

CLEAR CREEK COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 2, 2023 6:00 P.M.

Rod Twain called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm and stated all votes will be by roll call

Roll call: Rod Twain, Julie Raymond, Nancy Presser all present, Cathy Hunter via teleconference

Pledge of Allegiance led by Rod Twain

Others present: Nicolette Moroney Secretary/Treasurer, Ross Kassebaum Fire Chief, JD Hackett Water Manager, Jim Christopherson resident, Steve & Eileen Sader residents, Stephanie Bianco resident, Janis Hill Bianco, Taryn & April Purcell residents, Jasmine Conner resident, Jessica Greene resident & Rob Slater resident

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Julie Raymond, seconded by Nancy Presser, all in favor by roll call, motion carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Janis Hill wanted to make sure the board received the information she emailed earlier in the day about what the Battalion Chief Jeff Hockala said. Chief Hockala said that the counties in Northwest California haven't been surveyed as of yet but he did pull up the map and said the Clear Creek Subdivision appeared to be safe with adequate exits.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Motion to approve the regular minutes of January 5, 2023 was made by Julie Raymond, seconded by Rod Twain, all in favor by roll call, motion carried.

MOTION TO PAY INVOICES AND PAYROLL:

Motion to approve January 2023 invoices & February 2023 payroll was made by Nancy Presser, seconded by Julie Raymond, all in favor by roll call, motion carried.

DELINQUENTS: 8

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Fire Department December 31, 2022 balance \$27,019.60 (January 2023 deposits \$26,572.47) (January 2023 expenditures \$4,965.02) January 31, 2023 balance \$48,627.05

Water Department December 31, 2022 balance \$113,631.36 (January 2023 deposits \$14,101.87) (January 2023 expenditures \$8,183.24) January 31, 2023 balance \$119,549.99

Plumas Bank savings acct \$ 65,839.33 and checking acct \$10,190.90

Reviewed & motion to approve financials was made by Nancy Presser, seconded by Rod Twain, all in favor by roll call, motion carried.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT:

JD Hackett reported he went to Lake Forest Mutual and they installed a tank identical to ours for \$30,000. Our tank is 70 years old and could have cracks in it. He said back in 2017 he dropped the pressure down so no one would get hurt. The County is just missing hitting some of our fire hydrants; he talked about a scenario in case this happens. This time of year the pump room the chlorinator, sometimes he has to go on manual, currently on manual and throttling down, usually has it at 100%. He got called out at midnight customer had flooding on her side, took care of it. Cruising the system and clearing out fire hydrants. Pumps are running really slow. He asked Randy Meeks to bill us said he did a great job during the flood and it is in his pocket. He read; since the District is planning on hiring a backup operator/s so eventually I can retire, I am requesting in this public forum that the Board of Directors of the Clear Creek CSD to completely eliminate the hostile work environment that exists in the water and fire departments. I request to meet with them to discuss possible solutions. He also wants the Lopez incident investigated, then left.

Rod Twain talked to our fire chief about the hydrant in question on Rainbow. Because the hydrant has no shut off, if the County was to hit it, the whole system would have to be shutdown. We need to put a flag over it to let the County know the hydrant is there and to avoid it. Jim Christopherson said in a gas station they have steel pipes to avoid hitting anything valuable. Some of our hydrants have the steel barriers.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Ross Kassebaum reported there were no calls for service in the month of January. He wanted to share with the Board a number of areas we are not up to par, driver operator certifications, EMR. He is working with Lassen College and other fire departments to bring up and get a level of training just shy of EMR but meet the standards that the State wants. We are starting to build equipment maintenance logs, still not sure what has been done. Still having trouble finding a mechanic to work on the trucks on a regular basis for preventive maintenance. Talked to Chester Fire, they will fit test the SCBA masks. Every year we need to have the tanks serviced and maintained. Looking into writing SOP's (Standard Operating Procedures) because there are not many in writing. We borrowed 4 radios from Standish Litchfield, so we are a little closer to having a good set of communications while we look into what we want to purchase. He would like to see more community outreach. He passed around the training ISO standards, and we will be working on that.

Rod Twain asked if there should a radio per person, Chief said yes. We need at least 6 radios, one for every firefighter and would like a couple of spares. Per Steve Sader the standard cost of a radio is \$2,600.

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

#### ACTION ITEMS:

1. Rod Twain asked if there was anyone that wanted to speak on the 30 acre project. Janis Hill Bianco introduced herself as the co-owner along with her daughter Stephanie Bianco of the 30 acre project and said she had sent in the hydrology report. She had maps of the project and handed them out. She asked for questions regarding the project, Rod Twain said the Water Manager submitted his opinion and the opinion of our Fire Chief, and their opinions were both negative on how we could cover it. Per Chief he doesn't feel we are in a place where we can expand our services, our equipment is old and frail. We also have MOU's (Memorandums of Understanding) with the County and other jurisdictions in our response to them and doesn't feel comfortable that we can adhere to those agreements we already have. Rod Twain reminded everyone the only thing we are voting on is if we can provide fire protection, not water or anything else. Motion to reject fire protection for the 3 properties on the 30 acre parcel project proposal was made by Nancy Presser, seconded by Rod Twain, all in favor by roll call, motion carried.
2. Motion to appoint Jim Christopherson was made by Rod Twain, seconded by Nancy Presser, all in favor by roll call, motion carried. Jim Christopherson took the oath of office and was sworn in.
3. Motion to approve the Financial Audit Statements ending in June 2021 & June 2022 was made by Nancy Presser, seconded by Julie Raymond, all in favor by roll call, motion carried.

MATTERS INITIATED BY THE BOARD: None

The regular meeting of February 2, 2023 was adjourned at 6:43 pm. The next regular scheduled monthly Board meeting will be Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Firehouse downstairs.



Rod Twain / Chair



Nicolette Moroney / Secretary