

Del Rey Community Services District
**Minutes of the
Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
February 16, 2023
6:00p.m.**

President Garza called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Directors present: Stephanie Garza, Daniel Ramirez, Joaquin Nunez, Maria Reyna
Directors absent: Rolando Sanchez

A2 The Board leads in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A3 **Approval of Agenda:** Reyna made a motion to approve the agenda of the February 16, 2023, Regular Board meeting. Garza seconds the motion. All in favor; four ayes: Garza, Ramirez, Nunez, Reyna. All Absent; one absent: Sanchez. Motion passed.

B. SCHEDULED AND UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS:

B-1 Discussion regarding account information. (Rumaldo Reyna)

Public member Rumaldo Reyna questions if it is required for the District to display monthly expenditures to the public. LC Papajohn responds that he is unsure how to answer the question, however, as Reyna is no longer on the Board, he doesn't have access to certain information, but if the Board feels inclined, he can look into the matter for more information. He adds he thinks what the District currently provides meets requirements. Board member Maria Reyna would like LC Papajohn to look into it; if not, it will be an ongoing issue coming up from the public.

C. CONSENT CALENDAR:

C-1 Approve payments for vendors for West America Bank – January 2023, a Total Amount of \$105,605.79. Garza opens the item to the public for comment. Public member Reyna states he wasn't aware the District provides life insurance to employees. DM Arias responds Aflac is optional and is paid by the employees. Board member Maria Reyna asks if this is a new expense. Public member Rumaldo Reyna states it has been a recurring fee every month. Discussion. Reyna made a motion to approve payments for January 2023. Ramirez seconds the motion. All in favor; four ayes: Garza, Ramirez, Nunez, Reyna. All Absent; one absent: Sanchez. Motion passed.

C-2 Approve payments for vendors for West America Bank – February 9, 2023, a Total Amount of \$64,317.75. Garza opens the item to the public for comment. No public comment. Ramirez made a motion to approve payments for February 2023. Nunez seconds the motion. All in favor; four ayes: Garza, Ramirez, Nunez, Reyna. All Absent; one absent: Sanchez. Motion passed.

C-3 Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2023, Regular Board Meeting. Ramirez made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 19, 2023, Regular Board Meeting. Reyna seconds the motion. All in favor; four ayes: Garza, Ramirez, Nunez, Reyna. All Absent; one absent: Sanchez. Motion passed.

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS (DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS):

D-1 Election of new Board President and Vice President. Papajohn states every two years, the Board elects a President and Vice President, and the two years have come up. He adds that Garza and Nunez have only served one term, so they can serve two more years if the Board would like, but it is up to the Board. Discussion. Reyna asks if it can be postponed so Director Sanchez can be present. Garza opens the item to the public for comment. Public member Joey Lopez states the President and Vice President should be involved in the community. If the current office holders feel they cannot attend community events, he asks them to politely step aside. He states he sees Ramirez at the events all the time and has seen Nunez a couple times. He feels it would be nice for the community and youth to see them out showing support. He challenges whoever runs or is elected to be involved. Discussion. Ramirez made a motion to continue the item to the following meeting. Reyna seconds the motion. All in favor; four ayes: Garza, Ramirez, Nunez, Reyna. All Absent; one absent: Sanchez. Motion passed.

D-2 Approval of Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Del Rey Community Services District Adopting an Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) Accommodation Request Policy for the Meetings of the Board of Directors; and Directing the District Manager to Make Such Changes to All of the District’s Agenda Templates As May Be Necessary To Implement The Teleconferencing Procedures and ADA Requirements of Assembly Bill No. 2449. Papajohn explains this policy pertains to those who are hard of hearing, seeing, etc. The District needs something in place so they can work out a way for those with disabilities to attend the meetings. He explains there is a resolution provided for the Board to read or make changes, but it contains the current policy. He realizes there are some typos he will revise. If the resolution is approved, he asks if it can be adopted with the amendments. He can make the changes now and send it back to Carlos tonight. Reyna asks if there is specific equipment the District needs to provide. Papajohn states the District generally just needs to show its best efforts and willingness to accommodate the public who needs it. Nunez asks how much it will cost the District roughly if approved. Papajohn states it’s a basic policy that doesn’t really ask the District to incur new costs. DM Arias states translation is being provided as needed, there is wheelchair accessibility and larger print is offered if necessary. Papajohn states keeping zoom access and dial-in options is accommodating as well. Discussion. Papajohn informs the Board the policy allows flexibility on what is feasible to provide. Discussion. Reyna made a motion to approve the resolution adopting an Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) Accommodation Request Policy for the Meetings of the Board of Directors; and Directing the District Manager to Make Such Changes to All of the District’s Agenda Templates with the amendments. Ramirez seconds the motion. All in favor; four ayes: Garza, Ramirez, Nunez, Reyna. All Absent; one absent: Sanchez. Motion passed.

D-3 Discussion/Direction regarding California Employers Pension Prefunding Trust. Arias says he has been in communication with CalPERS regarding the prefunding trust. Basically, the District makes a deposit around \$1100 upfront which will accumulate interest and will eventually the CalPERS payment will be paid with interest accumulated. Discussion. Garza opens the item to the public for comment. No public comment. Reyna states it sounds like a good idea, but asks if the District is limited to only CalPERS or if they can look into other bank options that offer higher interest rates. Arias states he will check the legality with Papajohn. Papajohn states he will look into it and come back to the Board with a response. Ramirez asks how much will be put in. Arias states it is up to the Board. Garza asks if the item can be postponed so Sanchez can be here. Discussion. Garza made a motion to continue the item to next month. Reyna seconds the motion. All in favor; four ayes: Garza, Ramirez, Nunez, Reyna. All Absent; one absent: Sanchez. Motion passed.

E. DIRECTOR COMMUNICATIONS/AGENDA ITEMS

Director Reyna states she is aware there are fliers that are going around and were posted by a previous Board Member saying the new board is trying to raise the rates. As a new board member, she feels it is very unprofessional and offensive. Instead of misleading the public, they should inform them of why the rates need to go up. The District has huge costs, such as South Kings GSA, which is around \$100,000. She states she would like information on when Del Rey joined the GSA, why it was necessary, who was on the Board at the time, whether that provision was included in the previous rate study, etc. She would like to be more informed so when the public asks questions, she has the correct and information. Discussion. Ramirez states he knows Rumaldo Reyna is very smart, and isn’t sure what is going on, but feels he has been very negative. Ramirez states he feels Rumaldo has a lot of potential, but he needs to stop being negative. Ramirez says they all need to work together to help Del Rey and asks Rumaldo to find solutions to work in a positive direction. Discussion. Nunez states it is a new era and encourages everyone to be productive by focusing on the agenda items, the future of the community and the residents. Discussion.

F. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

F-1 Report of District Manager (Report by Carlos Arias)

DM Arias reports he spoke to a representative regarding CalPERS Prefunding and provided the details earlier. He attended a meeting for the Association of CSD's. He met a person who works with solar panel systems, and it could be a possibility to buy the solar panels. He plans to set up a meeting with her for affordable and real prices, so he will do the footwork and bring it back to the Board. He informs the Board there is an issue with well 6 that needs to be repaired and will cost roughly \$560. There needs to be a repair at the lift station, in which he believes he will go with Green Efficiency to take care of it. Dictos recommends going with Caglia. DM Arias brings up the debt with South Kings GSA, and how he needs to figure out how to pay it. He suggests using money from the LAIF account like last year.

F-2 Report of District Counsel (Report by Nicolas Papajohn)

LC Papajohn reminds the Board about the AB 1234 Training next Friday. Shannon is looking forward to it and will be bringing food and binders for board members which will be a great resource for ethics, conflict of interest, etc. He also reminds the Board the State of Emergency for COVID 19 is set to expire which is why the resolution was not provided this time around which allowed the option for board members to join through teleconference. He informs the Board it is still possible to join through teleconference, but there are stipulations, so if necessary, he advises them to contact the District Manager or Legal Counsel ahead of time for further information on how to do so.

F-3 Report of District Engineer (Report by AM Consulting)

Angela Hall, in place of Alfonso Manrique, reviews the Engineer report and gives updates on projects, agreements, and funding.

F-4 Report of District Accountant (Report by Paul Dictos)

Dictos reviews the map and discusses taxes regarding boundaries. He is aware the Tax Collector mistakenly issued two checks to Del Rey as a reimbursement for an overcharge error. There will be changes made. However, one check needs to be repaid. Discussion. Dictos reviews the Accountant report.

G. UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS:

Public member Joey Lopez asks what area the solar panels cover. Arias responds that they cover the wastewater treatment plant. Discussion. Reyna says the District needs to find a way to remove costs. Suggests if the District hires a grade 3 operator, they can remove California Water Services fee. Discussion. Dictos suggests contracting with Sanger to have one of their operators test the District's water and pay their rate. Discussion. Ramirez states there is a mess at the park and suggests more trash bins. DM Arias says they have put extra trash bins at the park, but they were either vandalized or stolen. Ramirez suggests chaining or mounting them. Discussion. DM Arias states he will contact the Sheriff about graffiti removal, if not the District will have to pay for it. Reyna asks if there are Summer Youth programs they can look into or provide. Discussion. Ramirez says a youth and kids ministry leader will be attending next month's meeting.

H. ADJOURNMENT:

Consensus to adjourn the meeting. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Eileen Hernandez
Del Rey Community Services District