

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 17, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE EVENING AT THE LATON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA LOCATED AT 6065 EAST LATONIA STREET, LATON, CALIFORNIA. ALL DISTRICT MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA LAW.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Hall at 6:02pm. Board Members in attendance were Carol Hall, Francisco Orbe, and Tim Wolfe. The following individuals were also present at the meeting; JoAnne Rempp, Jim Wegley, Dan Chapa, Chief Pentecost, Ty Mizote. The following individuals were absent from the meeting: Paul Garcia and Lupe Alcoser.
2. **UNSCHEDULED ORAL PRESENTATIONS:** Mr. Wolfe is concerned about the obstruction the blue tarp put on the Laton High School fence is causing for the traffic trying to pull out onto DeWoody. Mr. Wolfe also stated that he witnessed homeless people setting up camp along the fence. Mr. Wolfe is concerned about a building that was built on a property located on Bliss that he believes is illegally housing people. Mr. Wolfe was informed to contact the Laton Unified School District and Fresno County Planning Dept. or the Fresno County Health Dept.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE JULY 20, 2022 MEETING MINUTES:** Mr. Orbe made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. Mrs. Hall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 2022 MONTHLY BILLS:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve the Monthly Bills. Mr. Orbe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
5. **THE LATON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:**
 - A. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE MONTHLY REPORT:** Chief Pentecost reported for the month of July there were 11-medical calls, 1-traffic accident calls, 5-vegetation fire calls, 0-structural fire calls, and 1-Other. Chief Pentecost report they have several air packs that are not working and he is looking into if he can get a grant to purchase new ones.
6. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT FOR THE NORTH FORK KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY:** Mrs. Rempp went over the monthly newsletter.
7. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE NITRATE MANAGEMENT ZONE PARTICIPATION FOR THE KINGS WATER ALLIANCE:** Mrs. Rempp Reported that the Stakeholders Advisory Committee had a zoom meeting this month.
8. **PUBLIC HEARING at 6:30pm TO DISCUSS THE 2022-2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT APPLICATION LIST:**
 - a. **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:** Mrs. Hall opened the Public Hearing at 6:32pm.
 - b. **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There was no public comments.
 - c. **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS:** Mrs. Hall closed the Public Hearing.
 - d. **BOARD DISCUSSION ON THE 2022-2023 CDBG APPLICATION PRIORITIES LIST:** Mr. Chapa went over the 2022-2023 CDBG Application Priorities List. The top CDBG project was determined to be replacement of the existing LCSD water meters.
 - e. **CLOSE HEARING:** Mrs. Hall closed the Hearing at 6:38pm
 - f. **BOARD DECISION AND APPROVAL ON THE 2022-2023 CDBG APPLICATION PRIORITIES LIST:** The Board has made the decision to approve the 2022-2023 CDBG Application for the replacement of LCSD water meters.
 - g. **BOARD AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THE 2022-2023 CDBG APPLICATIONS:** Mr. Orbe made a motion to authorize the submittal of the 2022-2023 CDBG Application. Mrs. Hall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
 - h. **BOARD AUTHORIZING PERSON TO SIGN THE 2022-2023 CDBG APPLICATIONS:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve Paul Garcia as the authorizing person to sign th 2025-2023 CDBG Applications. Mr. Orbe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED INCREASE TO MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGES FOR MID VALLEY DISPOSAL GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICES:** The Board approved the monthly service charges but still has questions that needs to be answered before they will approve the new contract. Mr. Mizote will reach out to Mid Valley with the Board's questions regarding the contract.
10. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PROPOSITON 218 FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY LCSD:** Mr. Chapa went over the proposed new rates but no action was taken by the Board. The Board has asked for a Special Board Meeting to approve the Proposition 218.
11. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR PRELIMINARY BUDGET RESOLUTION No. 2022-03:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Preliminary Budget Resolution No. 2022-03. Mr. Wolfe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
12. **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 2022: well #4 Static water level is at 131.72 and drawdown is at out of service; well #5 Static water level is at 121.97 and drawdown is at 7.50; well #6 Static water level is at 120.09 and drawdown is at 8.04. BOD is at 99.07% and TSS is at 100%. BSK came out and completed the state water testing that was missed on well site #4 while it was being repaired.
13. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM JIM WEGLEY:** Mr. Wegley spoke with Fresno County and they are behind in sending out the approval letters for the 2021-2022 grant that we were approved for putting in a new ponding basin at the WWTP. Mr. Wegley will be submitting the 2022-2023 CDBG grant application by August 31st for new water meters, valves, and meter boxes. A new law passed last week in regards to solar and he has someone that is interested in doing the solar project at the WWTP. Mr. Wegley went over the Rate Study and the different funding options for the WWTP Planning Grant.
14. **MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT:** Mr. Chapa reported there were no injuries or accidents.
15. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM GENERAL MANAGER:** Mr. Chapa reported that there is new monitoring for drought conditions that has to be reported to the SWRCB. A new CPU unit was purchased for the billing computer in the office. A Special Board meeting will be held next week to approve the minutes and final budget for the CDBG Project Application. Mr. Chapa and Mr. Wegley went over the revised plans for the new convience store on Fowler ave. Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve the plans and the connection costs as follows: Water--\$1,097 and Sewer--\$3,767. Mr. Wolfe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
16. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mrs. Hall adjourned the Board Meeting at 8:14pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
By: JoAnne Rempp
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