



**SANTA YNEZ COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
Minutes from February 15, 2023**

NOTE: This meeting was held in person, and a zoom link was provided on the Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER-5:30 PM OPEN SESSION

President Redfern called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

2. ROLL CALL:

General Manager called roll: Directors present: Beard, Redfern, Padelford, and Van Pelt; Director Jones via Zoom. Staff Present: Loch Dreizler, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer; Jeanne L. Goodwell, Interim Administrative Assistant.

3. DIRECTORS COMMENTS:

- President Redfern noted that there are community services that the District may be able to provide or facilitate. Director Jones pointed out that such services could be investigated by approving the previously discussed Community Outreach Committee.
- President Redfern indicated that the District should consider researching and purchasing disaster insurance coverage. In addition, there was some discussion about post-disaster FEMA assistance. Mr. Dreizler will contact our Special Districts Risk Management Authority to make additional inquiries.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- In a written statement from Kelly O’Conner, representing the Santa Ynez Valley View Homeowners Association, she expressed interest in learning more about connecting the residences to the sewer.

5. REPORTS:

A. General Manager:

- Interviews for the Collections Operator position were held on 2/17/2023.
- Mr. Dreizler responded to a Public Records Request for information relating to Hamner & Jewell and Cathy Springford and discussed the appropriate response with counsel.

B. Legal Counsel: None.

C. Secretary/Treasurer: None

D. Committees:

- Wastewater Treatment Committee, Directors Redfern and Beard:
 - After the last rain event, many more residents expressed interest in connecting to the sewer, and several community members attended and commented at the 2/7/2023 committee meeting.

- The District and Cannon Engineering have a concept for subsidence remediation, and Cannon will provide additional detail.
- The idea of an RV dump station was discussed.
- More information will be provided about the Chumash's new administration building and how it will be connected to its wastewater treatment plant or the Solvang plant via District's collections.
- Finance/Budget Committee, Directors Beard and Padelford: A meeting will be scheduled before the end of February.

6. CONSENT ITEMS:

A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2023. The Board noted a correction to show Frank Redfern as the President of the Board of Directors.

B. Approval of Disbursements December 7, 2022, through January 13, 2023.

1. Director Beard motioned to approve the Consent Items with the correction noted, Director Redfern seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Discussion and Approval to Consider Board Member Compensation.

1. Mr. Dreizler presented information regarding his review of Board compensation, indicating that there has not been an increase since 2007, and outlined the process for an increase.
2. Director Jones motioned to approve staff to begin the Public Hearing process for an ordinance to increase Board members' compensation; Director Padelford seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Discussion and Approval of the Eide Bailly Contract Extension.

1. Mr. Dreizler provided context for the hiring of Eide Bailly through a summary list of what services they have been providing to the District. He indicated that because of the challenges of working with the current accounting software and data retrieval, it has become clear that an extension of the present contract is the best course of action.
2. Director Beard motioned to approve extending the District's contract with Eide Bailly by an additional \$25,000, totaling \$50,000; Director Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Discussion and Adoption of Resolution No. 23-01 – Remote Teleconference

1. There was a discussion of the new provisions of AB 2449, which will go into effect when AB 361 ends on March 1, 2023.
2. Director Jones motioned to approve the adoption of Resolution 23-01 Authorizing Continuation of Remote Teleconference Meetings under AB 361 until March 1, 2023; Director Padelford seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

D. Discussion and Approval of General Manager 6-month Review – Salary and Benefit Increase.

1. Members of the Personnel Committee, Directors Jones and Van Pelt, presented their findings. They determined that Mr. Dreizler is the right person for the District's General Manager position: his experience and knowledge match the District's needs, and his work product and work ethic have been outstanding.
2. In reviewing the responsibilities and pay rate of general managers in several Special Districts, they found it difficult to draw a comparison and felt the current pay rate should be increased.
3. Director Jones motioned to authorize a salary of \$175,000 per year with the current benefits Mr. Dreizler, and Director Beard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Remote Board Meetings – Alternatives for the Future.** This information was discussed during the Remote Teleconferencing action item.
- B. Capacity Charge increase and other rate increases.** Mr. Dreizler presented a chart of automatic increases that went into effect on January 1, 2023.

9. CLOSED SESSION: No closed session tonight

- 10. ADJOURNMENT:** Director Beard motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 PM; Director Padelford seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

Frank Redfern, President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Loch Dreizler, General Manager

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