

ROLLING HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Call to Order/Roll Call.

The special meeting of the Rolling Hills CSD held on May 8, 2024, was called to order at 7:03 pm by President Brenda Collette. The in-person meeting was held at 3098 Montrose Way, El Dorado Hills, CA. In addition to President Collette, Directors Adam Olson and Gordon Fawkes were present at roll call. Also present were General Manager Mark Magee, Clerk Linda Stone, and twelve members of the public.

2. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda).

Residents offered comments about the EVA road to be constructed in conjunction with the Folsom Heights Development project and information that the road may not now be needed. Although the project approval still calls for the road, talk is the two fire departments may not need it and that reconsideration of that condition is needed as things have changed a lot in the past seven years. A resident commented about the different classes of access. Comments also mentioned the lift station upgrade and residents think a public meeting should be held in the future. The General Manager commented that representatives of Elliott Homes will be coming to the next Board meeting. Director Olson commented about the distinction between a ‘public meeting’ and a committee meeting. Resident Ellen Post said she contacted Folsom Vice Mayor Sarah Aquino regarding the issue of sidewalks and the EVA. Ellen’s concern is that the maps provided by the City are hard to read and do not reflect what was approved by the City Council. Resident Stephanie Haley commented that she has talked to Folsom, she does not trust the builder, and her understanding is the new map apparently does not have to go back to the Council; it will be on the agenda. She continues to be concerned about fire hazards and safety. Resident Dave Gagetta thanked residents for updates posted on Next Door which help educate people.

3. Monthly Reports

3.a. General Manager Report. General Manager Mark Magee reported that Volunteer Day was a great success. Brett Collette and many other volunteers provided great work for the community. He commented the weed abatement work through Capra Environmental is a slower process this year because there are more sheep than goats. The sidewalk concrete maintenance work is finished and looks great. Mark provided a written report as well.

3.b. District Budget Report. An updated budget report was included in the meeting materials

4. Consent Items. The month-end financial reports for March 2024 and April 2024 prepared by the County Auditor-Controller’s office; correspondence including Umpqua bank statements for the period ending March 2024 and April 2024; 4/1/2024 El Dorado Hills Fire Department Notice to Abate Fire Hazard and Destroy Weeds – Initial Notice; 4/2/2024 SDRMA Notice of Board of Directors Vacancy; 4/2/2024 PE Message from California Public Utilities Commission re California Climate Credit; Notice of Virtual Public Workshop on 4/18/2024 re Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; 4/23/2024 Notice Public Review Draft is Available for El Dorado County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; Employer’s Quarterly Tax Reports prepared by County; 4/26/2024 Office of Auditor-controller FY23-24 AP Year-end Process Memo; 5/1/2024 Notice of El Dorado Hills Area Planning Advisory Committee Hybrid Meeting on May 8, 2024; and additional correspondence received and forwarded to General Manager including 4/7/2024 Email from Robert Rusine re dying tree; 4/19/2024 Email from Karalene Boyle re tree in Stonebriar Park; and 5/2/2024 Email from John Armer re irrigation system leaking across from 4556 Dunnwood Drive were considered.

Director Adam Olson moved to approve and accept/file the Consent item listed; Director President Collette seconded. A roll call vote was taken; the motion carried as follows:

AYES: Collette, Olson, and Fawkes
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

The Board determined to take items out of order.

5. Old Business

5.c. Volunteer Day. As noted in the General Manager report, Volunteer Day was a great success. The chipper used for the work was larger and worked much better than other alternatives and to get the work accomplished, it was rented for longer than originally anticipated. Brett Collette worked with the vendor for rental of the machine. Director Olson made a motion to ratify an increase in fund appropriated for rental of the wood chipper from not to exceed \$500 to \$750 as needed to complete the work; second by Director Fawkes. A roll call vote was taken; the motion carried as follows:

AYES: Olson and Fawkes
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Collette

New Business

6.b. Consider Scheduling Additional Volunteer Day 2024. General Manager Mark Magee estimated that the value of work completed during the first Volunteer Day was about \$10,000, at a cost to the District of only \$750. All present agreed that there is a need for an additional Volunteer Day as more work is needed at Dunnwood and Summerfield. Brett Collette again volunteered to provide a truck and trailer. The date was not determined but planned for some time in the next month or two. Director Olson made a motion to approve expenditure of not to exceed \$750 for rental of a wood chipper for use during the second Volunteer Day, the cost of dump fees, chains, and sharpeners. During discussion comments included a suggestion for larger signs and posting to the Next Door app to publicize the event. . A roll call vote was taken; the motion carried as follows:

AYES: Collette, Olson, and Fawkes
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

New Business

6.a. Preview of District Budget for FY2024-2025. The General Manager presented a draft preliminary budget for review. The Board agreed that its goal is to keep expenses within projected revenue. Public comments included ensuring proper maintenance is done on the playground to keep it safe. Also questions were posed about capital improvements related to culverts and roads. The Board commented that funds are limited and there is not sufficient money to perform the level of maintenance needed. That is why the Board has retained NBS Consulting to assist with options for an increase in revenue noting the rates have not been increased in decades.

Old Business

5.b. Revenue Options; Need for Increased Revenue for Future Sustainability. The Board discussed the revised version of the Memo. It was agreed the Memo needs a better explanation of the Why a revenue increase is needed. Public comment surrounded around opinions about how much people would be willing to pay. There were varying opinions from doubling the current rate of \$200 to \$400 or \$600, per year. It was noted that the residents need to understand that currently there are no funds for infrastructure needs or any extra

improvements. One new resident commented that it is more difficult for new residents because they pay a much higher property tax rate than residents who have been there for a long time. Many comments were in favor of incorporating an escalator into a proposed increase so it comes gradually. Another comment suggested that a Capital Improvement Plan be included, explaining for example that with an increase, the funds would be saved for three years and then the District would use those funds to do specific things. The Clerk was asked to take these comments back to NBS Consulting for further edits to the Memo, and request that NBS present the Memo at the next meeting.

Old Business

5.a. Consider Appointment of Board Member(s) to Fill Vacancy. The Board considered the Statement of Interest and Qualifications received from residents William Grava and David Gagetta interested in serving on the Board. Discussion was had between the Board and Mr. Grava. Mr. Gagetta was not present at this time of the meeting. Bill Grava outlined his professional work experience, said he likes what this Board is doing, and would like to participate again. In response to a question as to why he resigned from the Board years ago, he said at that time he felt the Board lacked direction and the demands of his work conflicted with availability to serve. He is excited as the prospects of this Board's efforts to move forward. Director Adam Olson made a motion to appoint William Grava to fill the vacant term which expires in December 2024; second by Director Gordon Fawkes. A roll call vote was taken; the motion carried as follows:

AYES: Collette, Olson, and Fawkes

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

William Grava will be sworn-in at the next meeting of the Board.

7. Adjournment. Upon motion and second, the President adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/ Linda Stone
Linda Stone, Clerk

Approved by Board: June 18, 2024