

Del Rey Community Services District
**Minutes of the
Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
August 15, 2024
7:00p.m.**

President Reyna called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Directors present: Maria Reyna, Daniel Ramirez, Stephanie Garza
Directors absent: Joaquin Nunez, Rolando Sanchez

A-2 The Board leads in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A-3 **Approval of Agenda:** Reyna requests to move item D-2 to before public comment to allow the auditor to explain and leave early. Arias asks to table item D-1 as they need more information before discussing. Reyna opens the item to the public for comment. No public comment. Garza made a motion to approve the agenda with the changes. Reyna seconds the motion. All in favor; three ayes: Reyna, Ramirez, Garza. All Absent; two absent: Nunez, Sanchez. Motion passed.

B. SCHEDULED AND UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS:

Public member Frances Fonseca makes a complaint about the District Manager, messy alleys, the over watering by neighbors causing a mess in the gutter, a District employee for not cleaning the streets, and not being able to vote for the Board members. She claims she is going to start a petition to get the District Manager fired. She believes the District should fine people for not cleaning their yards and their portion of the alley. President Reyna explains the District Manager does what he can and authorized to do. As far as the neighbors, they cannot control them and how they have their yards. She hopes the Board can come up with a solution to fix the issue. She explains Jim is a part time employee that was hired to maintain the sewer plant, he doesn't maintain the residents' yards or streets. Reyna informs her she can vote in November – she needs to look for District on the ballot. Director Ramirez states he will stop by her house to check out the issue and if needed will clean it. Leticia from CRLA asks what the plans to use the area for LAFCO are. President Reyna responds it will be used as a walking park and housing.

C. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- C-1 Approve payments for vendors for West America Bank – July 2024, a Total Amount of \$178,752.98.
- C-2 Approve payments for vendors for West America Bank – August 9, 2024, a Total Amount of \$40,429.29.
- C-3 Approval of Minutes of July 18, 2024, Regular Board Meeting.

Garza asks why AM Consulting payment of about \$87,000 was so expensive. Reyna explains most of it is being reimbursed by grants. Reyna asks if payroll can be broken down and listed by employee. Reyna opens the item to the public for comment. No public comment. Reyna made a motion to approve items C-1 to C-3. Ramirez seconds the motion. All in favor; three ayes: Reyna, Ramirez, Garza. All Absent; two absent: Nunez, Sanchez. Motion passed.

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS (DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS):

D-1 Discussion/Direction on updating the policy for water and sewer connection fees. Item tabled until the next meeting.

D-2 Consideration/Action to select Jaribu Nelson for auditor services. Jaribu explains he was informed there was a clerical error in the audit report. He sent over the correction on page 7 and presented it to the Board. He states he was informed of the Hall Rental clerical error also right before the meeting so hasn't had time to look into it but will do so. He states even with the changes, it doesn't change the overall outcome and review of the report. Dictos states the accountant should review the audit report, but he didn't do that this year, so he takes responsibility for that. He suggests from here on out the Accountant and District Manager will review the audit before presenting to the Board to make sure it looks good. Discussion. Reyna opens the item to the public for comment. Public member Reyna thought they were contracted with Nelson on five-year basis. President Reyna explains that he has to be accepted to hire every year. Reyna made a motion to accept Jaribu Nelson for auditor services. Garza seconds the motion. All in favor; three ayes: Reyna, Ramirez, Garza. All Absent; two absent: Nunez, Sanchez. Motion passed.

D-3 Approval of Resolution Required by the California Office of Emergency Services Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution. Angela Hall from Am Consulting Engineers states staff recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution which gives the District Manager the authority to sign and close out documents to process eligible disaster assistance for reimbursements related to 2023 winter storm damage. The grant was approved for \$36,363. Discussion. Reyna made a motion to approve the resolution. Ramirez seconds the motion. All in favor; three ayes: Reyna, Ramirez, Garza. All Absent; two absent: Nunez, Sanchez. Motion passed.

E. DIRECTOR COMMUNICATIONS/AGENDA ITEMS

Reyna states National Night Out was a big success. It has been brought to her attention by residents' complaints that the office, grass, and streets look bad. There may be issues with the sprinkler system, and they may need to be replaced.

F. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

F-1 Report of District Manager (Report by Carlos Arias)

DM Arias reports that the fence where the limbs of the tree fell on at the park was replaced. It cost \$950. He says the tree is dry and needs to be cut down completely as well as the one by the District Office. They are both super dry and are a liability. He called PG&E and Fresno County, neither will do it so he needs to find someone that can.

F-2 Report of District Counsel (Report by Michael Linden)

LC Linden states there is nothing to report.

F-3 Report of District Engineer (Report by AM Consulting)

Angela Hall gives updates on projects and reviews the report.

F-4 Report of District Accountant (Report by Paul Dictos)

Dictos presents financial statements for the months of June and July.

G. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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