

CLEAR CREEK COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 9:00 AM
District Office - 5880 Oak Street Anderson, CA 96007

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MINUTES

DIRECTORS: Johanna Trenerry, Irwin Fust, Virginia Bassham, Mark Engel and Murray Miller

STAFF: Kurt Born, Bill Palmaymesa and Christy Roberts

AUDIENCE: Tom Warnock, Laurie McCollum, Samuel and Janet Rolf, John Moore, Sandy Winters, Tammy Cole, Beverly Fickes, Dennis Possehn, Cedric Twilight, Annette Kolkey, Rusty Simmons and Brenda Sandifer

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairwoman Trenerry led the Pledge of Allegiance

OPEN TIME: Vice Chairman Fust stated he had two items for the future agenda. Looking over the Activity reports; the Board has not had a formal opportunity to look at the Activity report and I suggest the Board do a mid-year review, every year, in January looking at how we are doing. The next thing, regarding the stage one drought language. Mr. Fust read an unknown article. I propose we put this on a future agenda and add some flexibility so that we can add new Agricultural applications.

Audience Samuel Rolf stated that they have about 50 orchard trees which we were expecting to be part of our retirement. We planned on retiring here and creating a business with it. With any support we are behind Mr. Fust a 100 %. General Manager

Born stated he would work on this. Chairwoman Trenerry invited Mr. and Mrs. Rolf to her farm on Shawn Dr.

CONSENT/AGENDA: A motion was made by Vice Chairman Fust and seconded by Director Miller to approve the minutes of November 18, 2020, paid bills dated 11/20/20, 11/24/20, 11/30/20, 12/10/20, 12/23/20, 12/29/20 and 1/11/21 totaling \$293,315.39 and the November and December 2020 financial statements. Motion was voted on and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Directors JPIA Meeting – Director Engel: Director Engel stated he had a brief report on the November 30th Directors meeting. One of JPIA purposes is to mitigate expenses. We meet a few times a year and one way we mitigate costs is by signing up new agencies and we have added 2 more. Typically, when you have a group that ends with the word authority, it means several agencies have come together and formed a group agency. The California Water Insurance Fund (C-Wif) we authorized back in 2015, to allow funds for investing and act as buffer when premiums change dramatically. The full programs overview have been stable and trending downwards, largely due to the efforts of the mismanagement group and their education efforts. Basically, liability has to do with behavior. Property rates have been trending upwards and most of it is due to the California fires. We have been able to largely mitigate property rate increases by adding additional agencies and with the C-Wif program. Workers' Compensation rates are the lowest in 8-years and I think I speak for the whole Board here; I thank our Management and staff here at Clear Creek CSD as we did make the Presidents Special Recognition Award this year for minimizing Workers' Compensation claims. Centerville also made that list. There is a Risk Control Grant Program that is basically up to \$10,000 per year in grant money available for equipment within the District and those entries must be placed between October 1, 2021 and December 1, 2021. I have not spoke about this much because our staff is currently under-staffed and over-worked and we don't have time to chase \$10k grants but it is there and available. Vice Chairman Fust thanked Director Engel.

Evening Meetings: Vice Chairman Fust stated that as he talked to people in the Community, I am often asked why we do not have evening meetings. As most of you know, we have gone through this subject several times. As I recall and from previous customer surveys, the preference has always been day meetings. I'm bringing the discussion to the Board again and suggesting that we have at least a couple of evening meetings a year. Director Miller asked how many of the surveys were returned for the AM option? General Manager Born stated he did not recall the number returned because it was done a few years ago. Director Miller asked how many years ago that was? Director Bassham stated she remembered it was when Calvin was still on the

Board because he could not do day meetings anymore and that's when we had a discussion about changing them to evenings. When Director Engel came on, we sent out a survey and there was hardly any response, so we kept day meetings. General Manager Born suggested we send another survey with the billing. Director Bassham stated she did not want to put more costs on the District. The only reason it is coming up again is because of the rate increase. I do not mind having them at night but we don't have the participation. Director Fust stated what he is gathering here is to have the rate structure meetings at night and when that settles down to go back to day meetings. Chairwoman Trenerry stated we will look into the possibility of having a few evening meetings.

Audience Beverly Fickes stated she agreed with Skip to do another survey and give them the opportunity and let the people have a say and if they do not participate then it's laid to rest again. Director Engel stated he does not favor evening meetings and Mrs. Trenerry agreed and stated she has no technology at home to have a meeting with.

Backwash Pond Repair Project: General Manager Born stated he asked Tom Warnock and Laurie McCollum from Pace Engineering to attend this meeting and answer any questions on the alternatives. Mr. Warnock stated he has been working with District staff on a couple projects now and the Backwash Pond Repair project. You all know the ponds were damaged by the fire and you got in line for funding from FEMA, CalOES, the State of California and a loan/grant combination. The ponds have been leaking for awhile and leakage into Clear Creek becomes a problematic. We have been working with the District for a solution and lining the ponds with concrete will allow staff to get in there to work. It is about a \$3.5 million dollar project and it is pretty much paid for through grants, the State and a grant/loan combination. Vice Chairman Fust asked Mr. Warnock who will be issuing the loan? Mr. Warnock stated that the State would be issuing the loan through what is called ASADRA, part grant and part loan. The District started to design this project and it's on the shelf, ready to go. Which is why it is high priority with the State. The State is aware that the RCAC Rate Study did not pass and now they want to know how we are going to pay for the loan. We have not been able to give them an answer yet because we are trying to figure out how to come up with a rate increase that passes and add-on the remainder to each rate payers bill. Vice Chairman Fust questioned; that in alternative 3 the costs would be assumed by FEMA, CalOES, ASADRA and the rest financed by the District, correct? Mr. Warnock stated yes, the funding package would come from all 3. These numbers are still preliminary. (Inaudible) Mr. Fust asked when the money would start becoming due? Mr. Warnock stated with CalOES and FEMA you submit the bill and they reimburse you. The process with the State is really slow. We currently have projects out 90 days. One solution would be to get financing through Co-Bank. I am currently using this bank on 2 other projects and I've found their turn around can be 1 week. Director Miller asked Mr. Warnock which alternative shows .60¢ per rate payer? Mr. Warnock apologized and stated that the correct number in alternative 3 is .26¢ per customer, not .60¢ but we

have not started the project yet. Mr. Fust asked Mr. Warnock how close are you with the projected costs on something like this? Mr. Warnock stated usually the engineer is not too far off. (Inaudible) Laurie McCollum from Pace Engineering stated that Contractors are busy right now and they are able to pick and choose which projects they want to do. Mr. Fust asked Mr. Born, when do we have to make a decision on this? Mr. Born stated that ASADRA is really needing answers from us because we are nearing the end of the qualification period. Mr. Fust stated he understands that but with the ponds in the condition they are in now, how long can we go on under the existing condition of the ponds? Chief Treatment Plant Operator Bill Palmaymesa stated we are at that point now because of the leakage. Nothing is actually affecting the drinking water but we don't have a discharge permit for the leakage of the ponds and potentially entering Clear Creek. Mr. Fust stated, this is an item that needs to be worked on now, we cannot put this off looking for other contractor bids. Mr. Warnock stated, if you do not move forward, the State will move onto another project. Mr. Fust stated that this is up for discussion now but because of the immediacy, we need to put this on next months agenda for action. Director Engel stated that at this point we do not actually know what this is going to cost, we only have estimates and I think CalOES understands that and would be willing to do an adjustment(s) as we go. Would that be correct? Mr. Warnock stated yes, that is correct. I am currently on a project in Hornbrook with the same situation and the magic number is 75% and when you get to the end of the project, it's still 75%. Mr. Engel thanked Mr. Warnock for clarification and stated we are in a situation and we need to act because we are not in compliance and we need to move forward. Director Miller asked Mr. Warnock when we would engage with the financing from Co-Bank? Mr. Warnock stated that you are looking at 6-9 months. It takes the State so much time and right now they are asking how we are going to pay for it. Somehow, we need to tell them we have the money in our existing rate structure, or we are going to pass a rate increase then the State will want to see 3-years of your financials. So, if you are going say you have the money in your existing budget, they will want to see proof and that is the hurdle we need to get past. The Board Members thanked Mr. Warnock for his clarification of the project.

Preliminary Cost Estimate – Distribution System Replacement – Scope of

Work: Mr. Warnock stated that RCAC is helping to facilitate this project and it is strictly in planning right now. Typically, the State wants to spread grant money around and they used to have a \$5-million cap and they have changed that to so many dollars per connection and it is a really big number, it's like \$4,500.00 per connection. The RCAC project came forefront along with the Igo/Ono consolidation project and we worked together a project that would fall in a range of \$5 million. It is actually a \$4.2 million project. I went through the same scenario and how much this will cost the customers and, in this case, if everything goes through with the State and you get a 90% grant, 10% loan with 0% interest for 30-years, you are left with .59¢ per rate payer. This project replaces 6,000 feet of pipe, upgrades existing meters, adds 400 new meters and those are the 3 main components of this project. Mr. Fust stated he thought we had 13,000 feet of 10-inch pipe within the District? Mr. Born stated we actually have a little

over 31,000 feet. The 6,000 feet mentioned is the pipe within the trouble areas of the District which is China Gulch, Flowers Lane and Olinda Road. Mr. Warnock stated that in order for the State to pony up the money, you are going to have to prove to them that you have so many line-breaks per mile within a specific area and then considering how much you can afford and ask the rate payers to pay. We have to deal with this meter replacement effort in order to get your automatic meter reading system up and running properly and save a lot of operator time. It takes a week just to read the meters. Most agencies have it automatic and drive by it picking up a reading and it takes one day and one person. Mr. Warnock asked Mr. Born how many people go and read meters and how long does it take? (Inaudible) Director Miller questioned, with this project at .59¢ per connection and the Backwash Repair project at .26¢ per connection, if we raise the rates by \$1.00 to show we are covering these 2 projects, do you think that would suffice? Then we could get the funding and move on with these 2 projects? The Prop 218 and going through the process, these projects need to be done in a timely fashion. We don't want to be stuck here. If we had some kind of a proposal to raise the rates to at least cover that of what the State is suggesting, then we can show them what we have in the works, then we get funding from others and that would help us in the short-term and give us time to fix the long-term rate structure. Director Engel stated, this is something he pointed out at the last meeting we had. We need to do something now to show these lending companies some financial responsibility and how we are going to pay for it and we need to take a step in that direction. Would you agree with that? Director Miller questioned, it appears meter change-outs are attached to this grant, correct? If we did not want to do that, then it drops the cost? I am in favor of a short-term solution so we can get the grants and funding but I wonder about some of the strings attached to the grant money and that is why I am hesitant, also the feedback from customers with the meter change-outs is negative. Mr. Warnock asked, so they do not want to change out the meters because they are afraid of a more accurate meter and it is going to cost them more money? Mr. Miller stated they are concerned with plumbing on the property after the meter and water pressures. I do not think they have enough information to decide whether it is a good idea or not and they still have questions. Mr. Warnock stated we are not changing out the meter, it is just the meter head on the existing meter and the mechanism that puts out the data, which is what is called AMR (automatic meter read). As you can see the price is \$150 for a meter head, we do not replace the meter. The cost listed for new meters are for those who are serving 2 homes with 1 meter and we need to get away from that and have a meter for each home. This project so far is just between District staff and Pace and it's only concerning what our highest priorities are right now. If you have other priorities, then we can rearrange this. Mr. Born stated to answer the question asked earlier by Mr. Warnock, it takes about 6-7 days to read meters because half of the route has to be read by hand and one of the hand-held devices died and the larger route is still done with a hand-held device but the device is considered obsolete. If we needed to replace it today, we could not. We would have to update the whole system.

Audience Dennis Possehn asked if it is State law to be charged by meter size? Mr. Warnock stated that is a good question. Normally in the State of California, the central

precedence is that it has to be fair across the board. If you have a 4" meter and I have a 1" meter you have a whole lot more capacity than I do, it is up to the Board to determine what fair is. That is what RCAC did with their rate study and considering a 4" meter has 8-times the capacity of a 1" meter, they just did a spreadsheet to balance the numbers. Mr. Fust stated, to clarify what Mr. Possehn is trying to say here is that it does not matter what size meter you have, it's how much water you use. If you use more water then you're going to pay more and that is fair. Director Engel stated that works only if everyone is paying the same amount for the water, which they are not. Mr. Fust questioned, if you are referring to the difference between Domestic and Ag, there is a difference because aren't we trying to promote Ag? Director Engel stated we are doing it at the expense of the Domestic user. If you have a 6" meter verses a 1" meter, you have 36-times the potential for water use and I'm not talking about actual use. As a District we have to accommodate potential use. Mr. Fust stated to answer that, you are talking about a meter that can supply so much water but realistically are you going to use that much water? Director Engel stated, we still have to accommodate the potential for using it. Audience Dennis Possehn questioned, we are not using the potential of the meter, just a small amount and we would never use the maximum potential, so why are we going to be charged for it?

CCCSO Project Funding & Rate Study Needs – Alternatives to Rates: General Manager Born stated that he asked Mr. Warnock to provide us with an estimate on a rate study to be performed by Pace Engineering. In your Board packets is the estimate of about \$50,000.00 and this is providing the Board with another option. I've looked at the proposals from the CAC and I want to commend them for what they have done but I just want to have as many options as possible so we can get it right this time. Director Miller asked Mr. Warnock if he would be following the AWWA standards? Mr. Warnock stated that is correct, it is one of the standards we would look at. Director Miller asked Mr. Warnock what do you take into account as far as affordability of the rates at the end of the study? Mr. Warnock stated that is hard one and it goes back to being fair across the board. Bella Vista tries to have an affordability concept for people who cannot pay and they set aside money that goes toward outstanding bills but again, that is a Board decision on how to go about trying to saddle other people with the responsibility of paying for someone else's water bill. I would like to go back to what Dennis Possehn was asking about having a 4" meter and only use a 1" meter worth of water. I would then ask the question; then why do you have a 4" meter?

Audience Annette Kolkey yelled out profanities to Mr. Warnock.

Mr. Fust stated the reason people have these meter is, years ago people were encouraged to use as much water as they could. Now they can't use the water coming out of a 4" meter because they can't afford the water. Mr. Warnock stated if you can't pay for a 4" meter and the water, then move to a 1" meter. After further discussion, Chairwoman Trenerry interjected and stated we are not going to be able to solve this problem today, so let's think about it and pray about it. Let's get onto another subject.

Audience Cedric Twilight stated that keyholding us into that AWWA methodology, we

have plenty of room to go around that and I would encourage Pace; that if you're going to do a study, to tailor your analysis based on the Districts needs and historical use of water. My question to Pace Engineering and considering the price tag of \$50k to study rates, which the CAC has already done; how would Pace provide added valuable engineering that's affordable that would be significantly different than the effort that was made by the CAC and the 3 proposals that were given to the Board? Frankly, I don't see there is any value there.

Audience Beverly Fickes stated in regard to the 3 studies that were done by the CAC, it was so interesting to watch and in Cedric's proposal, everyone pays the same rate. It needs to be studied a little more but I think there is value in that. I do plan on bringing these 3 plans to the Community Thursday night. I don't see the value in this \$50k either because I think you will be pleasantly surprised with the funding options coming from the Community. Mr. Fust stated to encapsulate all this; the CAC authorized me, the Chairman, to send all the Board Members those 3 rate proposals that the Committee is now looking at. In my opinion all 3 meet the requirements of the Prop 218, make the District financially stable and the possibility of getting Community support. If we can narrow down the 3 proposals to 1, then possibly the Board can support it and we can move on. Mr. Born stated that is a good idea and one suggestion from me is, after the CAC has the opportunity to finalize this, that we have it reviewed by Pace Engineering and reviewed by legal council just to be sure that everything fits the way that it is supposed to. All Board Members agreed. Mr. Warnock stated he wanted to address some of Mr. Twight's comments. He has been watching our rate study efforts that we have been doing so far and my discussion about changing out meter sizes was just playing "devils advocate" from what goes on with the vast majority of other agencies out there. I am not saying that you can't work around reducing that impact on the meter size and the rates. One thing that you must have in place, is if you come into another drought and the Bureau of Reclamation cuts you back to 50-gallons per day, per person, you are not going to be selling that water. You're still going to have a very large base cost that you're still going to have to cover. If your rates are all predicated around consumption, you are not going to have the money you need to pay people and that's why agencies have basis on how to cover that base amount. I have also seen agencies where the people are not paying their bill, they have a big meter and are irrigating, they will put in flow restrictors or a method based on historical water usage, a customer is "labeled" a meter size based on their water usage. When there are changes in the future and the property is sold and they want a 4" meter then they get that based on their usage. This will require more administration efforts. You just need to make sure your base costs are covered as we are more than likely headed into a drought this year. Director Engel asked as we prepare to replace our infrastructure, how do we decide what size pipes to put in? Do we look at what the demand will be and replace accordingly? The reason I ask is, if we are looking at services and the potential demand of those services and determining the size of those pipes we put in, that is a factor in our costs. This is a primary issue. Chairwoman Trenerry stated if we could see into the future, say 10-20 years from now it would be nice to say we need this size pipe. Director Engel stated that basically the question here is, do we have to

consider the size of the services when determining how to replace our infrastructure? Mr. Warnock stated that we do a hydraulic model of your system and we already have your system in our computers. Normally what drives the size of the pipes is fire flow. You don't normally see Districts downsizing in pipe size but could it be optimized? Yes, it probably could. Mr. Warnock stated if we know there is a bigger water meter or Ag user, we put that in our hydraulic system as a node; or a known demand in that area. We do not put every meter in but if we know there is a big user, then we will, along with fire flow and we look to see when we start exceeding high velocities and say ok, judiciously we have rules of thumb we try not to exceed. So yes, we do take into account large demands. You must meet a certain pressure in all locations and has to be agreed upon by the State.

Chairwoman Trenerry requested a 5-minute break.

Vice Chairman Fust stated the CAC presented 3 proposals to the Board and my question is if the Board will accept presenting the proposals, or should we put this off?

Chairwoman Trenerry stated personally, she would like to put this off because she just received it. We will put it on the next Board Meeting Agenda. Mr. Warnock stated he received the email this morning and noticed one of the 3 alternatives discusses a tiered rate structure, just be careful because those are a red flag. General Manager Born stated that in his conversations with the Bureau of Reclamation, they've pushed towards a tiered rate structure and have one themselves and according to the Bureau, helps us comply with water conservation. Laurie McCollum of Pace stated that when water conservation was on the forefront, that was okay but it's different since then and to have it without any justification is where you'll get bit. Mr. Fust stated so conservation is not a good enough reason? Mrs. McCollum stated it is not.

Consolidation – Services for Igo/Ono – Tech Assistance # 6223: General Manager Born stated he was asked to attend the Igo/Ono CSD Board meeting at the end of this month to discuss Clear Creek's position with them. Apparently they do have interest in us. I do know the State was out there last month doing some testing on wells in that area and some have tested positive for E-Coli. So with that, there has been some urgency, if we even decide to do something. We would need to get our MSR done because that is how LAFCO decides the service area. Mr. Fust stated, nowhere in this does it specify that Igo/Ono will have access to more water for domestic use and it seems to indicate the Clear Creek CSD will relinquish some of our 15,300 AF toward Igo/Ono and frankly, I am opposed to that. Director Miller asked who produced the Igo/Ono meeting notes? Mr. Born stated the State produced the notes. Director Miller asked if there has been anything formal from their Board? Mr. Born stated there is nothing formal at this point, just talking. Director Miller stated he is with Mr. Fust on this and I don't know why we are even engaged with this. I think we are ahead of ourselves until both Boards are seriously considering this. Mr. Fust stated it is his understanding that several people from the Igo/Ono area have contacted Skip about this but no one from their Board has. Director Miller stated that in the WIIN Act and part of it talked about not adding new areas but how would this be considered with

that? Mr. Born stated that would be something we would have to take into consideration. We are in early planning stages with a potential and that is all it is right now. Director Miller asked Mr. Born if he can tell the State that you need to wait until there is an official vote because you have other things on your plate because I just do not like the process I am seeing? Mr. Born said okay. Inaudible. John Moore a Board Member of the Igo/Ono CSD stated they voted and they are not interested. Mr. Fust suggested we wait until next year to complete the MSR that way it is already paid for and the Board agreed.

Report from the CAC on Proposed Rate Increase: See above

EEO – Anti-Harassment Policy: General Manager Born stated that this is the newest part of compliance. It used to be called sexual harassment and it's now called anti-harassment. This updates us and keeps us in compliance with additional training. Mr. Fust asked if the Board is due for this this year? Mr. Born stated yes. Director Engel asked if this was through JPIA? Mr. Born stated yes. Director Engel made a motion to approve the Anti-Harassment Policy and Director Miller seconded. Motion was voted on and approved.

Ayes: 5

Nayes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Vehicle Supplement Provision Operation Policy: General Manager Born stated this is an addendum to an existing vehicle policy and is another recommendation by the JPIA. It protects the District in the event an employee stops to help a customer in their own vehicle. There are no costs involved and I suggest that we put this in place. Director Miller stated, there has been concern about employees going to lunch in the work vehicles. Can you please explain the lunch break and vehicle policy? Mr. Born stated if a person is on-call, then they are allowed to take that vehicle home and to lunch. Director Engel asked who created the document and is it quantified? Mr. Born stated it is quantified and the template was provided by JPIA. We have never experienced this situation, it is just a recommendation of JPIA. Audience Beverly Fickes stated on last page it says; employees who are authorized to use District vehicles. Are there employees authorized to use a District vehicle during the day and night? Mr. Born stated, well yes, the on-call person, the Chief Treatment Plant Operator and myself. The reason is so that we can respond to calls. All 3 of us must be able to respond to calls at any point in time. Audience Beverly Fickes stated she didn't like that but okay. Director Engel made a motion to approve the Vehicle Supplement Provision Operation Policy and Director Miller seconded. Motion was voted on and approved.

Ayes: 5

Nayes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

WIIN Act Update – Court Validation: General Manager Born stated the WIIN Act contract is at the courts and is up for public comment and review. It will not come out

of that stage until February 22, 2021 and then we can move forward. There have been no complaints, lawsuits, or issues up to this point. Mr. Fust stated, it looks like we are not going to make our first payment on January 30, 2021 payment? Mr. Born stated in his conversations with the Bureau of Reclamation, we are not the only District behind the ball in getting financing secured and I was told that it is okay, as long as we are working on it and keeping them informed.

FEMA/CalOES Scope of Work – Additional Funding DR 4382, Project 64867:

General Manager Born stated he just wanted to report to the Board that he sent a letter to FEMA/CalOES requesting more funds since we now have a more solid quote and scope of work from Pace Engineering. I have not heard anything back yet but I am seeking another \$1.7 million dollars to help us get where we need to be and it never hurts to ask.

Senate Bill 974 & 1320 – CEQA Exemptions, Climate Change & Impact:

General Manager Born stated these are just informational. Chairwoman Trenerry asked if anyone had questions. No questions were asked.

Treatment Facility – Filter Train #6: General Manger Born asked Chief Treatment Operator Bill Palmaymesa to answer questions. Director Murray asked about the underdrain on filter #8, it shows material had been deposited and just wondering how much time it took to accumulate that material? Mr. Palmaymesa stated it was approximately 4-5 shovel-full but as far as how long, it is hard to say. We've changed the way we inspect filters and inspecting the underdrains has now become standard operating procedure. Mr. Fust stated as he understands the water quality coming from the top had a lot of algae and now we are drawing from the lower and it is now better, is that correct? Mr. Palmaymesa stated, that is backwards; we were on the bottom and we recently switched to the top level. The top level still has an amount of algae and micro-organisms that are catching in the filter, which, in turn are reducing run times and in turn is creating more backwashes. It doesn't matter where we pull from, we are still seeing remnants from the Carr Fire with no end in sight. Every rain, every flush, it's hitting the lake, hitting the tributaries, which goes into the lake and the lake acts like a sump and we are at the end of it. Mr. Palmaymesa stated he is going to send out an invite to everyone for a tour of the Treatment Plant.

Chemical Monitoring Waiver: General Manager Born stated this is provided just as informational to let you know that this waiver saved us some money. Mr. Palmaymesa submitted the paperwork for this and it was approved. The Board Members thanked Mr. Palmaymesa.

OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATION

STAFF REPORTS: Nothing to report

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: Chairwoman Trenerry stated they haven't cleaned the roadsides in awhile and deemed it safe because everyone doesn't cluster together. We have set February 6, 2021, to clean the roads. We provide coffee, a small cake and bags. It starts at 8:00 AM and we meet at the Community Center at 5400 Happy Valley Road. If it rains then we meet the following Saturday. I hope you can all make it.

Vice Chairman Fust stated LAFCO is meeting in February. An Executive Committee meeting is tomorrow and the subject of Igo/Ono will probably come up. I will tell the Committee the results of this meeting.

QUESTIONS and/or PUBLIC COMMENTS: Audience Sandy Winters asked how long our contract is with the Bureau? Mr. Born stated 2030 but with the WIIN Act there will be no more negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:41 AM

Submitted by,

Christy Roberts

Johanna Trenerry, Chairwoman

Irwin Fust, Vice Chairman

Virginia Bassham, Director

Mark Engel, Director

Murray Miller, Director

ATTEST: _____
Kurt Born, General Manager