

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
GROVELAND, CALIFORNIA**

April 11, 2016

10:00 a.m.

The Board of Directors of Groveland Community Services District met in regular session on the above mentioned date with Directors Bob Swan, President, Bruce Carter, Vice President, and Steve Perreira being present. Also present General Manager Jon Sterling and Office Manager/District Secretary Jennifer Flores.

Absent: Director Wemmer and Armstrong.

Public Comment-

Mrs. Crow stated that the minutes are thorough and full of detail, but she was disappointed that it took over a year for minutes to be completed. She also stated she was upset the January 13th 2016 minutes were not included.

Paul Avilla from Cal Fire introduced Jude Costa the new Battalion Chief for Groveland to the Board.

Agenda Approval

Mr. Sterling asked to remove item 8 from the agenda.

Motion

Director Swan moved, seconded by Director Perreira and the motion passed to approve the agenda as amended.

Ayes: Directors Swan, Carter, and Perreira

Absent: Directors Wemmer and Armstrong

Action Items to be Considered by the Board of Directors

Consent Calendar

- A. Approve Minutes from May 27, 2015 Special Board Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes from June 1, 2015 Regular Meeting
- C. Approve Minutes from June 3, 2015 Special Meeting
- D. Approve Minutes from June 10, 2015 Special Meeting
- E. Approve Minutes from June 18, 2015 Special Meeting
- F. Approve Minutes from June 24, 2015 Special Meeting
- G. Approve Minutes from June 29, 2015 Special Meeting
- H. Approve Minutes from July 6, 2015 Regular Meeting
- I. Approve Minutes from July 9, 2015 Special Meeting
- J. Approve Minutes from August 3, 2015 Regular Meeting
- K. Approve Minutes from the September 8, 2015 Regular Meeting
- L. Approve Minutes from the October 5, 2015 Regular Meeting
- M. Approve Minutes from the November 16, 2015 Special Meeting
- N. Approve Minutes from the December 7, 2015 Regular Meeting
- O. Approve Minutes from the January 11, 2016 Regular Meeting
- P. Approve Minutes from the January 25, 2016 Special Meeting

- Q. Approve Minutes from the February 8, 2016 Regular Meeting
- R. Approve Minutes from the March 2, 2016 Special Meeting
- S. Waive Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions Except by Title

Director Perreira stated he did not read the minutes, therefore he cannot vote on the consent calendar.

Director Swan tabled the item until the May 9th regular meeting.

Consider for Approval Authorizing the General Manager to Sign the Cal Fire Tuolumne Calaveras Unit 2016 Local Government Assistance by Hire Agreement

Mr. Sterling presented the item to the Board. He then introduced Paul Avila who explained the new three year agreement and stated the changes that were made. A discussion ensued between the Board, Mr. Avilla, and staff.

Motion

Director Carter moved, seconded by Director Perreira, and the motion passed to Authorize the General Manager to sign the Cal Fire Tuolumne Calaveras Unit 2016 Local Government Assistance by Hire Agreement.

Ayes: Director Swan, Carter, and Perreira

Absent: Directors Wemmer and Armstrong

Consider for Approval Authorizing the General Manager to Sign the Automatic Aid/Mutual Aid Agreement Tuolumne County Fire Service Providers

Mr. Sterling introduced item to the Board. He stated the issues concerning the new Rush Creek Evergreen Lodge expansion, and the impact it will have to the Groveland Fire Station. Paul Avila explained the mutual aid agreement. A long discussion ensued between the Board, Mr. Avilla, and staff.

Motion

Director Swan moved, seconded by Director Perreira and the motion passed to authorize General Manager to Sign the Automatic Aid/Mutual Aid Agreement Tuolumne County Fire Service Providers.

Ayes: Directors Swan, Carter, and Perreira

Absent: Directors Wemmer and Armstrong

Consider for Approval Authorizing Staff to Pursue Working with Transportation Council/Transit Agency Regarding Installation of Changeable Electronic Message Sign to be Located at LS 16 Site

Mr. Sterling presented the item to the Board. He then introduced Tyler Summersett from the Transportation Council.

Mr. Summersett stated the money for the sign would be coming from Yosemite National Park, and asked the District for permission to look further into use of this site.

Director Swan stated he would like a time of use schedule included with the final agreement.

A discussion ensued between the Board, Mr. Summersett, and members of the public, and staff.

Motion

Director Carter moved, seconded by Director Swan, and the motion passed to approve Authorizing the General Manager and Staff to Work with the Transportation Council/Transit Agency (TCTA) in Developing Preliminary Plans and Concepts Leading to a Proper Agreement for the Changeable Message Sign at LS 16.

Ayes: Directors Swan, Carter, and Perreira

Absent: Directors Wemmer and Armstrong

Consider for Approval Authorizing General Manager to Execute Installment Payment Agreement for Payment of Delinquent Accounts in the Amount of \$3,255.24

Ms. Flores introduced the item to the Board. She stated the agreement would be over a six month period, and the current balance must be paid along with payment plan agreement amount. A discussion ensued between the Board and staff.

Motion

Director Swan moved, seconded by Director Carter, and the motion passed to approve Authorizing General Manager to Execute Installment Payment Agreement with Michael Spillane in the Amount of \$3255.24.

Ayes: Directors Swan, Carter, and Perreira

Absent: Directors Wemmer and Armstrong

Consider for Approval New Employee Health Insurance Plan through Ray Suess Insurance and Sending Notice of Intent to Terminate Current Health Plan to SDRMA

Ms. Flores presented the item to the Board. She stated she regularly searches insurance plans from other brokers, and that Ray Suess Insurance was able to bring the District a comparable health insurance plan, with substantial cost savings. A discussion ensued between the Board, staff and a member of the public.

Motion

Director Swan moved, seconded by Director Carter and the motion passed to approve the Proposed New Employee Health Insurance Plan through Ray Suess Insurance and Sending Notice of Intent to Terminate Current Health Plan to SDRMA.

Ayes: Director Swan, Carter, and Perreira

Absent: Directors Wemmer and Armstrong

Consider for Approval Submitting Two (2) RFP's for Sewer Rate Study, One for a Fixed and/or Variable Rate, and a Second for a Fixed and/or Variable Rate with Location Based Cost Allocation

Ms. Flores presented the item to the Board on behalf of Director Wemmer. She stated Director Wemmer is asking the Board to draft two RFP's to be sent out, so that the District can see the cost difference for doing the work based on two different sets of criteria. A discussion ensued between the Board, staff, and members of the public.

Motion

Director Carter moved, seconded by Director Swan and the motion passed to Direct Staff to Prepare a Single RFP for the Sewer Rate Study Incorporating, One Component of a Fixed and/or Variable Rate, and a Second Component, with a Fixed and/or Variable Location Based Rate; with the Costs being Separated so that they can be Identified, and that the Findings be Proposition 218 Compliant.

Ayes: Director Swan, Carter, and Perreira

Absent: Director Wemmer and Armstrong

Consider for Approval Seeking Outside Legal Counsel to Review and Provide Opinion with Regard to Each of the District's Proposed Sewer Rate Structure Scenarios

Ms. Flores presented the item to the Board on behalf of Director Wemmer. She stated that Director Wemmer would like legal counsel review of the Engineer's proposals received before a rate a study is done. A discussion ensued between the Board, staff and members of the public.

Director Perreira stated on the record that he does not want current legal counsel to review any of the proposals received. He wants two attorney reviews including a counsel who advocates for Special Districts, and one who challenges agencies.

Kay Crow stated on the record she doesn't think that it is fair that one area, (Pine Mountain Lake) should not subsidize the other (Groveland/Big Oak Flat), due to the fact one qualifies more Grants.

She also stated "from what the District's attorney released as a public statement in my opinion was a big joke. It was shameful and you paid him for that, that guy should not be practicing. It was a terrible assessment, and it lacked professionalism, and was insulting to the public".

Motion

Director Swan moved, seconded by Director Carter and the motion failed to Direct Staff to Plan to Seek Outside Expert Legal Counsel to Review and Provide Opinion on the Selected Proposal for Sewer Rate Study the Board will Eventually be Making.

Ayes: Directors Swan and Carter

Noes: Directors Perreira

Absent: Directors Armstrong and Wemmer

Director Perreira moved, no second, and the motion failed to Direct Staff to seek Expert Outside Legal Counsel, Two of them, One from Each Side of the Issue.

Ad Hoc Committees Reports

Board of Director's Policy Manual (Directors Perreira & Swan)

No report

Equipment Review Committee (Directors Wemmer & Armstrong)

Ms. Flores stated the surplus sale for equipment viewing will occur later in the month, and that an ad would be published in the Union Democrat.

Survey Committee (Director Carter)

No report

Budget Committee (Directors Swan & Perreira)

Director Swan stated the committee has been working on the budget, and that staff is looking in historic old asset files to clarify actual assets. Next meeting scheduled April 14th at 11:30 a.m.

Bargaining Unit Negotiations (Directors Swan & Wemmer)

Director Swan stated the committee has met twice, and next meeting is set for April 14th.

Fire Department (Directors Carter & Armstrong)

Director Carter stated the committee had reviewed the action items on today's agenda at their last meeting.

General Manager's Employment Contract Review (Director Perreira & Swan)

Director Swan stated the committee has met and reviewed the contract.

General Manager Goals and Objectives Committee (Directors Wemmer & Carter)
No report

Standing Committee Reports

Strategic Planning (Directors Wemmer & Swan)
Director Swan stated the committee needs to schedule a meeting.

Park Committee (Directors Wemmer & Armstrong)
Mr. Sterling stated the next meeting is April 12th at 10:00 a.m.

Water Conservation (Directors Carter & Wemmer)
Director Carter stated the committee is continuing to prepare for the greywater workshop scheduled for April 30th; as well as compiling the 2015 Water Conservation Report.

Finance Committee (Director Swan & Perreira)
No Report

Staff Reports

General Manager's Comments

Mr. Sterling stated a full draft budget will appear on the April 27th Special meeting, so it can appear on the May 9th regular meeting for final approval.

Operations and Maintenance

Mr. Sterling stated the camera and flush contractor have started

Admin/Finance

Ms. Flores presented the March payables to the Board.

Director Comments

Director Perreira stated he would like to make a counter presentation regarding the sewer expansion.

Adjournment

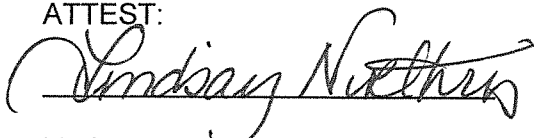
Motion

Director Swan moved, seconded by Director Carter, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 1:07 p.m.

Ayes: Directors Swan, Carter, and Perreira

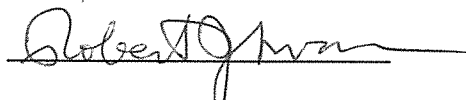
Absent: Directors Armstrong and Wemmer

ATTEST:



Lindsay Northrop, Interim Board Secretary

APPROVED:



Robert Swan, President