

GOLDEN HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 18, 2024

4:00 PM

21415 REEVES STREET

The GHCSO Board of Directors duly met for a Regular Meeting on April 18, 2024, at 21415 Reeves Street, Tehachapi, California.

OPEN SESSION: Convened at 4:02 PM

DIRECTORS PRESENT: David Benham, John Buckley, David Shaw,

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Joe King, Scott Wyatt

OTHERS PRESENT: Christopher Carlson, General Manager; Brian Barnett, Business Analyst; Davin Blain, Water Operations Supervisor; 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 Buckley at 4:03 PM, seconded by Director Shaw and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, Shaw

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: King, Wyatt

Director King came during closed session.

CLOSED SESSION – CONDUCTED IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM.

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2) and (d)(4): Two matters.

B. EMPLOYMENT

Government Code § 54957 (b)(1)
Title: Performance Evaluation – General Manager

C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Government Code § 54957.6
Agency Negotiator: General Manager
Employee Organization: Teamsters

D CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

Government Code § 54956.9 – One Item
Description of Property: Water Rights
Agency Negotiators: General Manager, Legal Counsel
Negotiation Parties: Golden Hills CSD and Potential Seller
Under Negotiation: Price and terms

E CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

Government Code § 54956.9 – One Item
Description of Property: 416-392-01
Agency Negotiators: General Manager
Negotiation Parties: Golden Hills CSD and J. Torres Co Inc.
Under Negotiation: Lease price and terms

Motion to adjourn from Closed Session made by Director King at 5:58 PM,
seconded by Director Shaw and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Shaw

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Wyatt

OPEN SESSION – 6:02 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:

Joe Torres gave an update on how the organics waste pickup is going.

Item #15 was brought to this point in the meeting.

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 Shaw, seconded by Director Buckley, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Shaw

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Wyatt

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

General Manager provided a report to the Board and public.

10. REVIEW OF SPECIAL PLANNING MEETING HELD MARCH 2, 2024:

Board reviewed the special planning meeting held on March 2, 2024.

The board wanted to bring a couple of things to discuss:

Solar, and the Nature park committee discussion items: "Critter Management, Trees, bridge crossing.

11. NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) FIREWISE USA PROGRAM:

Direct the General Manager to expense appropriate resources, (flyers, Board room meeting space, staff time, electronic message board, etc) to help facilitate the creation of Firewise communities throughout Golden Hills.

12. CURRENT STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SB 1383, CALIFORNIA'S SHORT-LIVED CLIMATE POLLUTANT REDUCTION STRATEGY:

Board heard the Solid Waste Ad Hoc report regarding the status of the ongoing CalRecycle Corrective Action Plan, policies, procedures, and public outreach efforts regarding the implementation of SB 1383.

Direct the General Manager to look into starting back up the CCR's and see what we need to do going forward. See if self-hauling is still a viable option for the District by spending money on a minority of people.

13. RESOLUTION 23-18 ESTABLISHING AND/OR CONSOLIDATING THE DISTRICT'S CHARGES AND FEES FOR CERTAIN WATER SERVICES:

Board heard no changes from staff regarding any changes to Resolution 23-18. Board had no changes as well.

14. RESOLUTION NO. 24-16 INCREASING BASE AND CONSUMPTIVE RATES IN DIRECT CORRELATION WITH THE INCREASE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

Board reviewed Resolution 24-16 increasing base and consumptive rates by 3.5% effective July 1, 2024. Motion to approve Resolution 24-16 increasing the base and consumptive rates by 3.5% effective July 1, 2024 was made by Director Buckley, seconded by Director King, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Shaw

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Wyatt

15. HONOR FLIGHT KERN COUNTY DONATION REQUEST:

Board heard from Steven Miles regarding the potential donation from the GHCSO to support the Honor Flight Kern County program and gave a donation of \$3,000 from the community to participate in the event for the veteran and their chaperone to go was made by Director Buckley, seconded by Director King, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Shaw

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Wyatt

16. 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.
- 3) Solid Waste – Director King gave a report
- 4) Firewise Ad Hoc – Director Shaw gave a report
- 5) Scholarship – Director Benham gave a report

C. REVIEW OF AD HOC COMMITTEES AND ASSIGNED OBJECTIVES.

Nature Park Activities/Priorities Committee- Director King and Buckley

Security - to discuss enforcement activities – Director King and Wyatt

Land Revenue Evaluation was dissolved.

D. REVIEW OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

17. NEW BUSINESS:

Review the policy for paying out for Board members.

18. ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion to adjourn at 7:49 PM was made by Director Shaw, seconded by Director Benham, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Benham, Buckley, King, Shaw

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Wyatt

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

/s/
Christopher Carlson, Secretary

/s/
David Benham, President