

LATON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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FOLLOWING IS THE MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE LATON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT. THE MEETING WAS HELD AUGUST 18, 2021, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE EVENING AT THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT LOCATED AT 6501 EAST LATONIA, LATON, CALIFORNIA. THE MEETING WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA LAW.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Meeting was called to order by Mr. Garcia at 6:05pm. Board Members in attendance were Paul Garcia, Carol Hall, Tim Wolfe. The following Board Members were present through Zoom: Lupe Alcoser and Francisco Orbe. The following individuals were also present at the meeting; JoAnne Rempp, Daniel Chapa, Jim Wegley, and Ty Mizote. The following individuals were absent from the meeting: Brent Pentecost.
2. **UNSCHEDULED ORAL PRESENTATIONS:** There were no oral presentations.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE JULY 21, 2021, MEETING MINUTES:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. Mr. Orbe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 2021 MONTHLY BILLS:** Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the Monthly Bills. Mr. Wolfe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
5. **THE LATON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:**
 - A. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE MONTHLY REPORT:** Mr. Chapa reported for the month of July there were 9-medical calls, 2-traffic accident calls, 6-vegetation fire calls, 2-structural fire call, and 2-Other.
 - B. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE FIRE THAT OCCURRED ON MAY 1, 2021:** The fire department was performing a controlled training burn when a gust of wind caused the burn to go across the river and damage some of the walnut trees on the other side of the river. The owner of that property is filing a claim for the damaged trees and our insurance company is researching the claim.
6. **PUBLIC HEARING at 6:20pm TO DISCUSS THE 2021-2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT APPLICATION LIST.**
 - a. **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:** Mr. Garcia opened the Public Hearing at 6:21pm.
 - b. **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Chapa went over the past list of CDBG projects recommended by the community members and there were no public comments.
 - c. **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS:** Mr. Garcia closed the Public Comments at 6:32pm.
 - d. **BOARD DISCUSSION ON THE 2021-2022 CDBG APPLICATION PRIORITIES LIST:** The Board had much discussion regarding the proposed projects. Mr. Wegley recommends the additional sewer pond to help sustain the sewer flow and to stay in compliance with the WDR.
 - e. **CLOSE HEARING:** Mr. Garcia closed the Hearing at 6:44pm.
 - f. **BOARD DECISION AND APPROVAL ON THE 2021-2022 CDBG APPLICATION PRIORITIES LIST:** Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve adding a new sewer pond as the 2021-2022 CDBG Project. Mr. Wolf seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
 - g. **BOARD AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THE 2021-2022 CDBG APPLICATIONS:** Mr. Garcia made a motion to submit the 2021-2022 CDBG Application. Mrs. Hall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
 - h. **BOARD AUTHORIZING PERSON TO SIGN THE 2021-2022 CDBG APPLICATIONS:** Mr. Garcia made a motion approving Dan Chapa as the authorized person to sign the 2021-2022 CDBG Application. Mrs. Hall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
7. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT FOR THE NORTH FORK KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY:** Mrs. Rempp informed the Board that SWRCB is starting to send out the GSP with revisions. The GSA Board approved Cuttone and Mastro to perform the financial audit for fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.
8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE NITRATE MANAGEMENT ZONE PARTICIPATION FOR THE KINGS WATER ALLIANCE:** Mrs. Rempp reported that they have not held any meeting this past month and LCSD has not received any bill from KWA.

9. **THE WATER DISTRIBUTION AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**
- A. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE MONTHLY REPORT:** Mr. Chapa reported the well depths and drawdowns for July are as follows: well #4 Static water level is at 120.91 and 133.44 and drawdown is at 6.07. BOD is at 66.51% and TSS is at 66.05%. The parts to repair the clarifier are starting to come in and we will be setting up a date for the repairs to start.
10. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM JIM WEGLEY:** Mr. Wegley reported that the USDA and State have grant funding available and wanted to see if we had any needs to apply for the fundings like lower the well depths or installing a ground level water storage tank.
11. **MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT:** Mr. Chapa reported there were no injuries or accidents.
12. **PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR FINAL OPERATING BUDGET:**
- a. **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:** Mr. Garcia opened the Public Hearing at 6:48pm.
- b. **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Chapa went over the proposed 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Operating Budget. There were no public comments.
- c. **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS:** Mr. Garcia closed the Public Hearing at 7:01pm.
- d. **BOARD DISCUSSION:** Mrs. Hall asked why the Streetlight Budget had salaries and worker's comp charges in their budget. Mr. Chapa informed her that the employees had to respond to customer calls regarding streetlight that were not working by getting the pole numbers, making sure the streetlight pole was not blocked, and by calling PG&E to have the streetlight repaired.
- e. **CLOSE HEARING:** Mr. Garcia closed the Hearing at 7:04pm.
- f. **DECISION ON THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR FINAL OPERATING BUDGET**
RESOLUTION No. 2021-02: Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Final Operating Budget. Mrs. Hall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
13. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM GENERAL MANAGER:** Mr. Chapa will be meeting next week with the employees for their yearly evaluations. Mr. Chapa will be completing the Drinking Water Survey by September 10. Mr. Chapa asked legal counsel if LCSD fell under the State covid mandate to require proof of vaccination or be covid tested weekly. Legal counsel informed the Board that LCSD does not fall under the State covid mandates. Mrs. Rempp presented to the Board with a credit card service that will allow our customers to pay their bill online with no charge to LCSD.
- A. **DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSITON 218 FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY LCSD:** Mr. Chapa presented to the Board some of the different rate increase options that he was working on and will have more available at the next Board Meeting.
14. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Garcia adjourned the Meeting at 7:44pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
By: JoAnne Rempp
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