

Gualala Community Services District

DRAFT Regular Meeting Minutes 1/25/2024

Location: RCMS Conference Room, 38550 State Hwy. 1, Gualala, CA

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: there was no public comment. Suzanne Cuesta and Robert Juengling were present.

III. ROLL CALL: J. Denten X R. Burke X B. Jones X D. Denten X G. Abel X, all present

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Randy Burke moved that the agenda be adopted, John Denten 2nd, all voted Aye

V. CONSENT AGENDA

De Denten moved and Bruce Jones 2nd that Minutes of Regular Board Meeting on 11/23/2023 be approved, all voted aye.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

a) General Manager [Chris Troyan]

Chris reported on Anchor Bay operations, Tri-Party progress, and Operations in general. Winter rains are filling all the ponds and causing some problems with the road to the plant.

b) District Counsel [Andy Turner]

Andy reported that there was nothing new on the legal front, and wished everyone Happy New Year.

c) Administrator's Report [Geraldine LiaBraaten]

Geraldine reported that income has improved and stabilized, and that both income and expense are now close to our budgeted amounts, and both Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable have significantly declined. Although GCSD's fiscal situation has improved, we must still focus on timely billings and expense control. Next month we will start our next round of budget estimates.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

a) Election of officers.

Randy Burke moved that De Denten be President, Gary Abel 2nd, all voted Aye

De Denten moved that Gary Abel be Vice-President, Randy Burke 2nd, all voted Aye

De Denten moved that Bruce Jones be Secretary, Gary Abel 2nd, all voted Aye

b) Approval of Board meeting schedule.

De Denten moved that we keep the 4th Thursday, 5:00pm meeting schedule, Bruce Jones 2nd, all voted Aye

c) Approval of Road work for the plant road.

The issue of some parts of the road being in poor condition and trucks making it worse was discussed. Chris got a quote from Timbercove Excavation for \$19,800 but the work should not be done until the weather improves, plus the Gualala Timber lumbermen must also use the road and assist in its maintenance, so Chris is talking to them. The Board members did not seem shocked by the dollar amount, but did not take a formal vote on it yet.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Update of new uniforms and new laundry facilities. (Chris Troyan)

Chris distributed the cancellation letter he sent Aramark, hinging largely on their lack of replacement clothing purchases and timely cleaning. He has purchased a washer/dryer to install in the lab, and will need to get a pad and 220 volt connection for it.

b) Update on Ordinance Committee. (Randy Burke & Chris Troyan)

Randy reported on progress toward getting the word out to the public on what not to put in wastewater systems, and what audiences need to get the word, but Chris McManus of the ICO turned him down on publication unless the “wipes” manufacturers were first asked to defend their “flushability” assertions. This would be difficult and comparable wastewater processors have been publishing this information to all their audiences, including Sea Ranch. Bruce asked Randy to speed up the publications, Randy told Bruce to take a hike, or something like that.

IX. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Lift Station 3 status and possible needs for an additional operator were briefly discussed for consideration.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Gary Abel adjourned the meeting at 5:55pm.