

Salton Community Services District
REGULAR MEETING *Minutes*

May 15, 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 Supervisor
Robert Patterson, Legal Counsel

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

2. ROLL CALL:

Michelle Gilmore Present
Michael Friese Present
Manuel Ramos Present

Lidia A. Sierra Present
Dale Johnson Absent

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.

No public comment

4. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Title: (Interim General Manager)

No reportable action

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

No reportable action

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 Steven Prager)

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 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 PRESENTATION:**

Steve Ledbetter from TKE discussed future research expenses to comply with the Water Quality Board.

Roberto Aguilera from Mariposa Landscaping Inc. discussing updates and maintenance for Phase 1 Desert Shore Soccer Field Project.

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. Comments are not to be directed towards an individual or individuals but to the Board on a specific issue.

No public comment

10. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

President Gilmore- Community announcements. I attended a meeting on April 24th to join Congressman Ruiz for a senior fraud workshop. More details are in the West Shores Newspaper. On May 2nd, office staff, Vice President Friese, and I met with the United States Department of Agriculture regarding grant funding.

Vice President Friese- Attended an Imperial County Road Project meeting and a GAFCON meeting with Michelle Gilmore in Desert Shores for the channel restoration project. The US House of Representatives passed a special district grant accessibility act, which allows special districts to access federal funding opportunities.

Director Ramos Asked Christina Sutton, the Finance Officer, to inquire about our financial capacity to progress with Phase 2, specifically regarding the funding for water expenses. She said that we do have the necessary funds. However, she also mentioned that due to financial constraints, there will not be room for new upgrades or projects for parks. In the future, they must seek secure funding for the parks.

Director Sierra- What is required to start looking for grant funds? The Finance Officer explained how grant funding works. Grant funding is only for the implementation of the project but does not cover the maintenance of the finished project.

Director Johnson- Absent

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.

President Gilmore motioned to jump to New Business item 15. A. Vice President Friese seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Gilmore Yes

Director Sierra No

Vice President Friese Yes

Director Johnson Absent

Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passes 3-1

A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 17, 2024.

B. Approve demands for the month of April 2024.

Vice President Friese motioned to approve items A&B. Director Ramos seconded the motion.

(Item C. was pulled to be voted on separately.)

Roll Call:

President Gilmore Yes

Director Sierra Yes

Vice President Friese Yes

Director Johnson Absent

Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passes 4-0

- C. Slovak, Baron, Empey, Murphy, & Pinkney (\$8,329.94)
Vice President Friese motioned to approve item C. Director Ramos seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Gilmore Yes

Director Sierra No

Vice President Friese Yes

Director Johnson Absent

Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passes 3-1

12. REPORTS:

- A. Interim General Manager's report [Emmanuel Ramos]
- B. Finance Officer's report [Christina Sutton]
- C. Field Foreman's report [Pascual Muñiz]
- D. Park Supervisor's report [Pascual Muñiz]

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 Desert Shores Soccer Park Phase 2.
- B. Discussion and approval to allow the Finance Officer to sign documents for the Phase 2 Desert Shore Soccer Project
Vice President Friese motioned to pull items A and B from the agenda. President Gilmore seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Gilmore Yes

Director Sierra Yes

Vice President Friese Yes

Director Johnson Absent

Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passes 4-0

15. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion of the Compensation Study by Gallagher (formally known as Koff and Associates).
No vote was taken for this item presentation given by George Krammer.

- B. Discussion and approval regarding the Mariposa Landscaping Proposal to provide a scope of work for Phase 1 maintenance.

Vice President Friese motioned to approve the Mariposa Landscaping Proposal for maintenance of the Phase 1 grass. President Ramos seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Gilmore Yes

Director Sierra Yes

Vice President Friese Yes

Director Johnson Absent

Director Ramos Yes

Motioned Passes 4-0

- C. Discussion and approval of Summer Event to be held on July 13, 2024.

Vice President Friese motioned to approve the Summer Event with a limit of \$600.00 plus donations received. Director Ramos seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Gilmore Yes

Director Sierra Yes

Vice President Friese Yes

Director Johnson Absent

Director Ramos Yes

Motion Passes 4-0



Sonia Thania Garcia, Secretary of the Board



Michelle Gilmore, President of the Board

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