

SPALDING COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 15, 2024

APPROVED BY DIRECTORS:

Theodore J Thomas
Barbara Willard
Frank Muse
Ed Lawson
Ed Lawson

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. <u>ROLL CALL:</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Ted Thomas	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Ed Lawson	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Larry Doss	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
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3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
The Pledge of Allegiance, led by Chairman Thomas was spoken.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

- Motion: Approve the Regular Meeting Agenda.
- First: Director Doss made the motion.
- Second: Director Lawson seconded the motion.
- Roll Call: Larry Doss, Ed Lawson, Ted Thomas – motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Shirley Spediacci - Spoke to the needs for the community and the district, and spoke to the disarray in the Office.

Mick Hill – Complimented the efforts of the Board and shared his experience in another community.

6. APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS (2):

- A. The Board reviewed applications for vacant Board seats.
Three applicants, Barbara Willard, Frank Muse and Brian Kahn shared their experiences and potential attributes for community service.

Public Comment: Dan James spoke to the needs for the community, the commitment required to serve the community, and the importance of education and transparency.

Chris Gallagher, District 1 County Supervisor, shared additional experience of Barbara Willard with LAFCO.

B. Motion: Chairman Thomas made a motion to appoint Barbara Willard.

First: Ted Thomas

Second: Ed Lawson

Roll Call: Ed Lawson – Aye. Ted Thomas – Aye. Larry Doss- Nay.

Barbara Willard was appointed to a vacant director position.

Motion: Chairman Thomas made a motion to appoint Frank Muse.

First: Ted Thomas

Second: Larry Doss

Roll Call: Ted Thomas – Aye. Larry Doss – Aye. Ed Lawson – Aye.

Frank Muse appointed to the remaining vacant director position.

C. Chairman Thomas gave the Oath of Office to Barbara Willard and Frank Muse. Both newly appointed directors were asked to join the Board at the dais.

7. CLOSED SESSION:

The Board adjourned the Regular Meeting to Closed Session to discuss consideration of Interim General Manager and exited the chambers.

Report Out at 4:16p.m. – Attorney announced no reportable action.

Board resumed the Regular meeting.

8. NEGOTIATION OF TERMS AND APPROVAL OF INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER CONTRACT

The Board requested the applicant, Kari Graton, share her experience.

Ms. Graton related some of her 31 years of experience in County government and reiterated the contract to be for a Voluntary Interim General Manager.

Board Discussion: Director Doss expressed concerns over the District's current attorney fees and potential conflict of Ms. Graton's travel plans. Barbara Willard reviewed the proposed contract, requesting typographical corrections and minor additions to the contract.

Motion: To authorize the contract as amended and authorize the Chairman and applicant to execute the contract with Kari Graton.

First: Frank Muse

Second: Barbara Willard

Roll Call: Ed Lawson – Aye, Ted Thomas – Aye, Larry Doss - , Frank Muse – Aye and Barbara Willard – Aye.

Manager Graton summarized her plans and objectives for the District moving forward including Strategic Planning and the adherence to the Four Pillars of Good Governance.

9. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Board and Interim General Manager discussed necessary corrections to both the Feb. 16, 2024 and Feb. 28, 2024 minutes.

Motion: A motion was made for minutes to be returned to staff for correction and brought back at the next Regular Meeting.

First: Barbara Willard
Second: Frank Muse
Roll Call: Frank Muse – Aye, Barbara Willard – Aye, Larry Doss – Aye, Ed Lawson – Aye and Ted Thomas – Aye.
Motion carried.

10. FIRE CHIEF REPORT TO THE BOARD

Chief Spediacci reviewed reported call outs to the Board and reviewed proposals for replacement of the failed Fire House heater.

Motion was made to accept and approve \$5945.75 to replace the heater to All Seasons Heating and Air Conditioning by Director Lawson and seconded by Director Doss. Voice Vote: All Ayes.

Additionally, the Chief provided information to the community regarding the donation of a hospital bed, the continuation of the tree trimming project and donations received from the Departments Spaghetti Dinner of \$941.00. Director Muse also reported collecting donations of \$312.00 at the event to benefit a child's trip to Washington DC.

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Manager Graton discussed the need for “user friendly” financial reports and the need to defer the discussion to the next meeting. She also discussed the need for a District Treasurer and mandatory quarterly Treasurer reports. The Board indicated they would like to bring back the monthly review of the bills to approve.

12. SEWER REPORT

Board reviewed the report as submitted in the packet. There was a discussion regarding batteries.

13. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- A. Director Lawson voiced concerns about the District facilities and program security. Additional discussion regarding the Marina area and preparations for the fishing season, necessary repairs, safety issues and potential impacts to the Recreation budget.
- B. Director Doss reiterated his concerns that the attorney fees have consumed about 20 % of the district budget and the need to review the current contract with attorney's. Manager Graton discussed a better process to review and seek out necessary services.

14. NEW BUSINESS

Board discussed the need to ratify the actions taken at the Jan. 19, 2024 Regular meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Chairman Thomas to ratify all of the actions taken at the Jan. 19, 2024 Regular Meeting.

First: Ted Thomas
Second: Ed Lawson
Roll Call: Ted Thomas – Aye, Ed Lawson – Aye, and Larry Doss – Aye.
Motion carried. (Vote by Board members present at that meeting only.)

15. CONTINUING BUSINESS

- A. Second reading of ORDINANCE #9: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #4, Article 2.012.12 Meetings Time and Place. Board discussion.

Motion: A motion made by Director Doss to Approve the Ordinance and Waive the second reading.

First: Larry Doss
Second: Frank Muse

Roll Call: Barbara Willard – Aye, Ed Lawson – Aye, Ted Thomas – Aye, Larry Doss – Aye and Frank Muse – Aye. Motion carried.

- B. Second reading of ORDINACNE # 10: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #4 Article 4.01.050 Parking and Article 4.01.080 No Camping.

Board discussion from Director Willard regarding Parking, concerns for limitations on length of vehicles, concerns regarding Ca. Vehicle Code conflicts and issuance of permits. Director Willard requested a correction to the typographical error of the word "expressive" to change to be "excessive," and voiced additional concerns regarding noise, security and trash.

Will Turner expressed concerns about the Ordinance.

Motion: A motion to approve the amended Amendment to Ordinance #10 and waive the second reading was made by Director Muse.

First: Frank Muse

Second: Ed Lawson

Roll Call: Ted Thomas – Aye, Barbara Willard – Nay, Larry Doss – Aye, Frank Muse – Aye, and Ed Lawson – Aye.

Motion carried with a 4-1 vote.

- C. The Board and the General Manager discussed development of committees for the search for a permanent General Manager with Director Willard and Director Muse agreeing to participate in an Ad Hoc Recruitment Committee.

Board and General Manager discussed a Special Meeting for April 1, 2024 at 1:00p.m. for a Strategic Planning Workshop. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Applications for participation in an Ad Hoc committee to be available at the workshop and on the website.

16. ADJOURN

Motion: Motion to adjourn.

First: Frank Muse

Second: Barbara Willard

Roll Call: Ted Thomas- Aye, Ed Lawson – Aye, Larry Doss-Aye, Frank Muse-Aye and Barbara Willard – Aye.

Meeting adjourned.