

**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
December 17, 2019

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Board Meeting of December 17, 2019 was called to order at 7:06 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 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 December 17, 2019
President Swarat requested to add a third item to Agenda Item “J. Closed Session”. It would be Item J.3 Existing Litigation under Government Code 54954.5(C)

President Swarat also requested to move Agenda Item “M Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items” to before the closed session.

MOTION: Director Klimowicz motioned to approve the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of December 17, 2019 with the changes.

SECOND: Director Tolbert seconds.

RESULT: 5/0 Vote

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

President Swarat mentioned that she was told by the attorney that the meetings have not been conducted correctly. If the audience members would like to speak during the meeting they need to fill out a form. She will not be calling anyone who raises their hands anymore. There will also no longer be any back and forth. If the board agrees something needs to be discussed then it will be brought up at the next meeting.

There were no public comments at this time.

F. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Sheriff’s Report – San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Representative
Captain Trevis Newport reported on behalf of Sargent Hurtado. He reported that there were 1,800 calls during November. The County’s OHV patrol stepped their game up. He spoke about the new youth program that is being set up with the Morongo Unified School District. They have four cases that have been successful. He reported that the MAC meeting was successful in stopping the violent sexual predator from moving to Joshua Tree. He was impressed with the way the community stood together. He would like to wish everyone a Happy Holidays and reminds everyone to please drive safely.

2. Director of Operations Report – Gerald Yearsley
Director of Operations Yearsley spoke about Operation Gobble and reminded the community that the office would be closed for the upcoming holidays. He discussed and what the Morongo Valley Fire Department training consisted of as well as the Fire Department Runs for the month.

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

SECOND: Director Brook Seconds

RESULT: 5/0 Vote

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

There is nothing to report at this time.

4. Morongo Valley Sports 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 November 19, 2019
Director Campos would like to strike the verbatim concept on one item. He doesn't understand why it's only in one section and not the entire minutes. President Swarat mentioned that it was a contentious subject and felt it was better this way. Director Campos mentioned that only key items are required for the minutes.

MOTION: Director Campos motioned to strike the verbatim section from the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2019.

SECOND: Director Tolbert Seconds.

RESULT: Vote to fail on a 2/3 Vote

ROLL CALL: President Swarat **Nay**, Vice President Brooks **Nay**, Director Klimowicz **Nay**, Director Campos **Aye**, Director Tolbert **Aye**.

MOTION: Director Brook motioned to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2019 as is.

SECOND: Director Klimowicz Seconds.

RESULT: Vote to Pass on a 3/2 Vote

ROLL CALL: President Swarat **Aye**, Director Brook **Aye**, Director Klimowicz **Aye**, Director Campos **Nay**, Director Tolbert **Nay**.

2. Cash/Checks Disbursements & Credit Card Purchases
President Swarat read the report and mentioned there was a copy for anyone who would like one.

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

SECOND: Director Klimowicz Seconds

RESULT: 5/0 Vote

H. OLD/CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Fire Apparatus Driving Parameters Ad Hoc Committee Report – Directors Brook and Tolbert
Director Brook started by thanking Director Tolbert for helping her through out this process. She then discussed a presentation that she prepared for everyone. After some discussion and explanations as to why the parameters were being placed the Board of Directors agreed to continue with this method for two more months (February). The parameter included instructions for deployment of Engine resources for Medical Calls as

well as Fire Calls. For any Regular Medical Call, the Brush Patrol will respond with one Paramedic and one EMT. If there is a CPR in Progress Medical Call, the Brush PATrol as well as the Brush Engine would respond which would provide with two more personnel. Any Medical Call that is on Highway 62 or any Traffic Collision, the Medic Engine would respond. For Fire Calls, the Brush Engine as well as a Water Tender would be deployed as long as the Fire was not off the Highway 62. If the Fire was off Highway 62, the Medic Engine 461 would be deployed.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. LAFCO Report

The LAFCO Report was read in order for the Board of Directors to review the Report and for a chance to comment. It was mentioned that the survey was filled out incorrectly. The Morongo Valley CSD Office Personnel contacted Mr. Michael Tuerpe regarding this issue. The Survey has been filled in correctly and returned to LAFCO.

2. Senate Bill No. 929

Senate Bill No. 929 made mandatory that all Special Districts have and maintain a website. The option to go with Streamline was discussed between the Board Members. Director Brook mentioned her company would donate money to help cover the cost of this. It was agreed upon to get the website going so we are in compliance with the state laws by January 1, 2020.

3. Park and Softball Field Bathrooms

It has been a recurring problem brought up that the Park Bathrooms need a solution for locking, unlocking, and maintenance. A quote from Mr. Stogner's company, B & T, was read by President Swarat. It was mentioned that it would cost the Morongo Valley CSD almost \$22,800 a year to hire someone permanently. However, this company would only cost \$3,600 a year to do the same job.

MOTION: Director Brook motioned to accept the quote from B & T.

SECOND: Director Klimowicz Seconds

RESULT: 5/0 Vote

J. CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Directors went into closed session at 8:49 PM.

1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Government Code Section 54957

Title: General Manager / Fire Chief

2. Anticipated Litigation

Government Code Section 54956.9(E)(1)

****3. Existing Litigation**

Government Code 4954.5(C)

**Added to the Agenda during the approval of the Agenda

K. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Directors returned from Closed Session at 11:14 PM.

- 1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation

There was nothing to Report.

- 2. Anticipated Litigation

There was nothing to report.

- 3. Existing Litigation

There was nothing to report.

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

L. INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

President Swarat- Nothing to say at this time.

Vice President Brook- She would like to do a tri-tip steak for the guys who helped Mr. Keith Howington during the most recent call to his residence.

Director Klimowicz- Nothing to say at this time.

Director Tolbert- He would like to say Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Director Campos- Nothing to say at this time.

M. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Debbie Harris mentioned that the Firefighter Auxiliary is entertaining some ideas for fundraisers for Valentines day and St Patrick's Day. She mentioned some ideas such as for Valentines day they could serve wine. For St. Patrick's Day they could maybe serve green beer. They are entertaining the idea of getting an alcohol license to hold these events.

Estelle mentioned that she and many different members of the community are very grateful for the Morongo Valley Fire Department and would like to donate \$525 to them. The donations came from many different members of the community.

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N. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Next Regular Board Meeting: January 21, 2020

O. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 PM.