

DRAFT Minutes
Gualala Community Services District
Regular Meeting 10/26/2023, 5:00 p.m.
Location: RCMS Conference Room [formerly Elaine Jacobs Center]
38550 State Hwy. 1, Gualala, CA

I. CALL TO ORDER – Gary Abel called the meeting to order at 5:02pm

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public were Robert Juengling and Linda Marie Koza. Robert asked whether GCSD would consider adding more services in the future. Chris and others responded that we had been asked that in the past by Kevin Evans (about Bower Park) and others about Anchor Bay and Sea Ranch North about their wastewater systems, and the answer has been yes pending evaluation of GCSD's capacity to take on other services.

III. ROLL CALL: J. Denten and D. Denten were absent.
R. Burke, B. Jones, and G. Abel were present.

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – Gary moved adoption, Randy 2nd, all voted aye.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Minutes of Regular Board Meeting – 8/24/2023 Randy moved adoption, Gary 2nd, all voted aye.
- b) Minutes of Special Meeting 9/14/2023 Gary moved adoption, Bruce 2nd, all voted aye.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

- a) General Manager [Chris Troyan]
On the Construction Grant Application, Chris reported that the State is just about out of money for construction grants, and therefore only accepting applications that have active violations. Our WDR was accepted because we were working on improvements, but it didn't list the deficiencies, which gave us flexibility in addressing them but we need money in order to actually fix them. So Chris is working with Charles reed and Lynette Shipsey to get them to specify our deficiencies and then grant us the money to correct them. John Pedri said this method has worked in the past for some other underfunded rural agencies.
On the RCAC Line-of-Credit, Chris would like to initially receive \$73,000 to pay for Mark and John's consulting services, which have been sitting on the books for some time.
On Anchor Bay, Chris reported that things were going well and the manhole construction was planned to start October 30.
On Tri-Party, Chris reported that the Golf Course had paid the \$40,000 it owed and Sonoma Water's Board was scheduled to hear (and approve) GCSD's billings

on November 28. Rather than a new Tri-Party agreement, we will probably end up with a new agreement with each of these organizations, separately. Chris also reported that the road to the plant was continuing to deteriorate, and he had received a quote to fix and gravel it for \$20,000. No decisions have been made yet.

- b) District Counsel [Andy Turner] – no report
- c) Administrator's Report [Geraldine LiaBraaten]
Geraldine reported that financials are still tight but looking better, thanks to the Golf Course payment and increases in commercial billings. She is exploring several budget changes based on loan interest, our new Gualala office, etc.

VII. **ACTION ITEMS** – There were no action items.

VIII. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a) Discussion on flushable wipes. Randy reported that the central point was that “flushable wipes” don't break down in septic systems and therefore foul up the pumps and filters. We need to publicize this and ask people to put flushable wipes in the garbage instead of flushing them.

X **REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) There was a brief discussion on LAFCO' re-evaluation of sphere's of influence. This could affect our zones 3, 4, and 5 in addition to Anchor Bay. Chris received communications on the subject from LAFCO this morning. It should be discussed next meeting.

.XI **ADJOURNMENT** – Gary adjourned the meeting at 5:53pm