

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

April 20, 2022

Covington Park – Multi Purpose Room
11165 Vale Drive
Morongo Valley, CA 92256

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The regular Board Meeting of April 20, 2022, was called to order at 6:05 P.M.

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.

Gorke reads online comment. Look at form submissions for this comment.

Meg Foley – I just noted for the tower on the agenda for tonight however we appreciated the discussion that was given on March 17 however there were time constraints on being able to make comments at the BLM meeting. life happens but I am hoping that topic can be on tonight's agenda.

Evan – I'm also talking about the tower. Last month including myself made a bunch of comments being concerned about the tower. Please put a resolution forth. There are still many opportunities to comment, and it would be nice for the CSD to weigh in and place a comment on behalf of the community. I like hiking up there and it would disrupt those hiking activities. Please consider the resolution.

Cheryl – thank you for the opportunity to speak. I’m also wanting to talk about the resolution for the tower project. It will be front and center of our million-dollar view. It is a gorgeous place that we will lose if a tower is built.

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 April 20, 2022.

Director Tolbert added item 3, quotes for radios to the new business section.

MOTION: Director Tolbert motioned to approve the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of April 20, 2022, as amended

SECOND: Director Johnson seconds

RESULT: 5-0 vote

F. AGENCY REPORTS

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

John Scalise – I have nothing to report calls for service remain the same I have been receiving call for OHV but that is about all. Our captain has approved overtime that comes out of the station budget there are deputies that are covering the entire area including in yucca. However, the station is understaffed. Calls are rated from priority 1 through 4 with 1 being murder. We don’t have those calls. Which is good, that shows that this community is a good one to live in.

2. General Manager / Fire Chief Report – James Brakebill

Chief Brakebill – the park grand opening there were a ton of people having fun, he was very pleased. We also did two stations tours with some classes of kids. Our guys are training well, we are going back to being a hometown fire department. There was a total of 39 calls with a total of 577 training hours. I did live burning training at Copper Mountain College getting all the wildland tactics down. In May, there will be a leadership course for anybody that is interested.

3. Morongo Valley Sports League – Buddy Stogner

Buddy Stogner – everything is going well. The adult season is about to wrap up. New season applications are going and out May 14 through June 25, the games will be Saturday at 2 PM. I’m planning to get a head start on a Halloween event this year we might want to do a music festival at the same time with an event. I did submit the roofing bid I would ask that we get

something done with it. It would also be nice to getting a drinking fountain placed down there.

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. Cash / Checks Disbursements & Credit Card Purchases for March - \$79,935.01 – Director Tolbert

Director Tolbert – for march the cash disbursement were \$79,935.01. At the end of March, we are still sitting on our overall account we still have money in our reserve account and \$87970.28 in the bank. We did get a tax check recently and we will be getting more than we expected.

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 March 16, 2022.

Director Henning notated that the online public comments, Director Tolbert to discussion regarding the general manager and discussion of towers should be added to the minutes to properly reflect the meeting.

MOTION: Director Brook motioned to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 16, 2022, as presented.

SECOND: Director Johnson seconds.

RESULT: Motion fails with a 0-5

MOTION: Director Brook motioned to have the March 16, 2022, minutes amended to reflect the public comments and BLM tower discussion, being brought back during the next regular board meeting.

SECOND: Director Johnson

VOTE: Motion passes with a 5-0 vote

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION AB 361 RECERTIFICATION

The Board of Directors discussed and approved Resolution 22-07- recertifying remote Board meetings under AB 361.

MOTION: Director Brook motioned to move forward and recertify Resolution AB 361.

SECOND: President Gorke seconds

RESULT: Motion passes with a 5-0

2. BUDGET WORKSHOP

Director Tolbert notated that; it is preferred that the MVCSD have the budget in before July first. Suggesting that we do a budget workshop because many residents have complained that they do not know what we are doing with their money. Getting the public involved should be priority. Budget workshops should be in person due to having to go line by line. It is almost impossible to do a budget workshop online properly. The agreed upon dates will be Friday May 6, 2022, at 6 PM for the budget workshop. Chief Brakebill, Director Tolbert, and Mrs. Miller will meet on Friday the 29 at 330 PM at Bonnies office.

MOTION: President Gorke motioned for a budget workshop on May 6, 2022, at 6 pm in the MPR at Covington Park.

SECOND: Director Tolbert seconds

RESULT: Motion passes with a 5-0

3. Radios quote

It was reported that the radios are outdated and not working correctly. We have a letter stating that Day Wireless Systems will waive the taxes, making the rental only \$960.00 per month. Communications are vital, the radios are our communication when fire staff are in the grade. These radios are dual band they can be programmed to talk with anyone. Day Wireless Systems will maintain and program the radios.

MOTION: Director Brook moved to approve purchasing the radios for the next 6 months at \$960 a month.

SECOND: Director Tolbert seconds

RESULT: Motion passes with a 5-0

I. INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. President Gorke – **I have nothing to report at this time but thank you to those of you that were at the station when the kids came, they had a blast.**
2. Vice President Johnson - **nothing to report, thank you everyone for coming out tonight.**

3. Director Brook – I just want to thank tammy and buddy, they stuffed all 3000 of those eggs themselves. Thank you so much for all the things you do for the community.
4. Director Tolbert – thank you to the men and women of the Morongo Valley Fire Department, ladies, and gentlemen. Thank you to Chief Brakebill thank you Ms. Chavez. Thank you, Buddy, and Tammy, for the Easter event, the kids had a lot of fun, it was really a good day. President Gorke’s birthday is coming up very soon. As for the tower, I have spoken with our attorney and LAFCO, a resolution does nothing, but we can write a letter to BLM on behalf of the district. It will let them know where the citizens of Morongo stand. There are rumors going around town that we have member in the board who are in contact with former employees, that needs to stop, if that is what you are doing, please, stop.
5. Director Henning – make an announcement that MDLT is having an event this Saturday for an earth day opportunity you can RSVP with McKenzie Nelson I have her email if anyone is interested. MDLT is a great organization. Could the board be provided with job description and benefits for all paid employees? Add tower committee on the next agenda, would be a great discussion item. Add item for Covington Park improvements, I would like to pick a day for an official ribbon cutting. Thank you to everyone who showed up.

J. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next Regular Board Meeting: May 18, 2022

K. ADJOURNMENT

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