



De Luz

Community Services

District

Board Of Directors
Charles Bowman
Paula Carroll
Robert D'Alessandri
Gina Rawson
Debbie Roberts

General Manager
James E. Emmons

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JANUARY 22, 2025
6:00 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

This regular meeting of the Board of Directors of De Luz Community Services District was held at the DLCSD office, 41606 Date Street, Suite 205, Murrieta, CA on January 22, 2025. The meeting was also held electronically by Zoom. The meeting was called to order by President Roberts at 6:00 p.m. Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Directors Present:

Debbie Roberts, President
Charles Bowman, Vice President
Robert D'Alessandri, Treasurer
Paula Carroll, Director
Gina Rawson, Director

Staff Present:

James Emmons, General Manager/Secretary
Holland Stewart, General Counsel
Matthew Crim, Deputy District Engineer
Theresa Snyder, Finance Manager
Jessica Richards, Administrative/IT Manager
Isabele Gavidia, Administrative Assistant
Nicholas Gieseman, Field Worker
Dane Carroll, Field Worker

The flag salute was led by President Roberts.

B. SHERIFF:

Deputy Pourier delivered the Sheriff's Report and provided an update on recent law enforcement activity. He reported on notable calls for service throughout the district. He responded to calls regarding property theft, burglary of an avocado grove, and illegal fireworks. Deputy Pourier emphasized the importance of homeowners keeping their belongings locked and the importance of establishing outdoor motion lights and/or cameras. The written report is on file with the District.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

D. INFORMATION ONLY:

The Statement of Investment Policy and the Financial Statements were received by the Board.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion was made by Carroll, seconded by Rawson to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

1. Minutes of November 20, 2024, Regular Board Meeting
2. Minutes of December 5, 2024, Special Board Meeting
3. General Fund & Sheriffs Special Tax Claims for November & December 2024
4. Purchase Order No(s): None

AYES: Bowman, Carroll, D'Alessandri, Rawson, Roberts

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

The motion was unanimously approved.

F. LEGISLATIVE TOPICS:

Syrus Devers, District Legislative Advocate, reported that the interaction with Cal Recycle is in process. The first draft of the letter from Senator Seyarto to Cal Recycle requesting CalRecycle's 's plans for amending the organic waste regulations will be sent soon. He continues reviewing the issue of Fish and Wildlife refusing to pay fees for utilizing district roads. He advised the Board that the Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) Regulation is the latest development in California Air Resource Board's (CARB) long history of setting emission standards.

G. WALKER BASIN

General Manager Emmons reported that there had been a request to the County of Riverside to consider a change to the General Plan for twenty-nine (29) parcels known as Walker Basin. The change would be from Rual Mountainous to Commercial Retail. He reported that residents of De luz attended the Public Hearing and voiced their opposition to the request. As a result, the request was denied.

The Board discussed the report and commended the members of the public for their swift reaction to this hearing and for their outstanding presentations to The County Committee.

H. NEWSLETTER (COMMUNICATION)

General Manager Emmons advised that the Engineering Committee has discussed a periodic newsletter to district residents. The Board discussed this issue with the Engineering Committee.

Motion was made by Carrol, seconded by Rawson to proceed with a community newsletter and directed the Engineering Committee to work with staff on a detailed proposal.

AYES: Bowman, Carroll, D'Alessandri, Rawson, Roberts
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

The motion was unanimously approved.

I. ROAD MAINTENANCE/FIELD CREW REPORT

Maintenance Crew Gieseman reported trash and graffiti clean-up on Crumley Court. He also reported a rockslide on El Prado Road and with pothole repairs that were completed by our Maintenance Crew. He also advised that the regular routine maintenance tasks scheduled for the month have been undertaken and completed.

J. COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Director Bowman reported that the Engineering Committee met and continued discussion of roadway rehabilitation projects for this year. The Engineering Committee will have a recommendation of projects for this year by the March meeting. Costs continue to be very high, and funding is limited.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Director D'Alessandri reported that the Finance Committee met and discussed the District's Treasury Bills investments. The interest rate is near the same as the LAIF interest rate, and the Finance Committee recommends not to renew the treasury bills since LAIF provides daily liquidity.

He also advised that the CSD's funds have been frozen by Proposition 218 in 1998. The District should review long term funding.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

President Roberts reported that updates were given by Syrus Devers at the beginning of the meeting. There is no further information at this time.

K. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Emmons advised the Board that Form 700 Annual Filing Period for year 2024-2025 is now open.

L. LEGAL COUNSEL MATTERS

General Counsel Holland Stewart informed the Board that the Sandia Creek Winery application remains withdrawn by the applicant.

At this time the Board adjourned to closed session.

M. CLOSED SESSION

The Board met in closed session pursuant to the provision of Government Code Section 54956.9 (1).

The Board reconvened in open session. The Board took no action on this matter.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.



Debbie Roberts, President
De Luz Community Services District

Attest:



James E. Emmons, Secretary
De Luz Community Services District