

GOLDEN HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 15, 2024

5:00 PM

21415 REEVES STREET

The GHCS D Board of Directors duly met for a Regular Meeting on February 15, 2024, at 21415 Reeves Street, Tehachapi, California.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 5:00 PM

DIRECTORS PRESENT: David Benham, John Buckley, Joe King, David Shaw, Scott Wyatt

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Christopher Carlson, General Manager; Brian Barnett, Business Analyst; Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel.

2. CLOSED SESSION INPUT:

No Public Comment

3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

Director Benham referenced the items listed on the Agenda for Closed Session and advised the Board and public that these items would be discussed under Closed Session.

Motion to adjourn to Closed Session made by Director King at 5:03 PM, seconded by Director Shaw and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Shaw, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

CLOSED SESSION – CONDUCTED IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM.

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2) and (d)(4): One matter.

Motion to adjourn from Closed Session made by Director Shaw at 6:03 PM, seconded by Director King and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Shaw, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

OPEN SESSION – 6:04 P.M.

4. FLAG SALUTE:

Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

5. REPORTING ON CLOSED SESSION:

None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Phyllis Diston gave a comment

7. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Staff presented reports on the District's financial statements.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion to approve the consent calendar A-C was made by Director Wyatt, seconded by Director Shaw, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Shaw, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

General Manager provided a report to the Board and public.

10. RESOLUTION 24-11 PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FEES JULY 1, 2024:

Motion to approve Resolution 24-11 providing for an increase in the solid waste collection fees July 1, 2024 was made by Director Wyatt, seconded by Director Buckley, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Shaw, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

11. RESOLUTION 24-08, ESTABLISHING THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES FOR US BANK:

Motion to approve Resolution 24-08 establishing the authorized representatives for US Bank was made by Director Buckley, seconded by Director King, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Shaw, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

12. PUBLIC AGENCY RETIREMENT SERVICES (PARS):

Board heard staff report on the status of the enhanced retirement plan.

13. FREESTONE RENEWABLES OPTION AND SOLAR GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT:

Motion to approve and authorize the General Manager to execute the Option and the Solar Ground Lease Agreement between the Golden Hills Community Services District and Freestone Renewable for proposed solar field projects located on APN's 223-451-12 and 223-500-29 was made by Director Wyatt, seconded by Director Buckley, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Shaw, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. STANDING COMMITTEES:

- 1) Finance – Director King gave a report.
- 2) Personnel – No report given

B. AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- 1) Surrounding Community – No report given.
- 2) Land Revenue Evaluation- No report given.

C. REVIEW OF AD HOC COMMITTEES AND ASSIGNED OBJECTIVES.

D. REVIEW OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

15. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS:

Motion to appoint Director King by Shaw and Wyatt and the General Manager Christopher Carlson by Shaw and Benham as ACWA JPIA representatives for 2024.

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Shaw, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

16. NEW BUSINESS:

Director Shaw - A solid waste discussion regarding the organics cart and how you can opt in and out for J. Torres. What are the requirements for self-hauling.

Director Buckley – What are the options regarding 360 GM evaluation for employees to say how GM is doing.

17. ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion to adjourn at 7:20 PM was made by Director Shaw, seconded by Director King, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Shaw, Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

/s/
Christopher Carlson, Secretary

/s/
David Benham, President