

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
ESPARTO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
ESPARTO, CA**

SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 23, 2008
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Laurel Kienny

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT Laurel Kienny, Mike Goodin, Barry Pomeroy, Terrie Bueno, and Joseph Moreland

STAFF PRESENT Ron Loudon, Anna McNamara, and Mike Hayes

OTHERS PRESENT Melissa Jordan, Maya Below, Ralph Trujillo, David Pantoja, Tracy McNamara, and others

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Mike Goodin made a motion to approve the agenda as written, and was seconded by Director Joseph Moreland.

No discussion.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment: Melissa Jordan; requested to have all agendas e-mailed to her at the e-mail addresses noted on the last sign-in sheet.

5. CONTINUATION OF THE GRAND JURY REPORT

Discussion ensued.

Counsel's recommendation to follow as a template:

Recommendation 08-25: This recommendation [has been implemented. The District has ...] [will be implemented by _____, 20__] requires further analysis_____. The Board expects that this analysis will be completed by____] [will not be implemented because it is {not warranted}{not reasonable} for the following reason(s):]

Recommendation 08-25: The CSD Board of Directors should hire an independent auditor to complete a thorough financial audit.

Discussion ensued.

Response: Chairman Laurel Kieny made a motion the Board does do an independent audit, and attached would be the contract with Joan Sturges, and was seconded by Director Terrie Bueno.

Amended response: Director Barry Pomeroy made an amendment to the motion; if the independent audit comes back with any discrepancies or any finding which the District needs to follow up on, the district will follow up on them and if more auditing is required at that time, the district would evaluate their recommendations and Director Terrie Bueno noted her second still stood.

Further discussion ensued.

Ayes: 4 Noes: 1 (Mike Goodin) Absent: 0

Recommendation 08-26: The cash box should be balanced and reconciled monthly at the amount specified by the Board of Directors. It is recommended that the cash box amount be reduced by half, as it is apparent the current amount is beyond what CSD needs on a monthly basis.

Public comment: Melissa Jordan; questioned the order of responses to the Grand Jury.

Discussion ensued.

Response: Director Joseph Moreland made a motion the Board reconcile the cash box once a week and to reduce the cash box by half (\$250.00), and was seconded by Director Mike Goodin.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment: Ralph Trujillo; questioned the routine with the cash box and cash drawer.

Discussion ensued.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0

Recommendation 08-27: The Board of Director should rotate the responsibilities of the chair person amongst members every two

years. This will help the Board of Directors maintain more objectivity and accountability in their responsibilities.

Public comment: Tracy McNamara; noted he felt the Grand Jury should not be able to tell the Board what to do.

Discussion ensued.

Response: Chairman Laurel Kieny made a motion the Board of Directors will hear Policy recommendations from its' Board of Directors and if they see the need to change the leadership of the Board the Board will act at that time in an objective and accountable manner, and was seconded by Director Joseph Moreland.

Discussion ensued.

Restated response: Chairman Laurel Kieny restated his motion; the Board of Directors will follow District Policy, as in place at this time. Should a Board member request a Policy change of the election of officers the Board will consider it at that time, and Director Joseph Moreland noted the second, still stood.

No further discussion.

Ayes: 4 Noes: 1 (Mike Goodin) Absent: 0

Recommendation 08-28: The Board of directors should consider advertising vacancies on the Board by including notices in the monthly billings in addition to postings with local agencies and businesses.

Public comment: Melissa Jordan; stated she had concerns that the Elections Office and Supervisors Office did not know about the position open on the Esparto Board of Directors. She also made request to put the notice on the billing cards.

Discussion ensued.

Response: Chairman Laurel Kieny made a motion the Board responded to the recommendation that on the district's monthly billing cards are not capable of performing the task recommended by the Grand Jury. Also that the district posts normally in the Daily Democrat and local agencies, and that the district has posted at businesses, when the businesses allowed, and was seconded by Director Barry Pomeroy.

Discussion ensued.

Amended response: Director Mike Goodin amended the motion; the district will notify everybody in the district that there is a vacancy.

Director Barry Pomeroy did not accept the amended motion.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment: Melissa Jordan; suggested calling Becky Carson when there is an opening on the board and ask her to add to her notification in the Sunday Democrat the districts vacancy, which would be a free add if she would be willing to assist the district.

Public comment: Pamela Pearson; suggested the Valley Voice goes out once a month and is also free, along with printing on the back of the cards.

Response pulled: Director Barry Pomeroy requested to pull his second, which was agreed to by Chairman Laurel Kieny.

Response: Chairman Laurel Kieny made a motion the Board advertise through various means of the local agencies, businesses, and the district would be willing to entertain other avenues to notifying its constituents of board openings, and was seconded by Director Barry Pomeroy.

Discussion ensued.

Ayes: 4 Noes: 1 (Mike Goodin) Absent: 0

Recommendation 08-29: The Board of Directors should insist their meetings are recorded in a more effective and accurate manner and eliminate paraphrasing of the minutes by the Clerk to the Board. The Board of Directors should take care to review the minutes before approving them as being clear, concise and correct.

Public comment: Melissa Jordan; questioned the Rules of Order the Board follows and questioned why the Chairman of the Board was able to make the motion.

Discussion ensued.

Response: Director Mike Goodin made a motion the Board of Directors agrees with recommendation and would look into possibly changing the district meeting place in order to provide a more audible atmosphere, for the comfort of the public and the board, and so the machine would capture *the wording of the meeting, and was seconded by Director Terrie Bueno.*

Discussion ensued.

Response struck: Director Mike Goodin requested his motion be struck.

Restated response: Director Mike Goodin restated his motion to read; the Board has taken steps to take care of the problems of paraphrasing in order to make the minutes more effective and accurate, therefore the Board does agree with the recommendation and the Board has taken the steps to alleviate the problems, and the Board will consider changing its place of meeting in order to have a more comfortable setting for recording, and Director Terrie Bueno stated her second still stood.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment: Melissa Jordan; suggested the meeting room of the Esparto Library should be free, due to the fact that the room is at no cost if the entity utilizing the facility is affiliated with the County.

Public comment: Pamela Pearson; did not see how anyone could disagree with the recommendation.

Discussion ensued.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0

Recommendation 08-30: CSD should perform an internal water audit.

Public comment: Melissa Jordan; stated a water audit is how much water is being expended. And further complained about a leak, in the alley behind the bus shed, expressing concerns that it has been there some time and could cause bacteria and could possibly cause that bacteria to enter back into the system.

Public comment: Jim Schulte; questioned what does a water audit entail.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment: Jim Schulte; stated there is many homes in the Esperanza Estates which have continual water running from their sprinklers systems.

Discussion ensued.

Response: Director Mike Goodin made a motion the Board agree with the recommendation, further stating the issue will be addressed with the future *installation of the water meters*, and was seconded by Director Terrie Bueno.

Discussion ensued.

Public comment: Melissa Jordan; during the transition will the bill cards show the usage, and wanted to know if the district would direct the community on how to be water thrifty.

Discussion ensued.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0

6. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

a) E-mail, sent on July 18, 2008, to Cableview, requesting they put a notice on their Channel 55, for the district; a notification to our customers regarding the district's upcoming Special Meeting.

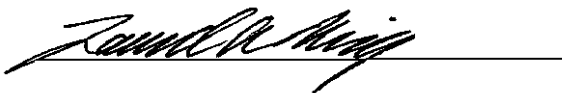
7. ADJOURNMENT

Director Mike Goodin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m., and was seconded by Director Terrie Bueno.

No discussion.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0

Laurel Kieny-Chairman of the Board



Anna McNamara-Clerk to the Board

