

Salton Community Services District

REGULAR MEETING *Minutes*

March 20, 2024

Closed Session 1:00 p.m.

Open Session 2:00 p.m.

1209 Van Buren Ave.

Salton City, CA 92275

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Michelle Gilmore, President
Michael Friese, Vice President
Manuel Ramos, Director
Lidia A. Sierra, Director
Dale Johnson, Director

STAFF:

Emmanuel Ramos, Interim General Manager
Thania Garcia, Board Secretary
Christina Sutton, Finance Officer
Oracio Lemus, Field Foreman
Pascual Muniz, Park Maintenance

1. CALL TO ORDER:

1:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

**Michelle Gilmore Present
Michael Friese Present
Manuel Ramos Present**

**Lidia Sierra Present
Dale Johnson Present**

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54954.3, the public has the right to address the board regarding any closed session items listed on the **closed session agenda** prior to the board adjourning into closed session. Anyone who wishes to address the Board, please come to the microphone. Public comments are limited to (3) minutes for each person. Comments are not to be directed towards an individual or individuals but to the Board on a specific issue.

4. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) Roxana Chavez v. Salton Services Community District, et al. Imperial County Superior Court Case No.: ECU002702

A settlement was reached in the amount of \$162,00.00 paid by the district insurance SDRMA.

- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Name of case: SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, a California special district, Plaintiff, vs. MITCHELL EDWARD MANSFIELD, an individual; and DOES 1-50, inclusive (Imperial County Superior Court Case # ECU002875

Mr. Mansfield has failed to respond or answer, and Ms. Sutton signed a declaration, and the next step is a default judgment hearing.

- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (One case: Demand for Health Benefits by employee Stephen Prager)

No reportable action.

- D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation under paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (One potential case)

No reportable action.

5. OPEN SESSION: 2:00 pm

6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Michelle Gilmore, President

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS:

8. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Colton Stewart Account Manager and Jon Borden President of RH Borden presentation on Technology in Collection System Management.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54954.3 members of the public may address the Board at this time on any items of public interest that are within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. The Ralph M. Brown Act, however, prohibits the Board from acting on any matter not appearing on the agenda. Those who wish to address the Board should come to the microphone. Members of the public will be given three (3) minutes to address the board on any items of public interest. Comments are not to be directed towards an individual or individuals but to the Board on a specific issue.

Irene Hernandez- She suggested that adding more grass would significantly enhance our parks and emphasized the importance of providing children with a pleasant play area. She expressed some concerns regarding the delay in fully implementing Phase 2, particularly given that Phase 1 has already been completed, and sought clarification on the factors hindering the progress of the project.

10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Michelle Gilmore- No Comment

Michael Friese- Attended a meeting at Desert Shores regarding the Channel Maintenance Restoration Project.

Manuel Ramos-No Comment

Lidia Sierra – No Comment

Dale Johnson- No Comment

11. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

Consent calendar items are expected to be routine and non-controversial, to be acted upon by the board of directors at one time without discussion. If any board member requests that an item be removed from the consent calendar, it will be removed so that it may be acted upon separately.

- A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 21, 2024.
(Removed item A to be voted on separately)**

Vice President Friese motioned to approve the minutes with the change made to the date in the minutes from January 21 to January 17. President Gilmore seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Gilmore Yes

Director Sierra Yes

Vice President Friese Yes

Director Johnson Yes

Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passes 5-0

- B. Approve demands for the month of February 2024.
Slovak, Baron, Empey, Murphy, & Pinkney **(\$6,179.00)****

Vice President Friese motioned to approve items B and C on the consent calendar items. Director Ramos seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Gilmore Yes

Director Sierra Yes

Vice President Friese Yes

Director Johnson Yes

Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passes 5-0

12. REPORTS:

- A. Interim General Manager’s report [Emmanuel Ramos]**
- B. Finance Officer’s report [Christina Sutton]**
- C. Field Foreman’s report [Oracio Lemus]**
- D. Park Supervisor’s report [Pascual Muniz]**

13. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD REPORTS: STANDING COMMITTEE:

- A. Architectural Committee Report [Israel Gonzales]

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion and approval of the Board to select Imperial County Public Works to assist the District with the Desert Shores Soccer Park Phase.
- B. Discussion and approval to allow the Finance Officer to sign documents for Phase 2 Desert Shore Soccer Project.

Vice President Friese motioned to table items A and B for a period of 2 months.

Director Johnson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Gilmore Yes

Director Sierra No

Vice President Friese Yes

Director Johnson Yes

Director Ramos No

Motion Passes 3-2

15. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion and approval of the Comparator Agency Analysis for the Compensation Study by Gallagher (formerly known as Koff & Associates)

Vice President Friese motioned to approve Comparator Agency Analysis for the Compensation Study by Gallagher (formerly known as Koff & Associates). Director Ramos seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Gilmore Yes

Director Sierra No

Vice President Friese Yes

Director Johnson Yes

Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passes 4-1

- B. Discussion and approval to accept Imperial County's Donation of \$4,000.00 for soccer equipment.

Director Johnson motioned to approve the acceptance of Imperial County's Donation of 4,000.00 for soccer equipment. Director Sierra seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Gilmore Yes

Director Sierra Yes

Vice President Friese Yes

Director Johnson Yes

Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passes 5-0

- C. Discussion and approval to accept Imperial County’s Donation of \$500.00 for events.
President Gilmore motioned to approve the \$500.00 donation from Imperial County for events. Vice President Friese seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Gilmore- Yes Director Sierra- Yes
Vice President Friese- Yes Director Johnson- Yes
Director Ramos- Yes

Motion Passes 5-0

- D. Discussion and approval for the March Event held on March 29, 2024.
Vice President Friese motioned to approve the event later in April. President Gilmore seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Gilmore- Yes Director Sierra- Yes
Vice President Friese- Yes Director Johnson- Yes
Director Ramos- Yes

Motion Passes 5-0

E. RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03-20-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ORDERING AN ELECTION, REQUESTING THE COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICIAL TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION, AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION OF THE ELECTION OF THE SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT WITH THE OTHER ELECTIONS ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024.

Vice President Friese motioned to approve Resolution No. 2024-03-20-01. Director Ramos seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Gilmore Yes Director Sierra Yes
Vice President Friese Yes Director Johnson Yes
Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passes 5-0

F. RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03-20-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT UPDATING THE SEWER USER FEE REIMBURSEMENT.

Vice President Friese motioned to approve Resolution No. 2024-03-20-01. Director Ramos seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Gilmore Yes Director Sierra Yes
Vice President Friese Yes Director Johnson Yes
Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passes 5-0

16. ADJOURNMENT:



Sonia Thania Garcia, Secretary of the Board



Michelle Gilmore, President of the Board

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