

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 SEPTEMBER 18, 2024, 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 THE CALIFORNIA LAW.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Garcia called the Meeting to order at 6:04 pm. Board Members in attendance were Paul Garcia, Tim Wolfe, Carol Hall, and Lucy Nino. The following individuals were also present at the meeting: Dan Chapa, JoAnne Rempp, Chief Pentecost, Jim Wegley, and Ty Mizote, the following individuals were absent from the meeting: Francisco Orbe

EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEM # 7B: Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve adding emergency item #7B. Mrs. Nino seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. **UNSCHEDULED ORAL PRESENTATIONS:** There were no oral presentations.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 21, 2024 MEETING MINUTES:** Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 2024 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:** Chief Pentecost reported for the month of August, there were 4- medical calls, 0-traffic accident calls, 0- vehicle fire calls, 1-vegetation fire calls, 0- structural fire calls, 1- commercial/residential alarm, 0-Hazmat, 0-Electrical Hazard, 0-Fire Investigation, 01-Water Rescue, 2-Citizen Assist, and 0-Other.
 - B. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF NEW FIRE TRUCK TIRES:** Chief Pentecost presented the Board with three tire and brake quotes. The Board reviewed the quotes and Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve Del Rey Tire quote. Mrs. Hall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously,
6. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE MANDATORY ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL REDUCTION ORDINANCE. ORDINANCE No. 2024-01:** Mr. Chapa and Mrs. Rempp attended a meeting with Cal-Recycle and Mid Valley Disposal regarding SB 1383. LCSO will have to start a Food Recovery Plan with the Laton School District. Mr. Chapa will be creating an inspection check list and an Ordinance that is currently in draft form. The Ordinance will be approved at the next board meeting.
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 August 2024: well #4 Static water level is at 103.44, and drawdown is 8.35; well #5 Static water level is at 105.91 and drawdown is at 9.14; well #6 Static water level is at 106.67 and drawdown is at 8.72. BOD removal 82.01% and TSS removal 78.10%. Freeboard pond level: #1-2.4ft, #2-2.0ft, #3-2.2ft, #4-5.8ft, #5-3.0ft, and #6-2.8ft. Lead and Copper sampling will be completed on Sept. 25, 2024. Part time maintenance worker has been hired to help Sid at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
 - B. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING FRESNO COUNTY'S LETTER STATING THAT THE LCSO POND AND WATER METER PROJECTS NO LONGER QUALIFY FOR CDBG FUNDING PER UPDATED HUD GUIDELINES:** CDBG has stated that LCSO no longer qualifies for CDBG funding due to our Census. Mr. Wegley suggests that letters be sent to SWRCB explaining the dire conditions of the pond levels and the effluent/influent meters needed at the WWTP.
8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSO AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) PROPOSED LCSO WATER METER PROJECT:** Mr. Wegley is finishing the plans showing the meters and meter boxes for the board to review at next month's Board Meeting. Mrs. Rempp submitted the \$45,000 drawdown true-up requested by ARPA.

9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE CDBG #2242 PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF LCSD WASTEWATER POND 7:** Mr. Wegley reported that LCSD lost their funding due to the Census reports.
10. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM JIM WEGLEY:** Mr. Wegley reported that the Federal Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCCR) needs to be completed and reported to the Division of Drinking Water by October 15, 2024.
11. **MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT:** Mr. Chapa had no accidents or injuries to report. Mrs. Rempp reported that the employees went to a AOWP training class.
12. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER:** Mr. Chapa reported that Lucy's board position will end on December 15, 2024. The financial auditors' contracts have expired, and the new contracts will be reviewed and on next month's agenda for approval. Cross-Connection Ordinance will need to be updated with the new laws by July1, 2025. Mrs. Rempp has registered LCSD wells in the GSA well portal.
13. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Garcia adjourned the Board Meeting at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: JoAnne Rempp

District Secretary for Laton Community Services District