

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 JULY 19, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE EVENING AT THE LATON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OFFICE LOCATED AT 6501 EAST LATONIA, LATON, CALIFORNIA. ALL DISTRICT MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA LAW.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mrs. Hall called the Meeting to order at 6:00pm. Board Members in attendance were Carol Hall, Francisco Orbe, Tim Wolfe, and Lucy Nino. The following individuals were also present at the meeting; JoAnne Rempp, Dan Chapa, and Ty Mizote. The following individuals were absent from the meeting: Paul Garcia and Brent Pentecost.
2. **UNSCHEDULED ORAL PRESENTATIONS:** There were no Oral Presentations.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 21, 2023 MEETING MINUTES:** Mr. Orbe made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. Mrs. Hall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE JULY 2023 MONTHLY BILLS:** Mrs. Hall 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 June there were 9-medical calls, 1-traffic accident calls, 0- vehicle fire call, 4-vegetation fire calls, 0-structural fire calls, 0-commercial/residential alarm, 0-Hazmat, 0-Electrical Hazard, 0-Fire Investigation, 0-Water Rescue, 0-Citizen Assist, and 0-Other.
6. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD OFFICE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LATON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT:** The School Superintendent has asked if Laton Community Services District would be willing to change office back to the office we were prior to this office at 6501 E. Latonia. The LCSD Board has directed Mr. Chapa to provide the School Board with a list of improvements that will need to be completed before they decide if they will move buildings.
7. **PUBLIC HEARING at 6:20pm TO DISCUSS THE 2023-2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT APPLICATION LIST:**
 - a. **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:** Mrs. Hall opened the Public Hearing at 6:22pm.
 - b. **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No Public comments.
 - c. **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS:** Mrs. Hall closed the Public Hearing T 6:23pm
 - d. **BOARD DISCUSSION ON THE 2023-2024 CDBG APPLICATION PRIORITIES LIST:** Mr. Chapa presented to the Board the list of possible options for the Grant.
 - e. **CLOSE HEARING:** Mrs. Hall closed the Hearing at 6:28pm.
 - f. **BOARD DECISION AND APPROVAL ON THE 2023-2024 CDBG APPLICATION PRIORITIES LIST:** The Board has decided to submit 1) Streetlights and 2) Flow Meter.
 - g. **BOARD AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THE 2023-2024 CDBG APPLICATIONS:** Mr. Hall made a motion to approve the submittal of the 2023-2024 CDBG Application. Mr. Wolfe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
 - h. **BOARD AUTHORIZING PERSON TO SIGN THE 2023-2024 CDBG APPLICATIONS:** Mrs. Hall made a motion authorizing Dan Chapa to sign the 2023-2024 CDBG Application.
8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT FOR THE NORTH FORK KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY:** Mrs. Rempp provided the Board with the monthly GSA newsletter.
9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE NITRATE MANAGEMENT ZONE PARTICIPATION FOR THE KINGS WATER ALLIANCE:** Mrs. Rempp had nothing new to report.
10. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) PROPOSED LCSD WATER METER PROJECT:** No update.
11. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR PRELIMINARY BUDGET RESOLUTION No. 2023-01:** Mr. Orbe made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Preliminary Budget Resolution No. 2023-01. Mr. Wolfe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
12. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED INCREASE TO MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGES FOR LCSD WATER, SEWER, AND STREET LIGHTS:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve the following rate increases per our Prop 218. Water base rate \$35.45 and water usage in cubic feet \$0.87/100; Sewer rate \$45.63 and street light rate \$4.22. Mr. Orbe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
13. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING LCSD HOLIDAYS:** The Board will not make any changes to the holiday schedule.

14. THE WATER DISTRIBUTION AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:

- A. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE MONTHLY REPORT:** Mr. Chapa reported the well depths and drawdowns for June 2023: well #4 Static water level is at 103.21 and drawdown is 7.56; well #5 Static water level is at 107.43 and drawdown is at 7.26; well #6 Static water level is at 102.91 and drawdown is at 8.40. April 2023 BOD- 91.01% and TSS-89.82%. May 2023 BOD-86.67 and TSS- 59.69%

15. MONTHLY REPORT FROM JIM WEGLEY: Mr. Wegley is absent and has nothing to report.

16. MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT: Mr. Chapa reported there were no injuries or accidents.

17. MONTHLY REPORT FROM GENERAL MANAGER: Mr. Chapa reported that all annual reports have been completed and he will complete the Final Operating Budget for the next Board Meeting.

18. ADJOURN TO CLOSE SESSION: Mrs. Hall adjourned to close session at 7:14pm.

- A) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (GOV CODE 54957)
Employees: All
- B) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (GOV CODE 54957.6)
Agency Negotiators: Daniel Chapa and Ty Mizote
Unrepresented Employees: All

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS: No action taken in closed session.

20. ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Hall adjourned the Board Meeting at 7:31pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: JoAnne Rempp

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