

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Phone Conference via "Zoom"

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6:00 p.m. Regular Business

August 19, 2020

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A. CALL TO ORDER

President Swarat called the Regular Board Meeting of August 19, 2020 to order at 6:00 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

1. Gayl Swarat, President **X**
2. Kristina Brook, VicePresident **X**
3. Matthew Campos, Director **X** (Director Campos was late, he arrived at 6:15 PM.)
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 August 19, 2020

There were no changes made to the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of August 19, 2020.

MOTION: Director Brook motioned to approve the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of August 19, 2020 without changes.

SECONDS: Director Klimowicz Seconds.

RESULT: Motion passes with a 4-0-1 Vote. (Director Campos was not in attendance at this time.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Estelle Foster- Ms. Foster started by thanking her neighbors, friends and family. She thanked Chief Yearsley, stating that he saw the danger of the Apple Fire approaching Morongo Valley. He sent out his own early evacuation warning to keep the community safe. She would like to let Chief Yearlsey and Chief Springer know that she appreciates everything they did.

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 – Gerald Yearsley

Director of Operations Yearsley reports that the CSD Office is closed to the general public. However, staff is still there during normal business hours to help the community via phone, email, and appointment. He spoke about the Apple Fire stating that his biggest asset was his knowledge of the Morongo Valley area. He read the Fire Departments training and run reports, stating that they did run on two different COVID related calls.

MOTION: Director Klimowicz motioned to approve the Director of Operations report.

SECOND: Director Campos Seconds.

RESULT: Motion passes with a 5-0 Vote.

3. Risk Management and Public Relations Ad Hoc Committee Report – Directors Klimowicz and Brook

Director Klimowicz mentioned that the kids will be returning to school next week. She states that several members of the community would like to use the park to exchange babysitting. She asks the Board of Directors what their thoughts are regarding opening Covington Park. After some discussion it is agreed to contact SDRMA, County Health, and Legal Counsel regarding the liabilities due to COVID.

4. Director of Operations Ad Hoc Committee – President Swarat and Director Brook

Director Brook stated that after the Budget is accepted this Ad Hoc Committee will no longer be required.

5. Fire Apparatus Driving Parameters Ad Hoc Committee -Directors Brook and Tolbert

Director Brook states that they know that all of our fleet has been out on all these fires. Director of Operations Yearsley explained to the public where all of the Morongo Valley Fire Department Engines have been. He stated that we should probably look at getting a new Type 3 Engine.

6. Morongo Valley Community Services District and Fire Department Funding Ad Hoc Committee – President Swarat and Director Campos

President Swarat stated that she would like to continue this for after the Budget.

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 July 15, 2020
2. Cash/Checks Disbursements & Credit Card Purchases for July

MOTION: Director Brook motioned to approve the consent calendar with no changes, including both the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 15, 2020 and the Cash/Checks Disbursements and Credit Card Purchases for July.

SECOND: Director Tolbert Seconds.

RESULT: Motion passes with a 5-0 Vote.

G. CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. **Finalize the Morongo Valley Community Services District and Fire Department Budget for Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021**

Director Tolbert stated that it was illegal for the Morongo Valley CSD to finalize the 2020 – 2021 Budget due to it being agenzized incorrectly. He stated that it should be two different items; one for the Public Hearing and one to finalize the Budget. After some discussion it was agreed that the Board of Directors would return to this item during the Regular Board Meeting of September 16, 2020.

H. NEW BUISNESS

1. **Community Committee**

It was discussed during the Regular Board Meeting of July 15, 2020 that the community would like to create a committee to help reconnect the public with the Board of Directors. President Swarat stated that instead of the CSD creating the committee the Public should create one that reports to the Board. They can send emails directly to President Swarat.

2. **Duty Officer Compensation**

Director Brook stated that she spoke to Senator Groves office staff, who cleared up some questions regarding the AB5 Bill. She stated that in order to comply with FLSA guidelines, the CSD cannot pay more than 20% of a full time Firefighters salary then we can take them as a volunteer. Also, if we do a stipend 14-hour shift at \$100 they cannot be a previously paid employee. It was agreed that this item would be brought back next month with more information.

3. **Submitting Vacation Days**

After some discussion between the Board of Directors it was agreed that the Director of Operations would let the Board of Directors know when he is taking his vacation.

END OF ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

H. INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. President Swarat – Stated that she would like to invite anyone running for the Board of Directors to come speak at the next Regular Board Meeting.
2. Vice President Brook – Stated that the Job Description has been approved in three different positions. She also mentioned that she has two full time jobs and an eye doctor appointment but she had the time to thoroughly look through the agenda. She thanks all the Firefighter and appreciates Chief Yearsley.

3. Director Klimowicz - Stated she agreed with what Director Brook stated and would like to thank the Fire Department.
4. Director Tolbert – He would like to thank the men and women of the fire department. He also stated that he spoke with CSDA, they stated that no one has the authority to remove a Board Member from a meeting. He also mentioned that he received an email with signatures to separate the General Manager and Fire Chief position. He stated that the Board of Directors need to keep in mind that they work for the general public and need to listen to what they are saying.
5. Director Campos – He would like to thank the men and women at the Fire Department, on top of COVID they are having to deal with smoke, it is a very stressful time. He would like to thank everyone who is involved. He stated that he has serve his five years and has decided not to rerun this year. He wishes those who are running the best of luck.

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I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next Regular Board Meeting: September 16, 2020

J. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Board Meeting of August 19, 2020 was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Moved Director Campos _____ Second President Swarat _____ Vote 5/0