

**SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**November 16, 2022**

**Closed Session 6:00 p.m.**

**Open Session 7:00 p.m.**

**1209 Van Buren Ave.**

**Salton City, CA 92275**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Ms. Lidia A. Sierra, Vice President  
Ms. Michelle Gilmore, Director  
Mr. Dale Johnson, Director  
Mr. Manuel H. Ramos, Director

**STAFF:**

Emmanuel Ramos, Interim General Manager  
Sonia Thania Garcia, Board Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.**

**2. ROLL CALL:**

**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 each person.

**4. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:**

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (Three (3) potential cases)

**5. OPEN SESSION: 7:00 p.m.**

**6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Lidia Sierra, Vice President**

**7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS:**

**No Closed Session**

**8. PRESENTATIONS/ PUBLIC APPEARANCES:**

**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 taking action 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.

**Lili Garcia- Spoke on the matter of Conflict of Interest between Interim General Manager and a board of director. She will be sending the Conflict-of-Interest Code to be reviewed.**

**Jose Luis Fuentes- Talked about the Conflict of Interest between the Interim General Manager being related to one of the Board of Directors.**

**Imari Kariotis- Imari brought up that any activity planned should be accessible by those with disabilities. The parks are not accessible to the children that have disability, and it should be something we should change. She is willing to help to better the parks for all the kids.**

**Sonia Murillo- Talked about how Mr. Fuentes gave his support to the three new board of directors. And how he turned against them when they decided to part ways and not choose him as their legal counsel. They let him go because he was telling to sign a check for Misch.**

**Lizabeth Flowers- spoke about a request she talked to the office about adding progress reports and update of new projects and a project checklist posted on the website also budgets.**

**10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**Michelle Gilmore- Gave an acknowledgement to Rogelio Flores the previous Board President for donating his check to the staff for a lunch in.**

**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 October 2022

**Director Johnson motioned to table the approval of the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of October 2022. Director Ramos second the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

**Vice President Sierra Yes                      Director Johnson Yes**

**Director Gilmore Yes**

**Director Ramos Yes**

- B. Approve demands for the month of October 2022

- C. Approval of Slovak Baron Empey Murphy & Pinkney LLP, Attorney at Law. Demand in the amount of **(\$5,926.00)** for October 2022

**Director Johnson motioned to approve items B and C from the Consent Calendar. Director Ramos second the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

**Vice President Sierra Yes                      Director Johnson Yes**

**Director Gilmore Yes**

**Director Ramos Yes**

**12. REPORTS:**

- A. Interim General Manager's report

**With both grants they will be going with an informal bidding. Once we have the three bids it will be brought to the board for a vote on which service will be used. For the LAIF account we are transferring money from that account to the Pacific Premiere for Sewer Fund to pay for the control panel in Station 2. Once we get**

**our Sewer Fees from Imperial County, we will put back what was borrowed from the LAIF account.**

- B. Finance Officer's report

**Was not present**

- C. Field Foreman's report

**Updates to stations and repairs to equipment also closed pond six for maintenance. Monthly wastewater samples and other monthly routine of reports to Water Quality. Checked the troubled lines in Salton City and Desert Shores. Service aerators at TRC pond.**

**13. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD REPORTS: AD HOC COMMITTEES:**

- A. Finance Committee Report

**No Quorum was formed so there was no meeting**

- B. Architectural Committee Report

**No plans have been Submitted so there was no meeting.**

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**15. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Appoint a new Director to fill the vacancy left by Rogelio Flores resignation. **Director Johnson motioned to seat Michael Friese as a Director of the Board to fill the vacancy left by Rogelio Flores resignation. Director Ramos second the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

**Vice President Sierra No**

**Director Johnson Yes**

**Director Ramos Yes**

**Director Gilmore Yes**

**3-0 Motion Passes**

- B. Appoint a new President and Vice President of the Board of Directors.  
**Director Johnson motioned to seat Michelle Gilmore as President of the Board of Director. Vice President Sierra second the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**4-0 Motion Passes**

- C. Discussion and Approval for the cost of \$40,000.00 for a New Control Panel for Station 2.

**Director Johnson made a motion to approve the cost of \$40,000.00 for a New Control Panel for Station 2. Director Ramos Second the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

**President Gilmore Yes            Director Johnson Yes**  
**Vice President Sierra No        Director Friese Yes**  
**Director Ramos Yes**

**4-0 Motion Passes**

- D. RESOLUTION NO. 2022-11-16-01 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT TO CLOSE THE CURRENT ACCOUNT WITH WELLS FARGO, N.A.

**Director Johnson motioned to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2022-11-16-01 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT TO CLOSE THE CURRENT ACCOUNT WITH WELLS FARGO, N.A. Director Ramos second the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**5-0 Motion Passes**

E. RESOLUTION NO. 2022-11-16-02 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT CENSURING DIRECTOR LIDIA A. SIERRA AND CALLING FOR CORRECTIVE ACTION IN ORDER TO PROTECT AND BETTER SERVE EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT.

**Director Johnson motioned to approve the RESOLUTION NO. 2022-11-16-02 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT CENSURING DIRECTOR LIDIA A. SIERRA AND CALLING FOR CORRECTIVE ACTION IN ORDER TO PROTECT AND BETTER SERVE EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT. Director Ramos second the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**4-1 abstain Motion Passes**

F. RESOLUTION NO. 2022-11-16-03 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR TIME, PLACE AND RULES FOR REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETING.

**Director Ramos motioned to approve the RESOLUTION NO. 2022-11-16-03 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR TIME, PLACE AND RULES FOR REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETING. Director Friese second the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

**President Gilmore Yes                      Director Johnson Yes  
Vice President Sierra No              Director Friese Yes  
Director Ramos Yes**

**4-1 Motion Passes**

G. Discuss amendment of Bylaws Government Code 61050 and Government Code 61051.

H. Discuss amendment of Existing Board Policy and Procedure.

- I. Temporarily Suspend the Finance Committee.  
**Director Ramos motioned to table item 15G, 15H, and 15I.**  
**Director Johnson second the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**5-0 Motion Passes**

**16. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm**



**Michelle Gilmore, President of the Board**



**Sonia Thania Garcia, Board Secretary**

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