

*Del Rey Community Services District*  
**Minutes of the  
Board of Directors  
Regular Board Meeting  
August 17, 2023  
7:00p.m.**

President Reyna called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**Directors present:** Maria Reyna, Daniel Ramirez, Joaquin Nunez, Stephanie Garza

**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 August 17, 2023, Regular Board meeting. Nunez seconds the motion. All in favor; four ayes: Reyna, Ramirez, Nunez, Garza. All Absent; one absent: Sanchez. Motion passed.

**B. SCHEDULED AND UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS:**

No public comment.

**C. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

C-1 Approve payments for vendors for West America Bank – July 2023, a Total Amount of \$60,243.01.

C-2 Approve payments for vendors for West America Bank – August 11, 2023, a Total Amount of \$38,985.48.

C-3 Approve Minutes of the July 20, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

The Board decides to discuss items C-1 to C-3 altogether. President Reyna opens the items to the public for comment. Discussion. Ramirez makes a motion to approve items C-1 to C-3. Garza seconds the motion. All in favor; four ayes: Reyna, Ramirez, Nunez, Garza. All Absent; one absent: Sanchez. Motion passed.

**D. PUBLIC HEARINGS (DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS):**

D-1 Adoption of Budget for FY 2023-2024. Arias explains there were items to refine, so Garza, Reyna, Dictos and Arias met to review and make changes. The budget presented tonight reflects those changes. Reyna states they went over the budget and made a lot of changes. Dictos states by law they need to have a balanced budget, but they can pull from savings to aide the deficit, but it needs to stop. Discussion. Reyna mentions the Rate Study and how thy hope it will try to help with the deficit. Reyna brings up supplies and consumables. Dictos clarifies. Nunez mentions the AT&T bill, and suggests looking at other networks, such as T-Mobile or Cricket, which would help save the District around \$200 every month. Reyna opens the item to the public for comment. Public member Rumaldo Reyna questions the numbers for water, sewer, and reimbursement from Del Rey Packing,

and compares the numbers from last months proposed budget. Discussion. Dictos clarifies. Ramirez questions South Kings GSA. Dictos clarifies. Discussion. Dictos reminds the Board the budget is just an estimate; they are usually off by ten to fifteen percent. Discussion. Garza made a motion to approve the budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. Ramirez seconds the motion. All in favor; four ayes: Reyna, Ramirez, Nunez, Garza. All Absent; one absent: Sanchez. Motion passed.

D-2 Consideration of adoption of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Del Rey Community Services District Awarding a Contract to AqueousUS Vets for the Supply of TCP Treatment Vessels and Carbon Treatment for Wells 4, 5, and 7 for TCP Treatment in the Amount of \$2,919,173.00. Arias explains bids were taken, and out of the three that were received AqueousUS Vets was the lowest one. There will be bidding on different aspects to be worked on. This specific bid is for the treatment vessels and carbon treatment. Reyna asks if AqueousUS Vets charges taxes. Hall states its usually included in the total price. Discussion. Reyna asks if AqueousUS Vets is good. Hall states she hasn't worked much on GAC vessels, but they all usually are, and they all had good references. Discussion. Hall states a grant of this amount will not be given upfront. It is going to be a process and granted in increments according to costs to be paid. Discussion. President Reyna opens the item to the public for comment. Public member Rinaldo Reyna states he talked to Reitz about the issue in the past and the contractors said they would honor the bid, so asks if they are doing so. Arias states bids went out and they received two responses. Discussion. Reyna made a motion to approve the resolution awarding a Contract to AqueousUS Vets for the Supply of TCP Treatment Vessels and Carbon Treatment for Wells 4, 5, and 7 for TCP Treatment in the Amount of \$2,919,173.00. Garza seconds the motion. All in favor; four ayes: Reyna, Ramirez, Nunez, Garza. All Absent; one absent: Sanchez. Motion passed.

D-3 Discussion/Direction regarding retirement package policy for new hires. Arias explains getting out of CalPERS contract won't be easy and it will cost money. Reyna states she doesn't think it'll be worth it, but they need a new plan for current employees and another for new employees. Papajohn states he will look into it. Discussion. President Reyna opens the item to the public for comment. Public member Rinaldo Reyna states Arias can look into it. Every time they go to the attorney, it costs money. He saw the attorney fees on the budget and suggests Arias look into it. President Reyna states Arias already called CalPERS and got an answer and the Board asked Papajohn to look into it to find out why he received that answer. Nunez states they are trying to save the District money overall in the long run. Ramirez asks Papajohn to look into it. Consensus directing Papajohn to look into this issue further.

D-4 Beautification of town and Clean-Up Day. Reyna states they are working on making the park look nice. Garza and Reyna went out to clean the last cleanup day. Reyna states she was recently approached by Del Rey Alumni to have another cleanup day September 8<sup>th</sup>. She asks if it is done during business hours if District employees can go out and cleanup also. Arias states there shouldn't be an issue with that. Reyna requests to add the Clean Up Day for September 8<sup>th</sup> on the bill for next month. Ramirez states Squid did a good job on cleanup. President Reyna opens the item to the public for comment. Public member Lopez thanks those who went out to clean and those who couldn't, no worries, there will be more opportunities. Lopez suggests doing a cleanup day every other month. Discussion. No action taken.

D-5 Discussion/Direction regarding options for use of District property located at the corner of Portola and Estrella. Dictos states this lot could be good for a library or a use for the Good News Club. Dictos states he can get all the information on the property if he gets the parcel number of the lot. President Reyna opens the item to the public for comment. Public member Joey Lopez suggests a pool, so there could be something for the kids and the District could also make money off of it. Discussion. Arias states the maintenance of the pool and liability would be high. Discussion. Reyna suggests a gym. Public member Rumaldo Reyna asks about a gas station. President Reyna states gas stations won't come with the number of residents Del Rey has- there's not enough. Discussion. Public member Rumaldo Reyna states California Packing wanted to donate the lot and asks them to see if they are still willing to. President Reyna hopes so. Public member Lopez asks who can look into seeing what they can or can't do with the property. Dictos states it depends on the zoning. Discussion. No action taken.

D-6 Discussion/Direction allowing the Good News Club to use the District Hall. Reyna asks public member Joey Lopez to discuss the item. Public member Lopez states there was a meeting with the principal, and they are waiting for the Good News Club insurance to go through. Their biggest concern is vacation time because this summer they lost connection since there was no place for the kids to meet up. Little by little they are disappearing, so they really need somewhere to meet. If the District is willing, they would really like to use the Hall during winter break, spring break, and summer vacation. Discussion. Garza states he is for it if the Board is okay with it, they have their own insurance, and it is okay with the attorney. Reyna mentions there should be a stipulation if the hall is rented it cannot be used during that time. Nunez states if it is done for one, it needs to be done for all. Ramirez states if they have their own insurance, it should be okay. Discussion. Reyna states if it is beneficial for the whole community, the District Hall should be okay. Discussion. Reyna asks Papajohn for legal aspect on the item. Papajohn doesn't see an issue using the Hall as it is for public benefit. Regarding Nunez, they do need to be careful moving forward with other groups and being accused of discrimination if they aren't allowed to use the hall. Papajohn asks if there is going to be a fee for the Good News Club to use the Hall. Reyna states there will not be fees. Papajohn throws out possible liabilities to be cautious. Ramirez states there needs to be rules- the kids need to be clean and respectful. Public member 1 suggests drawing up a contract for non-profit groups stating to meet criteria to be up for consideration to use the hall. Discussion. Reyna made a motion to allow the Good News Club to utilize the Hall during Spring, Winter, and Summer breaks with the stipulation of hall rental oversees. Garza seconds the motion. All in favor; three ayes: Reyna, Ramirez, Garza. All Abstained; one abstained: Nunez. All Absent; one absent: Sanchez. Motion passed.

D-7 Discussion/Consideration regarding the need for presence of District Staff at District public meetings. Reyna states she knows Staff charges by the hour to be at the meetings and would like to know if it is possible to eliminate those costs. She asks Papajohn if they are able to do that. Papajohn states if Staff is still listening in on the meeting, they are still charging for that time. He mentions Staff could just have them attend the meeting when needed. He states the pro of having them attend the meeting is getting real time feedback rather than waiting until the next meeting, but it is not required by law for them to attend the meetings, so it could be considered. Discussion. Reyna suggests looking into how much it costs to have them attend versus not attending for comparison and would like to know how much they charge an hour to be present at meetings. Discussion. Reyna opens the item to the public for comment. Public member Rumaldo Reyna suggests moving the Staff

reports to the beginning of the agenda so they can leave after if they decide to have Staff attend. Arias mentions at South Kings GSA meetings all Staff is present. Discussion. Reyna makes a motion directing District Manager to look into fees for District Staff to be present at the meetings and come back next month to review and discuss. Garza seconds the motion. All in favor; four ayes: Reyna, Ramirez, Nunez, Garza. All Absent; one absent: Sanchez. Motion passed.

**E. DIRECTOR COMMUNICATIONS/AGENDA ITEMS**

Nunez informs Arias that he noticed one of the District trucks was parked at a resident's house. Arias explains it was supposed to be sold to Director Sanchez, but he was taken in and didn't pay but he was given the vehicle. Nunez states he is worried about liability. Arias states he is working to get it back. Public member Jory Lopez state Roland Nelson has been driving it. Arias states he will ask to get it back, and if there is any issue, he will call the sheriff. Nunez emphasizes his biggest concern is liability.

**F. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

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

DM Arias states there is not much to report. The leak at Portola was fixed and will cost the District about \$20,000. Although he was unable to attend, he heard National Night Out was successful. He mentions the True Up payment for PG&E is higher than last year and reviews the two payment plan options to pay for it.

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

LC Papajohn states there is nothing else to report.

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

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

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

Dictos reviews report and highlights key points.

**G. UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS:**

No public comment.

**H. ADJOURNMENT:**

Reyna made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Garza seconds the motion. All in favor; four ayes: Reyna, Ramirez, Nunez, Garza. All Absent; one absent: Sanchez. Motion passed. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Eileen Hernandez

Del Rey Community Services District