

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 16, 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 6:04pm. 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, Chief Pentecost, and Ty Mizote. The following individuals were absent from the meeting: Paul Garcia.
2. **UNSCHEDULED ORAL PRESENTATIONS:** Mrs. Nieves from Laton Unified School District will be having a community workday to help clean up the youth ballfield and has asked if we could post the event on our website. Mrs. Nieves discussed the reasons why she would switch offices with LCSD. A representative from LCSD will attend their board meeting to discuss the options of switching offices.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE JULY 19, 2023 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 2023 MONTHLY BILLS:** Mr. Wolfe made a motion to approve the Monthly Bills. Mrs. Nino 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 13-medical calls, 1-traffic accident calls, 0- vehicle fire call, 1-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.
 - B. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CAL-FIRE GRANT AGREEMENT**
RESOLUTION 2023-02: Mr. Orbe made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-02. Mr. Wolfe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
6. **PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR FINAL OPERATING BUDGET.**
 - a. **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:** Mrs. Hall opened the Public Hearing at 6:25pm.
 - b. **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No public comments.
 - c. **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS:** Mrs. Hall closed the Public Hearing comments.
 - d. **BOARD DISCUSSION:** The Board reviewed and discussed the Final Operating Budget
 - e. **CLOSE HEARING:** Mrs. Hall closed the Public Hearing.
 - f. **DECISION ON THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR FINAL OPERATING BUDGET**
RESOLUTION No. 2023-03: Mrs. Hall made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-03. Mr. Wolfe 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 provided the Board with the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.
8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE NITRATE MANAGEMENT ZONE PARTICIPATION FOR THE KINGS WATER ALLIANCE:** Mrs. Rempp had nothing new to report.
9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LCSD AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) PROPOSED LCSD WATER METER PROJECT:** Mr. Wegley will be touring the town to look at the existing meters and meter boxes.
10. **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 2023: well #4 Static water level is at 104.27 and drawdown is 6.05; well #5 Static water level is at 106.77 and drawdown is at 7.24; well #6 Static water level is at 105.98 and drawdown is at 7.44. No BOD and TSS reported.
11. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM JIM WEGLEY:** Mr. Wegley reported that the CDBG Pond #7 contracts should be ready in November. Mr. Wegley is working on the applications for the WWTP Grant. Mr. Wegley suggests that the Board puts together an Adhoc Committee for the CDBG Streetlight Phase 3.

12. **MONTHLY SAFETY REPORT:** Mr. Chapa reported there were no injuries or accidents.
13. **MONTHLY REPORT FROM GENERAL MANAGER:** Mr. Chapa reported that the Laton School Board meeting was tabled to the September meeting. The Auditor is finishing the last two final yearly audits. Cal-Recycle EAR Annual report has been completed.
14. **ADJOURN TO CLOSE SESSION:** Mrs. Hall adjourned to close session at 7:09pm.
 - 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
15. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:** The Board instructed the LCSD staff to speak with individual employees regarding approved pay increases.
16. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mrs. Hall adjourned the Board Meeting at 7:32pm.