



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
ESPARTO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
ESPARTO, CA**

NOVEMBER 13, 2019
MINUTES

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Colleen Fesenmeyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

(2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All residents and members in attendance recited the pledge

(3) ROLL CALL

Present:

- Directors: Charlie Schaupp, Don England, Colleen Fescenmeyer, Anna Girk, Colin Crerar
- District Counsel: Tom Barth
- General Manager: Steve Knightley
- Board Clerk: Steve Knightley
- Consultant: Georgette Aronow (Stantec)

Public: 24 Member of the community

(4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Fescenmeyer called for a motion to approve the agenda for the Regular Board of Directors Meeting which includes Public Hearing on Items 5 & 6.

Motion by: Director Schaupp approve the agenda

Second by: Director Girk

Discussion: Table Items 9b (2017/18 Audit) and 12 (Obtain direction to have current Audit firm come and present 2017/18 Audit)

Vote: Ayes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 **Motion:** Passed

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(5) PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

(6) PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSITION 218

Chair Colleen Fescenmeyer called for open of Public hearing pursuant to Proposition 218 for consideration of all comments regarding proposed water and sewer rate increases effective 12/1/19 through fiscal year end 2024/25. Direction was given to the public regarding written protests indicating that all those submitted through the end of the hearing will be considered for a majority protest.

The General Manager, Steve Knightley, read aloud an opening explanation for the need to increase Water and Sewer rates. He introduced Georgette Aronow from Stantec Company for a detailed presentation of the justification for the increases.

Questions pursued specifically related to the mobile home park rates. It was answered by questions from the public by the General Manager, that the ECSD does not cover the cost of repair or re-constructions from the mains and laterals in the mobile home park. Director Schaupp agreed that we would research what agreements we had with the mobile home park and see if we could make an adjustment to the rates for the mobile home park.

A question about street lights was asked and answered that everyone pays a share of the street lighting costs for the entire town.

Director Fescenmeyer moved to close the public hearing. Our District Counsel, Tom Barth, spoke to the process of adoption the new rates. Explained that we could adopt the rates, but, postpone the date of implement so we could research options related to the mobile home park flat rates.

Final count on protest is 68 with 910 total accounts and 1027 connections. This is the below the count to block the passing of the 218.

(7) Consider adoption of Resolution No. 19-05 Adopting the Water Rate Study and Establishing Water Service Charges for 12/1/19 through 6/30/2020 and for Fiscal Years 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, and 2024/25, with no majority protest.

Director Fescenmeyer called for a motion adopt the rates. Director England made a motion to adopt the rates effective 2/1/20 rather than 12/1/19. This will allow for the District to research what rate options we have for the mobile home park.

Motion by: Director England made a motion to approve the water rates 2/1/20
Second by: Director Crerar

Vote: Ayes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion: Passed

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- (8) Consider adoption of Resolution No. 19-06 Adopting the Sewer Rate Study and Establishing Sewer Service Charges for 12/1/19 through 6/30/2020 and for Fiscal Years 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, and 2024/25, with no majority protest.**

Director Fescenmeyer called for a motion adopt the rates. Director England made a motion to adopt the rates effective 2/1/20 rather than 12/1/19. This will allow for the District to research what rate options we have for the mobile home park.

Motion by: Director England made a motion to approve the sewer rates 2/1/20.

Second by: Director Crerar

Vote: Ayes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion: Passed

Break was taken at 8:35pm until 8:50pm. Director England left the meeting and did not return.

- (9) Correspondence: Copies of the 5 RFP's for new Auditing Services**

- (10) Approval of the Minutes 10/23/19**

Approval of the Minutes of 10/23/19 failed because 3 of the attending directors were not present to approve. Tabled to the next meeting.

- (11) Approval of Claims 10/7/19, 10/14/19, 10/23/19, & 11/6/19**

Motion by: Director Girk made a motion to approve the claims

Second by: Director Crerar

Vote: Ayes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion: Passed

- (12) Obtain Boards' direction to have current Audit firm come to a future Regular Meeting to review and discuss the 2017/18 Final Audit.**

Tabled until Audit is completed

- (13) Consider and approve new firm to perform Audit services for fiscal years 2018/19 with the option to continue engagement with the approved firm for 2019/20, and 2020/21. The General Manager's recommendation is Don Cole & Company**

Director Fescenmeyer called for a motion to approve Don Cole

Motion by: Director Schaupp made a motion to engage Don Cole as the new Auditor

Second by: Director Girk

Vote: Ayes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion: Passed

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(14) Manager Report

General Manger update the Board on the new housing projects, Alpha Street Sewer line repair, Upcoming work to camera the sewer lines due to evidence of sewer line cracks or separation, and Budget changes will be completed and be presented to the Board after the affects of the 218 increased are realized.

(15) ADJOURNMENT

Director Fescenmeyer called for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Motion by: Director Schaupp made a motion to adjourn the meeting

Second by: Director England

Vote: Ayes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion: Passed

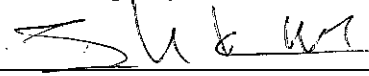
Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Director Colleen Fescenmeyer



Date: 02/12/2020

Steve Knightley - Board Clerk



Date: 2/20/20