

MORONGO VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
11207 OCOTILLO STREET. MORONGO VALLEY, CA 92256

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6:00 p.m. Regular Business

NOVEMBER 24, 2021

Conference via "Zoom"

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Board Meeting of November 24, 2021, was called to order at 6:02 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

1. Gayl Swarat, President, **Present**
2. Kristina Brook, Vice President, **Present**
3. Laurie Klimowicz, Director, **Present**
4. Johnny Tolbert, Director, **Present**
5. Christina Gorke, Director, **Present**

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director 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.

Jacob Samu – He would like to address the Board about staffing concerns to reiterate that you should not turn the Fire Department over to county. It would raise the response time and end up costing the citizens far more than what they would pay if we did a tax initiative.

E. CLOSED SESSION – began at 6:07 PM

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE – 24-Hour Notice Given
[Government Code Section 54957(b)]

F. ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPORTABLE CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS – ended at 7:46 PM

President Swarat stated that the Board decided no investigation would be conducted because the Director of Operations Yearsley is retiring on December 31, 2021. His leaving may be revised during the December Regular Meeting. His retirement has nothing to do with the investigation nor does it admit any wrongdoings.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. PROGRESS OF IDENTIFYING EMPLOYEE RELATED INVESTIGATION

Removed from agenda due to above statement.

2. FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFFING CONCERNS AND OPTIONS

President Swarat stated that Director of Operations Yearsley would be staying at the station throughout the weekend to help with the staffing shortage. This will be further discussed during a Special Meeting next Tuesday, November 30, 2021.

3. COMMAND VEHICLE USAGE

The Board discussed that the command vehicle should not travel extreme distances that are more than 100 miles away but should be allowed out of district in order to respond as a duty officer in a timely manner.

MOTION: President Swarat motioned to reinstate Chief Brakebill's original contract regarding the command vehicle usage.

SECOND: No Second

RESULT: Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

H. INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. President Swarat – Thanks everyone, I am so grateful for everything Chief Yearsley does.
2. Vice President Brook – This is an end to an era. We will miss you Chief Yearsley. Thank you Brakebill, the two men on shift, and Brittany.
3. Director Klimowicz – Dido to everything Kristina said. I appreciate the Fire Department so much. God bless to all of you.
4. Director Tolbert – There will be an Ad Hoc Community Meeting this Sunday November 27, 2021 at Covington Park.
5. Director Gorke – Hopes everyone is safe and happy Holidays.

I. ADJOURNMENT – 8:33 PM

Moved: Director Tolbert Second: Director Klimowicz Vote: 5-0