

MORONGO VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

11207 OCOTILLO STREET. MORONGO VALLEY, CA 92256

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6:00 p.m. Regular Business

February 05, 2025

Covington Park – Mesquite Room

11165 Vale Drive

Morongo Valley, CA 92256

<https://morongocsd.specialdistrict.org/>

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Board Meeting of February 5, 2025, was called to order at 5:57 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

1. Christina Gorke, President, present
2. Lance Fisher, Vice President, present
3. Johnny Tolbert, Director, present
4. Steve Hayden, Director, present
5. Eva Rowles, Director, not in attendance

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board of Directors now takes time to consider your comments on items that 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.

Mark Sullivan

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. REPAIR REQUESTS FOR MEDIC ENGINE 461

This item was tabled until the next regular board meeting.

2. REPAIR REQUESTS FOR WATER TENDER 461

MOTION: President Gorke motioned to approve the repairs of Water Tender 461 not to exceed \$1,000.

SECOND: Director Tolbert
RESULT: Motion passes with a 4/0 vote

3. TREE REMOVAL FOR COVINGTON PARK

MOTION: President Gorke motioned to approve the removal of the dead trees from Covington Park with a budget not to exceed \$1,500.

SECOND: Director Tolbert
RESULT: Motion passes with a 4/0 vote

F. CLOSED SESSION

The Closed Session of the Board of Directors of February 05, 2025, was called to order by President Gorke at 6:23 PM, with Director Tolbert, Director Fisher, Director Hayden, and General Manager Brittany Chavez.

1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation
(Government Code Section 54957)
Title: General Manager

MOTION: Director Tolbert motioned to direct District's General Counsel to initiate an investigation with the chosen investigation.

SECOND: Director Fisher
RESULT: Motion passes with a 4/0 vote

G. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

The Closed Meeting of the Board of Directors of February 05, 2025, reconvened and was called to order by President Gorke at 7:20 p.m. President Gorke reported that The Board is aware of the existence of several employee concerns and other issues involving the District and its Fire Department. While the Board has not formally heard or considered or determined the merits of any specific complaints or charges against any particular employee, the Board believes that a fair and impartial 360-degree investigation of the District's operations by a qualified outside professional is necessary at this time. Therefore, the Board has authorized its General Counsel to retain an independent investigator for this purpose. The Board is hopeful that the District's employees will openly and honestly participate in this process without fear of any unlawful retaliation. Additionally, the Board expects that the interview process will be conducted in a manner respectful of the legal rights of the parties involved.

H. INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: President Gorke Second: Director Tolbert Vote: 4/0