

**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

**August 17, 2022**

Covington Park – MPR  
11207 Ocotillo Street  
Morongo Valley, CA 92256

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

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Board Meeting of August 17, 2022, was called to order at 6:05 PM.

**B. ROLL CALL**

1. Christina Gorke, President, Present
2. Shawna Johnson, Vice President, Present
3. Kristina Brook, Director, Present
4. Johnny Tolbert, Director, Present
5. Jennifer Henning, Director, Present

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Gorke.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Board of Directors now takes time to consider your comments on items which 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.

**Brad Budinger – I like to see the Community Services District give back to the community. I am a teacher and I have taught here in California; I have three different teaching credentials. I am also an avid tennis player. I will be playing in different tennis areas in California. Last time I was here I requested to use the tennis courts; I was told there was a \$60 fee for the tennis keys. I was not told what this gets me other than a key to the tennis courts. I came to courts and there are a lot of maintenance issues, I have requested both from Jim and maintenance, everyone has promised they would do something however, nothing has been done. No one wants to play on our courts because they look so bad. I have some ideas to fix our tennis courts, one thing**

would be to put a pickle ball court in. I'd like my \$60 back if the courts are not going to be maintained. I will volunteer to maintain the courts; I will do just as poor of a job as is being done now.

#### **E. 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 17, 2022.

**President Gorke added a closed session agenda item to the end of New Business.**

**MOTION:** Director Tolbert motioned to approve the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of August 17, 2022, with the amendments.

**SECOND:** No second

**RESULT:** Motion passes with a 5-0 vote.

#### **F. AGENCY REPORTS**

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

**Operation hammer strike is in full effect. They are maintaining what they have going. There is no priority one calls for Morongo Valley. They have dedicated over 40 hours, to certain troubled areas in Morongo Valley. Nothing more to report.**

2. General Manager / Fire Chief Report – James Brakebill

**Chief Brakebill reported that our calls were 75% EMS. We had a strike team out at the Oak Fire, then they turned around and went to the McKenny fire. The guys went up to CMC (Copper Mountain College) and did the wildland academy. We have a continued increase in new construction in Morongo. I did have a nice talk with the gentlemen about the tennis courts. Heleodoro does keep the tennis courts clean. Hopefully we can find a grant to help us get the tennis court up and new.**

3. Morongo Valley Sports League – Buddy Stogner

**Buddy reported that everything is great at this time.**

4. Community Relations Committee – Director Tolbert and Gorke

**Nothing to report.**

5. General Manager Recruitment Ad Hoc Committee – Director Tolbert and Henning

**Nothing to report.**

6. Fire services Ad Hoc Committee – Director Brook and Director Gorke

**Nothing to report.**

7. Community Center Ad Hoc Committee – President Gorke and Director Johnson  
**We did a reading with the community it went great. We are hoping to do more in the fall.**
8. Cash / Checks Disbursements & Credit Card Purchases for May – Director Tolbert  
**Last month’s cash disbursements were \$48,1243.73. We did have three large payments: two to SDRMA and one to the new fire engine. Currently we carry \$7,654.53 in our restricted funds.**

#### **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 May 18, 2022.
2. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of May 24, 2022.
3. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of May 27, 2022.
4. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 15, 2022.
5. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of June 17, 2022.

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

**SECOND:** Director Brook seconds

**RESULT:** Motion passes with a 5-0 vote.

#### **H. NEW BUSINESS**

1. RESOLUTION 22-12 AB 361 RECERTIFICATION

**During the Regular Board Meeting of June 15, 2022, the Board passed Resolution 22-11 to allow online meetings pursuant to AB 361. It was noted that for this Resolution to remain valid, it would need to be reapproved every 30 days. The Board of Directors discussed and approved Resolution 22-12 recertifying remote Board meetings under AB 361.**

**MOTION:** President Gorke motioned to approve and recertify for Resolution 22-12 AB 361.

**SECOND:** Director Tolbert Seconds.

**RESULT:** Motion passes with a 5-0 vote.

2. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

**Chief Brakebill took the time to recognize a few of Morongo’s Fire Fighters. Captain Christopher Chavez and Captain Jonathan Williams were given awards for the duty to the Morongo Valley Fire Department for the last five years.**

#### **I. CLOSED SESSION – 6:36 PM**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
[Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]

Name of Case: Casillas v. Morongo Valley Community Services District, et al., San Bernardino County Superior Court Case No. CIVSB2208577

**J. ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPORTABLE CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

Nothing to report.

**K. INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR REPORTS**

1. President Gorke – Nothing to report
2. Vice President Johnson– Nothing to report
3. Director Brook – Nothing to report
4. Director Tolbert – Nothing to report
5. Director Henning – Nothing to report

**L. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Next Regular Board Meeting September 21, 2022

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved: Director Tolbert    Second: No second    Vote: 5/0