

De Luz Community Services District

Board Of Directors

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General Manager

James E. Emmons

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FEBRUARY 21, 2024 6:00 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

This regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the De Luz Community Services District was held at the DLCSD office, 41606 Date Street, Suite 205, Murrieta, CA on February 21, 2024. The meeting was also held electronically by Zoom. The meeting was called to order by President Roberts at 6:00 p.m. Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Directors Present:

Debbie Roberts, President Charles Bowman, Vice President Robert D'Alessandri, Treasurer Paula Carroll, Director Gina Rawson, Director

Staff Present:

James Emmons, General Manager/Secretary Ward Simmons, General Counsel Ron Stein, District Engineer Theresa Snyder, Finance Manager Jessica Richards, Administrative/IT Manager TJ Cassel, Field Lead Worker Isabel Gavidia, Administrative Assistant

The flag salute was led by President Roberts.

B. SHERIFF:

Deputy Perez delivered the Sheriffs Report and provided an update on recent law enforcement activity. He reported that the main issue throughout the District is avocado theft. Riverside County Rual Crime Team is investigating.

He also reported that the Sheriffs Department responded to a family disturbance, which resulted in the arrest of the resident. The written report is on file with the District.

Deputy Perez advised the Board that he is being transferred and introduced his replacement, Deputy Shawn Pourier.

Deputy Pourier addressed the Board and shared his background and experience.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

D. LEGISLATIVE TOPICS

Syrus Devers, District lobbyist, reported that Senator Seyarto has introduced SB1173. The Bill cannot be amended or heard for 30 days. Devers and Senator Seyarto's staff will be attending a scheduled meeting with the Committee's Consultant to discuss Gas Tax revenue to DLCSD.

Devers discussed with the Board that he currently has a handful of Bills dealing with the Exemptions to Organic Waste Recovery Laws and there may be a couple that the District may want to support.

E. <u>INFORMATION ONLY:</u>

The Statement of Investment Policy and the Financial Statements were received by the Board.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion was made by Bowman, seconded by Carroll to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

- 1. Minutes of January 17, 2024, Regular Board Meeting
- 2. General Fund Claims for January 2024
- 3. Sheriff's Special Tax Claims: January 2024
- 4. Purchase Order No(s): None

AYES: Bowman Carroll, D'Alessandri, Rawson, Roberts

NOES: ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

The motion was approved unanimously.

G. CHANGING THE HOUR OF THE ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

General Manager Emmons explained to the Board that the Engineering Committee discussed changing the meeting time from 3:00 p.m. to 12:00 noon and that it seems that those hours would work best for committee and staff members.

Motion was made by Bowman, seconded by Rawson to approve Resolution 24-02: Changing the Hour of the Engineering Committee Meetings to 12:00 Noon.

AYES: Bowman Carroll, D'Alessandri, Rawson, Roberts

NOES: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:

The motion was approved unanimously.

At this time, the Board proceeded to Agenda Item "J".

J. COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Director Bowman reported that the inspection of the District's culverts has been completed. The data has been documented and the culverts have been prioritized by need of repair. The Engineering Committee will continue to examine the data and make a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting.

At this time, the Board proceeded to Agenda Item "H".

H. <u>CULVERT/DRAIN REPAIR PROGRAM</u>

Sr. Construction Observer Gupta made a presentation regarding the culverts priorities. He explained in detail to the Board the Culvert Invert Concrete Lining Work, that the Engineering Committee is reviewing.

I. ROAD MAINTENANCE/FIELD CREW REPORT

Sr. Construction Observer Gupta made a presentation regarding the emergency road repair work on Sandia Creek Drive.

Field Lead Cassel reported that in addition to rain cleanup and emergency repairs, the field crew continues with tree trimming and clearing the tree growth along shoulders of roadways. He reported on tree removal on Sandia Creek Drive and advised that the regular routine maintenance tasks scheduled for the month have been undertaken and completed.

J. <u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Director D'Alessandri reported that the Finance Committee met February 20, 2024, and the Committee reviewed the General Fund Claims, and discussed the districts Roadway Rehabilitation spreadsheet. He added that investment returns from the District's T-Bills are rolling in, with an expected investment return of \$120,000 in interest over the course of the year. The Committee has arranged a meeting with a CalPERS official to explore solutions for the District's Unfunded Liability.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Director Roberts indicated that updates were presented by Syrus Devers who brought the Board up to date with the most current information which was presented previously in this Board meeting.

K. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manger Emmons advised the Board that the District is organizing a District Sponsored Meet the Legislators evening in the month of May. He will have more details as the time approaches.

L. LEGAL COUNSEL MATTERS

General Counsel Simmons reported that the Governor and Legislature want to block the Taxpayer Protection and Government Act, from the ballot. This Act empowers voters with the right to approve or reject all new state and local taxes. He will have more information at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Roberts adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Debbie Roberts, President

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Attest:

James E. Emmons, Secretary

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