

Salton Community Services District
SPECIAL MEETING *Minutes*

September 27, 2023

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
Stephen Prager, Park Supervisor

1. CALL TO ORDER: 1:00 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 for each person.

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
No Reportable Action

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Name of case: JALYNDA ELLEN ALEXANDER, Petitioner, vs. SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT Respondent, Immanuel Ramos; Manuel Henry Ramos Real Parties in Interest. (Imperial County Superior Court Case # ECU003061)
No Reportable Action. They were dismissed by stipulation by the plaintiff.

C. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code § 54957.6) District designated representatives: Emmanuel Ramos, Christina Sutton, Robert Patterson, and Lena Wade Employee organization: Laborer's' International Union of North America Local No. 1184.

Christina Sutton and Robert Patterson did not attend the close session. The organization is Laborer's' International Union of North America Local No. 1184. No Reportable Action.

D. 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 Steven Prager)

There was a motion to return the claim as untimely. Board Member Friese motioned to approve Board Member Johnson seconded the motion. Board members Johnson, Sierra, Friese, Ramos, and Gilmore voted in favor of the motion so the vote carries.

E. 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

Johnson recused himself.

5. **OPEN SESSION: 2:00 pm**

6. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Michelle Gilmore, President**

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.

John Connelly- Asked why he was missing the Lease Agreement on the Agenda.

Board Secretary- Made him aware of a binder that has all the information in it and the information is posted on the website.

Barbara Quiroz- Also asked for the full public agenda packet with everything the Board has.

Board Secretary- Answered that they can call ahead to request a complete packet.

Howard Smotherman- The water facet in the Desert Shores Men's Restroom was not working. When the facet was turned off, it continued to leak. The groundbreaking at Desert Shores Park has been canceled and asked if it was to be rescheduled. Made a recommendation to the board to place a pickleball court in the park.

10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

President Gilmore- Announced Coffee with Cops, IID is offering a Resident Energy Assistant Program. Asked Board members if they were planning on attending the LAFCO meeting. The Board members responded: Will attend in person - Gilmore, Friese, and Ramos. ZOOM - Johnson, in person, or Zoom Sierra.

Vice President Friese- No Comment

Director Ramos- No Comment

Director Sierra- No Comment

Director 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 August 30, 2023.
Vice President Friese motioned to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of August 2023. 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 August 2023.
Vice President Friese's motioned to approve Item B. 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

- C. Approval of Slovak Baron Empey Murphy & Pinkney LLP, Attorney at Law. Demand in the amount of **(\$38,925.58)** for August.

Vice President Friese motioned to approve Item C. Director Johnson 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

12. REPORTS:

- A. Interim General Manager's report
- B. Finance Officer's report
- C. Field Foreman's report
- D. Park Supervisor's report- **The Park Supervisor addressed Mr. Smotherman's Concerns**

13. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD REPORTS: STANDING COMMITTEE:

- A. Architectural Committee Report

No Report

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

15. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion and Approval for Office Space Lease Agreement ICBHS.
Director Johnson motioned to approve the Lease Agreement with ICBHS.
Director Ramos seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Michelle Gilmore Yes

Director Sierra Yes

Michael Friese Yes

Director Johnson Yes

Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passes 5-0

- B. Discussion and Approval of the Total Compensation Study RFP.
Director Ramos motioned to approve the Total Compensation Study RFP.
Director Johnson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Michelle Gilmore Yes

Director Sierra No

Michael Friese Yes

Director Johnson Yes

Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passes 4-1

C. Discussion and Approval for the Request for Additional Services Agreement (Request No. 1), Distress to Salton Community Services District Headquarters, 1209 Van Buren Avenue, Thermal, California.

Director Ramos motioned to approve the Request for Additional Services Agreement (Request No. 1), Distress to Salton Community Services District Headquarters, 1209 Van Buren Avenue, Thermal, California. Director Johnson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

**Michelle Gilmore Yes Director Sierra Yes
Michael Friese Yes Director Johnson Yes
Director Ramos Yes**

Motion Passes 5-0

D. Discussion and Approval of the Board to rescind the contract with Conserve Land Care.

Director Johnson motioned to approve for the Board to rescind the contract with Conserve Land Care. Director Ramos seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

**Michelle Gilmore Yes Director Sierra Yes
Michael Friese Yes Director Johnson Yes
Director Ramos Yes**

Motion Passes 5-0

E. Discussion and Approval of the Board to select Imperial County Public Works to assist the District with Desert Shores Soccer Park.

(Presentation given By Belen-Leon-Lopez and Israel Hernandez from Imperial County Air Pollution Control.)

Vice President Friese motioned to approve the Board to select Imperial County Public Works to assist the District with Desert Shores Soccer Park. Director Ramos seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

**Michelle Gilmore Yes Director Sierra Yes
Michael Friese Yes Director Johnson Yes
Director Ramos Yes**

Motion Passes 5-0

F. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-09-27-01 Cal OES.**

Director Johnson motioned to approve Resolution No. 2023-09-27-01 CAL OES. Director Ramos seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

**Michelle Gilmore Yes Director Sierra Yes
Michael Friese Yes Director Johnson Yes**

Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passes 5-0

G. RESOLUTION NO. 2023-09-27-02 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ALLOWING ONLINE PURCHASES THROUGH EBAY AND AMAZON UNDER LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES.

Vice President Friese motioned to approve Resolution 2023-09-27-02 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ALLOWING ONLINE PURCHASES THROUGH EBAY AND AMAZON UNDER LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES with a limit of \$1,000 to purchases on eBay. President Gilmore seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

**Michelle Gilmore Yes Director Sierra No
Michael Friese Yes Director Johnson Yes
Director Ramos Yes**

Motion Passes 4-1

H. RESOLUTION NO. 2023-09-27-03 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF ONE SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT VEHICLE BETWEEN THE SEWER MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Director Johnson motioned to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2023-09-27-03 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF ONE SALTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT VEHICLE BETWEEN THE SEWER MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. Director Sierra Seconded the motion.


Roll Call:

**Michelle Gilmore Yes Director Sierra Yes
Michael Friese Yes Director Johnson Yes
Director Ramos Yes**

Motion Passes 5-0

17. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 3:49



Sonia Thania Garcia, Secretary of the Board



Michelle Gilmore, President of the Board

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