

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

February 16, 2022

Conference via Zoom

Call: 1 (669) 900-6833 **Meeting ID:** 810 3376 0371 **Password:** 704243

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Board Meeting of February 16, 2022 was called to order at 6:03 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

1. Kristina Brook, Vice President, Present
2. Johnny Tolbert, Director, Present
3. Christina Gorke, Director, Late
4. Shawna Johnson, Director, Present
5. Jennifer Henning, Director, Present

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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.

There were no public comments.

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 February 16, 2022.

MOTION: Director Tolbert motioned to approve the Regular Board Meeting Agenda of February 16, 2022 with removing the Chuck Osborne Award from the Agenda.

SECOND: Director Johnson seconds.

RESULT: Motion passes with a 5-0 vote.

F. AGENCY REPORTS

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

Sargent Scalise began by introducing himself letting the community know that he will be attending as many of the regular meeting as possible to give us an update about the Morongo Valley area. Going forward, he stated they have operation hammer strike that still in full effect that was the marijuana eradication. He spoke with Captain Alice stating he wanted to ensure everyone that it's still a priority for the Sherriff's to provide services and enforcement not just but throughout the entire region just so everyone knows that the state has changed the funding for the labeling. Lastly there were roughly 1800 calls for service within the Morongo Basin highlighting that the Morongo Valley calls were of low priority showcasing a great community.

2. Director of Operation's Report – James Brakebill

Chief Brakebill reported that MVFD passed ICEMA inspection, Roof blew off the snack bar, EF Recovery implemented, New brush engine delayed until April, creating an employee recognition program, resolving all issues within the office and Fire Department, fire and District equipment on maintenance program, there have been successful Fire Ad Hoc meetings, district property has been returned by the previous Director of Operations, Firehouse Subs and SAFER Grant applications have been completed, settled vacation issue to the employee's satisfaction, annual wildland training has begun, new features on the website - press releases, substantial amount of community members has been stopping in to thank the fire staff.

It was notated by Director Tolbert that we don't typically approve the Director of Operations Report, therefore, moving forward future agendas should reflect this.

3. Morongo Valley Community Services District and Fire Department Funding Ad Hoc Committee
–Director Gorke
This committee was disbanded.
4. Morongo Valley Sports League – Buddy Stogner
Buddy reported that everything was going well.
5. Community Relations Committee – Director Tolbert and Gorke
Director Gorke reported that the community meeting have been going well. They have set up a kids play time while the adults meet. They are also working to set up a playground opening event for when the playground remodel is completed.
6. Director of Operations Recruitment Ad Hoc Committee – Director Tolbert
Director Tolbert stated that there are currently 13 applications, however, the government code requires them to us the title of General Manager.
7. Fire services Ad Hoc Committee – Director Brook and Director Gorke
Director Brook stated that the fire services ad hoc meetings have been wonderful. They went over the SAFER Grant application were Director Brook use her expertise to guide that staff writing the grant. It was recommended that Chief Brakebill extend his contract out further than 30 days.

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 January 19, 2021.
2. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of January 13, 2021.
MOTION: Director Johnson motioned to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of January 19, 2021, and the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of January 13, 2021, as presented.
SECOND: Director Tolbert seconds.
RESULT: Motioned passed with a 5-0 vote.
3. Cash / Checks Disbursements & Credit Card Purchases for January - \$ 54,139.74
Director Tolbert broke the disbursements down for the Board of Directors.
MOTION: Director Tolbert motioned to approve the Cash / Checks Disbursements & Credit Card Purchases for January.
SECOND: Director Henning seconds.
RESULT: Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. LAFCO PRESENTATION

Michael Tuerpe and Samuel Martinez gave a report explaining what LAFCO is and does. It was stated that a recent study has been done of Morongo Valley. These documents are available on the LAFCO website and well as in the CSD office.

2. APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

MOTION: Director Tolbert nominated Director Gorke as President.

SECOND: Director Henning seconds.

RESULT: Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

MOTION: Director Tolbert nominated Director Johnson to be Vice President

SECOND: President Gorke seconds.

RESULT: Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

3. SMITH MARION FINAL AUDIT

Kendra Dockham and Edurado gave a presentation from Smith Marion and CO of the Morongo Valley Community Services District's final audit.

MOTION: Director Henning motioned to approve the Smith Marion and CO final audit as presented.

SECOND: Director Johnson seconds

RESULT: Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

4. RETITLE AND RECERTIFY DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AGREEMENT

The Board of Directors reviewed and discussed Chief Brakebill's agreement.

MOTION: Director Brook motioned to approve using general manager / fire chief title with a six-month contract for Chief Brakebill.

SECOND: Director Johnson seconds.

RESULT: Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

5. EF RECOVERY RESOLUTION AND FEE SCHEDULE

During the regular board meeting in January the Board of Directors passed a motion to contract with EF Recovery. The Board of Directors discussed and accepted the EF Recovery resolution and fee schedule.

MOTION: President Gorke motioned to approve Resolutions 22-04 as presented.

SECOND: Director Johnson seconds

RESULT: Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

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SECOND: Director Brook seconds

RESULT: Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

6. SDRMA SUPPLEMENTAL CLOSING COST

In September of 2021 the bay door was damaged. SDRMA has agreed to cover \$13,436.58 of the repair. The Board of Directors discussed and approved accepting the settlement amount of \$13,436.58.

MOTION: Director Tolbert motioned to approve SDRMA's settlement amount of \$13,436.58.

SECOND: Director Johnson seconds

RESULT: Motion passed with a 4-0-1 vote.

ROLE CALL: Director Henning; aye, Director Johnson; aye, Director Gorke; aye, Director Tolbert; aye, Brook; nay.

7. RESOLUTION AB 361 RECERTIFICATION

During the Regular Board Meeting of January 19, 2022, the Board passed Resolution 22-02 to allow online meetings pursuant to AB 361. It was noted that for this Resolution to remain valid, it would need to be reapproved every 30 days. The Board of Directors discussed and approved Resolution 22-03 recertifying remote Board meetings under AB 361.

MOTION: Director Brook motioned to approve Resolution AB 361.

SECOND: Director Tolbert seconds

RESULT: Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

8. FORM 700

INFORMATIONAL: Form 700's are due at the end of this month.

I. INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Vice President Brook – Thank everyone for coming to the meeting.
2. Director Tolbert – Thank you to the men and women of the Fire Department. Thank you to Chief Brakebill and Brittany Chavez, moving forward we hope to keep you here as long as possible.
3. Director Gorke – What everyone else said, thank you everyone.
4. Shawna Johnson – Thank you to Chief Brakebill.
5. Jennifer Henning – Looks forward to working with everyone.

J. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next Regular Board Meeting: March 16, 2022

K. ADJOURNMENT

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