Department, the office staff and the community. He informed everyone that on January 10, 2020 HDMF brought their medical van for the residents. There were a few who got the Flu shots and Blood Pressure checked. He would like everyone to tell their friends and family.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Estelle Foster- She would like to start by thanking the hard working Board Members. She stated that she is a proud member of the community and she would like to preserve it. She thanks the Fire Department for protecting their homes and their health. She stated for care like that to continue we need funding, she contacted the senator and they are willing to talk to us about supporting the Fire Department but we all have to get along. She stated that from what she has observed, she feels there are things that are not acceptable. Many things need to be resolved with a unified Board of Directors. She stated that all she sees is underhanded immature issues. She wants the community to live and thrive but we can't with the board members bickering. We need unity and funding. She wants her home and health protected, everyone should support the Fire Department. She asks the Board of Directors to put on their grown up clothes, act like adults and respect each other.

Dr. Donna Yerman- She stated that she would like the Board of Directors to consider moving the meetings to an earlier time. Many people would come if they were earlier. She stated that we need more people from the community for support. She would also like to thank the Fire Department for all they do. She states that she agrees with Estelle and what she said. She believes what Estelle said is critical.

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L. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next Regular Board Meeting: February 18, 2020

M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved TOLBERT Second BROOK Vote 5/0

The Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM