

## **CLEAR CREEK COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

Board of Directors: Irwin Fust - Chair; Chuck Jones- Vice;  
Johanna Trenerry - Director; Patricia Delzell - Director; Scott McVay -  
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### **REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 6 p.m.  
District Office Board Room  
5880 Oak Street, Anderson CA 96007

**Minutes transcribed via video. Recording may be found on YouTube Happy Valley HVCC.**

### **MINUTES**

**DIRECTORS:** Irwin Fust, Chuck Jones, Patricia Delzell, and Scott McVay. Absent -  
Johanna Trenerry.

**STAFF:** IGM Bill Palmaymesa

**AUDIENCE:** Emily Rankin, Joanne Blomquist, Greg Blomquist, Terry Lincoln, Beverly Fickes, John Fickes, Ken Longcrier, Jackie Longcrier, Dennis Possehn, Donna Possehn, Sandy Winters, Kaitlyn Patrick, Josh Eastman, Darlene Shelton, Harry Weldon, Sally Lunn, Brenda Konicek, Marcella, Chris Kelstrom, Gaylene Grabeal, Cole, Charles Hanson, Pam Beaver.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Fust called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Vice Chair Jones led the pledge.

**OPEN TIME:** Sandy Winters gave a status report on the Firewise program and overview on preventing wildfires in Happy Valley. Josh Eastman asked for a refund of services since without his knowledge the last nine years he has been paying two base rates. Apparently, the last owner had a trailer on the property and was charged two base rates. There has been no additional dwelling since he purchased the property nine years ago. The Board advised Mr. Eastman to write a letter requesting a refund and present to Board on agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Chair Fust pulled the Activity Reports from consent agenda. He confirmed with IGM Palmaymesa that the water sales included the base rate of \$55.00 as well as \$1.21 per HCF. Chair Fust said that the penalty allocation seemed high and overall it appears the District is making money. Director McVay asked for clarification on PERS contributions and why it had gone up from last year. IGM Palmaymesa indicated that it had to do with more retirees. Beverly Fickes asked about the penalty exceeding water allocations and that the amount appeared excessive than actually received. IGM Palmaymesa said that there was an explanation made earlier this year

on why but he didn't have the information readily available. Beverly brought up several other line items that appeared overstated and understated and asked that the Board not approve the activity reports. IGM Palmaymesa did agree that the formulas were not correct. Beverly stated she had given IGM Palmaymesa a list of her concerns and questions. Chair Fust said that IGM Palmaymesa would respond to all those questions and report back to the Board. Director McVay moved to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from 3-21-22, 5-18-22, 9-21-22; paid bills from 9-21-22 to 10-14-22; and payroll from 9-29-22 and 10-14-22. Vice Chair Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**FUST - YES**

**JONES - YES**

**DELZELL - YES**

**MCVAY - YES**

Chair Fust reported that the Activity Reports would be tabled since they needed to go back to staff to answer questions brought up tonight and clean it up. He noted that these activity reports were based on the old accounting system and may be difficult to rectify. Chair Fust reported that the District was still awaiting the audit report and should be available at the November Board meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. GENERAL MANAGER CONTRACT APPROVAL/GENERAL MANAGER INTRODUCTION (DISCUSSION/ACTION)** - Director McVay gave a summary on the General Manager salary package being offered to Mr. Paul Kelley. The start date for General Manager Kelley will be October 31, 2022. Mr. Kelley spoke and gave a brief background on his experience and work history. Community members asked Mr. Kelley several questions. Vice Chair Jones moved to ratify the contract and the hiring of Mr. Paul Kelley. Director Delzell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The contract for the Mr. Kelley as General Manager was signed by all parties.

**FUST - YES**

**JONES - YES**

**DELZELL - YES**

**MCVAY - YES**

**B. SIGNER ON ACCOUNTS/CHECK SIGNER (DISCUSSION/ACTION)** - IGM Palmaymesa indicated that there were currently three signers for the checks; however, with current Directors' schedules it would be helpful to have a fourth Director available to sign checks. Vice Chair Jones nominated Director McVay to become the fourth signer. Director Delzell moved to approve Director McVay to become a signer for the District checks. Vice Chair Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Pam Beaver stated that the Directors need to take this task quite seriously and know what they are signing for.

**FUST - YES**

**JONES - YES**

**DELZELL - YES**

**MCVAY - YES**

**C. USBR ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION (DISCUSSION)** - IGM Palmaymesa indicated that the District had received an email from the USBR reporting that they have

completed an account reconciliation for Clear Creek CSD back to 2004. They have produced four invoices that were not paid and the amount we owe is \$54,000. He stated that the District is in conversations with them to help us understand the issue. IGM Palmaymesa said that we will be able to set up a payment arrangement. The Board and community discussed the possible reasons for these invoices. Director McVay indicated that the USBR had recently updated their software and that these discrepancies had come to light. Chair Fust stated that this was a discussion only topic as more information would be forthcoming.

- D. LABOR NEGOTIATORS (ANNOUNCEMENT/DISCUSSION/ACTION)** - Chair Fust reported that at the special meeting on the 13th, there was discussion about adding an alternate labor negotiator to sit on the negotiation team. Vice Chair Jones moved to appoint Director McVay as an alternate on the negotiation team. Director Delzell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**FUST - YES**

**JONES - YES**

**DELZELL - YES**

**MCVAY - YES**

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT: NO CLOSED SESSION**

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. GOVERNMENT CODE S. 4957.6 - NO CLOSED SESSION.**

**OPERATIONS REPORT:** IGM Palmaymesa reported that there were 250 delinquent accounts which total \$32,395.00. 44 customers received overage penalties in the July billing cycle, totaling \$7650.00 before adjustments or protest reversals. The District submitted a cost sharing proposal to the EAGSA Management Committee. The recommendation from the Management Committee to the EAGSA Board is to keep it the same. The auditor reported that a draft report will be ready for the November Board meeting.

IGM Palmaymesa reported that District staff met with Enplan and PACE Engineering and walked the three separate pipe alignments. The District is waiting to hear back in regards to how the project will impact water ways and road side ditches. At the treatment plant, the District used 214 AF of surface water in September and we currently have 375 AF left of the McConnell Water. The transfer switch controller was replaced and programmed. The District staff has also been working on drying out the sludge in pond two. In regards to the Backwater Pond Repair Project, the General, Technical, Environmental, and Financial Checklists have been approved and everything is being routed to DFA Management. It looks like Spring 2023 to start this project.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

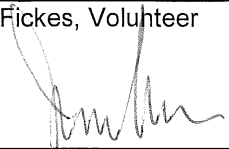
**PUBLIC COMMENT** - Sally Lunn reminded those agriculture customers that the crop reports would be coming out soon and would need to be completed. Even if no activity will still have to report. Dennis Possehn thanked IGM Palmaymesa for everything he has done for the District and community while filling in as General Manager this past year. IGM Palmaymesa received a standing ovation.

Customer Marcella stated she did not understand the process in asking for forgiveness on a water leak. She is asking for the penalties to be removed. Chair Fust explained the process of writing a letter to the Board so it could formally be put on the agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Fust adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by

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Beverly Fickes, Volunteer



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Irwin Fust, Chair

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Paul Kelley, General Manager