

**MORONGO VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
11207 Ocotillo Street  
Morongo Valley, CA 92256

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Conference via "Zoom"  
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6:00 p.m. Regular Business

**July 21, 2021**

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Government Code Section 54954.2 (a)(3) [Brown Act] – States that, "No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that member of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Section 54954.3. In addition, on their own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, a member of a legislative body or its staff may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. Furthermore, a member of a legislative body, or the body itself, subject to rules or procedures of the legislative body, may provide a reference to staff or other resources for information, request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda".

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Board Meeting of July 21, 2021, was called to order at 6:03 PM.

**B. ROLL CALL**

1. Gayl Swarat, President X
2. Kristina Brook, VicePresident X
3. Laurie Klimowicz, Director X
4. Johnny Tolbert, Director X
5. Christina Gorke, Director Not in Attendance.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Tolbert.

**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.

**Estelle Foster – Thank the Fire Department and Board Members. She stated that she is grateful for the Fire Department and is hopeful that the community will understand just how important it is to**

have it.

#### **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 July 21, 2021

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

1. Sheriff's Report – San Bernardino County Sheriff's Representative  
Not in attendance.

2. Director of Operation's Report – Gerald Yearsley

Director of Operations Yearsley stated that there was not much that happened in June, he went over the runs and training for the fire staff for the month. He also reported that the health department did do an inspection of the Covington Park kitchen, during which a list of things to do was given.

**MOTION:** Director Tolbert motioned to approve the Director of Operations report as presented.

**SECOND:** Director Klimowicz seconds.

**RESULT:** Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

3. Risk Management and Public Relations Ad Hoc Committee Report – Directors Klimowicz and Brook  
Nothing to report currently.

4. Fire Apparatus Driving Parameters Ad Hoc Committee – Director Brook and Tolbert  
Nothing to report currently.

5. Morongo Valley Community Services District and Fire Department Funding Ad Hoc Committee – President Swarat and Director Gorke  
Nothing to report currently.

6. Morongo Valley Sports League – Buddy Stogner  
Mr. Stogner reported that the softball league was doing amazing. He also stated that they were going to have a movie at the park and welcomes all kids to attend.

#### **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 June 16, 2021

**MOTION:** Director Tolbert motioned to approve the Regular Board Meeting of June 16, 2021, as presented.

**SECOND:** Director Brook seconds.

**RESULT:** Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

2. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of June 29, 2021

**MOTION:** Director Brook motioned to approve the Special Board Meeting of June 29, 2021, as presented.

**SECOND:** Director Tolbert seconds.

**RESULT:** Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

**3. Cash/Checks Disbursements & Credit Card Purchases for May - \$51,632.34**

**MOTION:** Director Tolbert motioned to approve the cash and checks disbursements and credit card purchases for the month of May as presented.

**SECOND:** Director Brook seconds.

**RESULT:** Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

## **H. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. FINALIZE COMPENSATION IN DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS CONTRACT**

The Board of Directors discussed finalizing the compensation section in the Director of Operations contract. It was agreed that this would be brought back at a later date.

**2. APPROVED CSD HOLIDAYS**

The Board of Directors discussed adding the employee's birthday as a Holiday for the Morongo Valley Community Services District full time administrative staff. It was agreed that it would be researched the legalities of allowing birthdays as holidays and it would be brought back next month.

**3. STAFF BONUSES**

The Board of Directors to review and discuss bonuses for the fire staff. It was agreed that full time personnel that are currently employed at the time of the fire would get \$2,000 while reserves would get \$500.

**MOTION:** Director Brook motioned to approve \$2,000 for full time fire staff and \$500 for reserves who are currently employed and were actively employed during the time of the fire.

**SECOND:** Director Tolbert seconds.

**ROLE CALL:** President Swarat Aye, Director Brook Aye, Director Klimowicz Aye, Director Tolbert Aye, Director Gorke Not in Attendance.

**RESULT:** Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

**4. FIRE PREVENTION CONTRACT**

The Board of Directors discussed hiring an outside agency to assist with fire letters. After little discussion it was decided that the contract would be signed.

**MOTION:** Director Tolbert motioned to sign the contract between the Morongo Valley CSD and Charles Abbott Company.

**SECOND:** Director Brook seconds.

**RESULT:** Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

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*END OF ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS*

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## **H. INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR REPORTS**

1. President Swarat - Thanks the fire department for their services.

2. Vice President Brook - Thanks everyone, would like everyone to attend the kid's art show at the school.
3. Director Klimowicz - Dido to everything Director Brook said. She is very excited about the kid's art show.
4. Director Tolbert - Thanks the men and women of the fire department for everything that they do.
5. Director Gorke - Not in attendance.

**MORONGO VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

6. Next Regular Board Meeting: August 18, 2021

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved: Director Tolbert

Second: Director Brook

Vote 4/0