

**SPALDING COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 18, 2019**

APPROVED BY DIRECTORS:

MEETING PLACE: EAGLE LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER, SPALDING.

BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF PRESENT: MIKE ARNOLD, CHAIRPERSON, TED THOMAS, VICE-CHAIRPERSON, LARRY DOSS, ED LAWSON

ABSENT: DARREN READ

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Mike Arnold at 3:00 p.m.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CORRECTIONS AND/OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No corrections were made to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Approve the consent agenda: Items 2.01, 2.02, and 2.03

First: Mike Arnold

Second: Larry Doss

Roll Call: Larry Doss – yes; Mike Arnold – yes; Ted Thomas – yes; Ed Lawson – yes

- 2.01 Approval of the agenda for October 18, 2019.
- 2.02 Approval of the Minutes from September 20, 2019.
- 2.03 Approval of Paid District Expenditures from September 13, 2019 to October 16, 2019.

REGULAR AGENDA

3.01 No items were removed from the consent agenda.

3.02 **Fire Chief Report**

Fire Chief Cliff Spediacci reported that there were 3 calls in September: 2 medical and 1 water tender that was cancelled. There have been no equipment rentals this season. The old Chevy truck has been paid for.

3.03 **Board Member/ Committee Reports / Board Member Comments**

* **Fueling System** - Ted Thomas reported that the fueling system is up and working well. Mike Arnold is working on getting a generator hooked up to run the office and fire house.

* **FEMA Road Repair Funds** –Ted Thomas reported that the project should be started next Tuesday, October 22. Equipment is in place or has been rented to complete the project including a grader, a dump truck, and roller. 61 areas have been identified to be fixed. \$32,000 of the original grant (\$58,944) has been spent to date. There was discussion to use the remaining funds for additional road base that properties can access to repair roads in front of their property. Volunteers will be needed to help with the project. A volunteer meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, October 19, at 11:00 at the Community Center.

* **Sewer Pond Grant** – Mike Arnold reported that Mark Adams from Northstar is finalizing the application to Lahontan to close one of the ponds. Hibernating the pond instead of abandoning it is cheaper and allows the district to reopen it in the future if necessary. More grant money will be needed to physically do the work. Currently the district has invoiced \$22,000 of grant money. The District should be getting a reimbursement soon.

* **Fee Study** – The fee study is almost complete.

3.04 **General Manager Update** – No update.

3.05 **Resolution 2019-04 – Approving the Acceptance of a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Award**

The fire department has been awarded a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grant for the purchase of handheld radios and vehicle radios. The total grant amount is \$82,400 (\$78,476.19 FEMA funds and \$3,923.81 Fire Department match funds.)

Motion: Approve Resolution 2019-04, approve the transfer of funds from 225 fire trust account to 3002205 grant expenditures, and authorize the Board Chair to sign.

First: Larry Doss **Second: Mike Arnold**

Roll Call: Larry Doss – yes; Mike Arnold – yes; Ted Thomas – yes; Ed Lawson – yes

3.06 **Approval of Auditor Services**

Motion: Approve auditing services with Robert W. Johnson, an accountant corporation, for the 2018-19 fiscal year at a cost of \$6,750.

First: Mike Arnold **Second: Ed Lawson**

Roll Call: Larry Doss – yes; Mike Arnold – yes; Ted Thomas – yes; Ed Lawson – yes

3.07 **Weed and Rubbish Abatement**

There was discussion on sending out a letter to property owners in violation. The District board policy was reviewed including the sample resolution and all legal steps necessary to move forward. A resolution, approved by the Board, is necessary before the letter can go out. A special meeting will be held within the next 2 weeks to approve the resolution. A letter will be created to send to property owners in violation. Included with the letter will be copies of the District board policy and county ordinances. All legal steps should be completed so clean-up can begin by spring.

There was also discussion on the green waste pile created this season by property owners cleaning their properties. Several suggestions for disposing of it were discussed. It was decided that the piles can be removed to the 20 acre parcel the district owns out by the sewer ponds using the dump trucks from the road project and burnt in small piles. There will be further discussion of permanent solutions for the green waste pile at future meetings.

Action: Create a resolution, set a meeting date for approval of the resolution, and authorize an initial communication with property owners in violation that includes the District board policy and county ordinances. The initial letter will also include a disclaimer for anyone who has cleaned their properties since the end of August.

PUBLIC COMMENT

* Will Turner spoke on the situation with cattle having access to the lake. He presented the Board copies of the California Open Range Law and the Food and Agricultural Code related to this issue. Enforcement of these laws fall under the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors in Susanville. He will be attending a meeting and requesting to be put on their next agenda to update them and discuss this ongoing issue. He will update the Board when he has more information.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Next regular meeting scheduled for November 15, 2019 at 3:00pm

Respectfully submitted by: Sharon Moats