

*Del Rey Community Services District*  
**Minutes of the  
Board of Directors  
Regular Board Meeting  
September 15, 2022  
7:00p.m.**

President Garza called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

A2 The Board leads in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A3 **Approval of Agenda:** Consensus to approve the agenda of the September 15, 2022, Regular Board meeting.

**B. Public Comment (limit of three minutes):**

Public member Catalina Reyna states she notices the neighborhoods- streets, yard, abandoned cars, and weeds- are an issue. She mentions an act done before by previous Board. Before, notices would be placed on doors for broken down cars to get them fixed. DM Arias directs question to Papajohn. Reyna states the Board has a right to create ordinances- the issue needs to be addressed and enforced. Sanchez states for now, it's ongoing- to call Highway Patrol, and they will come and tag them. Discussion. LC Papajohn states he will look into it, but he believes what Sanchez stated is accurate. Public member Reyna would like the District to send notices and warnings. Discussion. DM Arias states Del Rey is not a city, so it is limited to what it can enforce. Garza opens item to the public. No public comment. DM Arias reassures the public it will be looked into. Garza asks to add the item to next months agenda to make sure it is addressed. DM Arias will call County to look into it, but, if need be, will direct it to LC Papajohn.

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

C-1 Approve Minutes of the August 18, 2022, Regular Board Meeting. Ramirez questions the cost of the basketball court stated in the minutes and asks public member Lopez to clarify. Public member Lopez responds it will be roughly \$43,500 total to repave and add a fence to the 120by 60-foot area. Reyna made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2022, Regular Board Meeting. Ramirez seconded the motion. All in favor; four ayes: Garza, Reyna, Ramirez, Sanchez. All absent; one absent: Nunez. Motion passed.

**D. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

D-1 Approve payments for vendors for West America Bank – August 2022, a Total Amount of \$109,438.98. Reyna question check #3254 made to DRCSD. Ramirez clarifies it was a payment made to customer from the Hall Deposit Account, which needed to be reimbursed because the AC unit wasn't working during the rental. Reyna questions check #3249 to CPA. Arias explains the auditor requested half as the initial payment of \$5,000. Garza opens the item to the public for comment. No public comment. Reyna made a motion to approve payments made to vendors for August. Garza seconded the motion. All in favor; four ayes: Garza, Reyna, Ramirez, Sanchez. All absent; one absent: Nunez. Motion passed.

D-2 Approve payments for vendors for West America Bank – September 9, 2022, a Total Amount of \$28,276.27. Garza opens the item to the public for comment. No public comment. Reyna made a motion to approve item D-2. Ramirez seconded the motion. All in favor; four ayes: Garza, Reyna, Ramirez, Sanchez. All absent; one absent: Nunez. Motion passed.

D-3 Resolution to Allow the Option of Board Members to Attend Meetings Remotely. Ramirez made a motion to approve the Resolution to allow the option of Board Members to attend meetings remotely. Reyna seconded the motion. All in favor; four ayes: Garza, Reyna, Ramirez, Sanchez. All absent; one absent: Nunez. Motion passed.

**E. PUBLIC HEARINGS (DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS):**

E-1 Adoption of Resolution Approving Budget for FY 2022-2023. Arias says he has been waiting on Sanchez and Reyna; he previously asked them to bring in the numbers they wanted to adjust but hasn't received anything. Reyna apologizes, and says he has the numbers now. He explains which numbers he would like to adjust. Discussion. Ramirez asks Reyna if he is going to approve because he said he would meet with Carlos to be sure to approve it this meeting. Discussion. Sanchez apologizes for not putting the numbers in writing, but if the Board doesn't want to accept the numbers verbally, he must step back and let the Board do what they have to do. Ramirez states the budget is a ballpark- it doesn't mean the District is going to spend it. He believes Carlos is doing his best not to spend. Ramirez states the Directors have had 3 months, and they dropped the ball. A special meeting is suggested. Arias states it will be the second special meeting specifically for the budget. Ramirez states a special meeting is a wasting money. Discussion. Garza opens the item to the public for comment. Public member Lopez asks if they can avoid a special meeting. Adopt the budget tonight and if they would like to make changes they can do so later. Papajohn states they can do so. Sanchez believes the budget needs to be passed, and he takes full responsibility for not doing his part. Public member Reyna agrees- it is long overdue. Discussion. Arias states he would like the numbers in writing, in his opinion, but it is up to the Board. Ramirez made a motion to approve the budget with the stipulation to adjust at the next meeting. Sanchez seconded the motion. All in favor; three ayes: Garza, Ramirez, Sanchez. All opposed; one opposed: Reyna. All absent; one absent: Nunez. Motion passed.

E-2 Discussion and Direction regarding previous budget and audit. Reyna has no other comment. Item previously discussed.

E-3 Discussion and Direction regarding maintenance of parks and town. Reyna states the District needs to take care of things it is given, such as the trees that were donated. Discussion. The lines on the sprinklers need to be replaced. It was already approved- ha has the minutes. Ramirez states the broken sprinkler might be drip irrigation. Garza asks if gopher traps can be set up to prevent them from biting the lines. Arias states there is poison at plant for squirrels. It has been working, so they can do that. Garza opens the item to the public for comment. Arias states it's a large area, so its harder to maintain. They will get gopher bites to get rid of them and replace line with PVC. Ramirez wants to make a point- the District wants to spend money to beautify town but want to save on budget; everything costs money. Reyna states the sprinkler line replacement was already approved, and the District is not doing what we're supposed to.

**F. DIRECTOR COMMUNICATIONS/AGENDA ITEMS**

Ramirez thanks DM Arias for having Squid clean the area of bushes which were hazardous and allows good clearance now for cars in alley on Oak Lane, so he appreciates it.

**G. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

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

DM Arias gives an update on the valve and water leak. He reports the basin discussed for a walking path is out of the District's jurisdiction, so it may not be able to qualify for the grant as they hoped. He states they signed an agreement with ARPA (recharge basins on Carmel and Del Rey) for \$418,000. Pipeline Replacement Project signed yesterday- \$1,450,000. He informs the Board there was an issue with water level at lift station, so to expect a wastewater plant bill for CWS and O.T. for Jim. The SCADA system needs to be inspected because it is not sending signals> The resistors are burned, so they will send 8 replacements. ICAD will be informed if the issue. Sanchez asked if he could go check it out, and he can have one of the guys go with him. DM Arias says he needs the Board's authorization. Sanchez states he promised to teach the guys, so he would like to take advantage of the opportunity. Board thanks Sanchez.

G-2 Report of District Counsel (Report by Nicolas Papajohn)

LC Papajohn states his daughter's due date is coming up, so he won't be at the next meeting. Someone else will cover.

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

Manrique reviews the Engineer report.

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

Dictos not present.

**H. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Public member Lopez has an idea and needs the Board's help. He acknowledges that other communities and churches have trunk or treat events, and Del Rey has a lot of cars zooming through the streets which makes it unsafe for children. He would like the community to set up a safe place in the back lot of District building for kids to participate in and try to make it an annual thing. He would like approval to set up, so requests to add the item to the agenda, and if it is approved, he will pass out fliers and set it up on Halloween. Discussion. Ramirez states the town needs revival. Sanchez says there needs to be culture for community. Discussion. LC Papajohn states there is always a liability and asks if there have been events held previously. Liability insurance should be enough but will doublecheck with Shannon. Discussion. Donating the hall for Halloween if the parking lot is a liability is suggested. Asks the lawyer to look into it. Public member Catalina Reyna says its important to beautify the town and suggests ways to do so. Garza suggests hosting a day for the community to clean- mow lawns, wash cars, clean yards. Discussion.

LC Papajohn announces the closed session item.

**I. CLOSED SESSION:**

I-1 Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Pursuant to Government Code §54957(b)(1).)  
Position: District Manager

No public comment.

The Board went into closed session at 8:33 pm.

No reportable action. The Board tables closed session item to the next meeting.

**J. ADJOURNMENT:**

Consensus to adjourn the meeting. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Del Rey Community Services District