

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 NOVEMBER 15, 2023, 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:** Mrs. Hall called the Meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Board Members in attendance were Carol Hall, Tim Wolfe, and Lucy Nino. The following individuals were also present at the meeting: JoAnne Rempp, Dan Chapa, Ty Mizote, Chief Pentecost, and Jim Wegley. The following individuals were absent from the meeting: Paul Garcia and Francisco Orbe.
2. **UNSCHEDULED ORAL PRESENTATIONS:** Mr. Chapa reported that the trash pickup will be on Saturday due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Mr. Chapa attended the Verizon tower meeting at the Lion Hall. Verizon wants to install a cellular tower on the Lion Hall's property. Fresno County will hold a meeting to vote on the cellular tower.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 18, 2023 MEETING MINUTES:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. Mrs. Nino seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 2023 MONTHLY BILLS:** Mrs. Nino 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:** Chief Pentecost reported for the month of October, there were 5 medical calls, 2-traffic accident calls, 0- vehicle fire calls, 4-vegetation fire calls, 0 structural fire calls, 2 commercial/residential alarm, 0-Hazmat, 0-Electrical Hazard, 0-Fire Investigation, 0-Water Rescue, 0-Citizen Assist, and 0-Other.
 - B. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD PROCUREMENT POLICY:** Tabled to next month's meeting.
 - C. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICY:** Tabled to next month's meeting.
6. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) PROPOSED LCSD WATER METER PROJECT:** Mr. Chapa reported that a \$37,000 payment request has been submitted. Mr. Wegley is still reviewing all the meter photos and paperwork.
7. **THE WATER DISTRIBUTION AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:**
 - A. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE MONTHLY REPORT:** Mr. Chapa reported the well depths and drawdowns for October 2023: well #4 Static water level is at 100.02, and drawdown is 7.43; well #5 Static water level is at 103.70 and drawdown is at 8.27; well #6 Static water level is at 105.25 and drawdown is at 8.76. Nothing was reported for BOD and TSS. We are still working on the 10 items from the SWRCB visit of the water wells and will have it done and submitted by November 30th. Mrs. Rempp provided the board members with the GSA newsletter update.
8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE CDBG #2242 PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF LCSD WASTEWATER POND 7:** LCSD is waiting for Fresno County to sign and release the contracts.
9. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM JIM WEGLEY:** PFAS chemical tests must be completed on all water wells and the WWTP well. BSK will need to send the results to Ty.
10. **MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT:** Mr. Chapa reported no injuries or accidents.
11. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM GENERAL MANAGER:** Mr. Chapa reported that the 2022-23 Financial Audit has not been completed yet, and Mrs. Rempp has been trying to contact them for a final completion date.

12. **ADJOURN TO CLOSE SESSION:** Mrs. Hall adjourned to close the session at 6:38 pm.
- 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
13. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve the employee pay increase discussed in the closed session. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
14. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mrs. Hall adjourned the Board Meeting at 6:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
By: JoAnne Rempp
District Secretary for Laton Community Services District