

GARDEN VALLEY RANCH ESTATES CSD

Friday, April 20, 2018

Marshall Grange Hall, 4940 Marshall Road

Garden Valley, CA 95633

CALL TO ORDER – 7:06 pm

PRESENT: Board: Don Weiland, Dave Adams, Frank Clark, Carrie Montgomery Absent: Kathleen Griffin
Manager: James Simms, Sec/Tres: Marianne Agudo, Carrie Montgomery acting recording Sec.
Public: Tom and Helen Bartunek, Lynn Schardt, John Artz, Mark Mezzano, Linda Manzon, Gino Phillips, Christine Dunham, Kat Hall, Gregg Montgomery, Lynn Sexton, Ernie Agudo

ADOPT AGENDA: April 20, 2018 Approved

APPROVE MINUTES: January 19, 2018 Approved

SECRETARY REPORT: Marianne Agudo

Correspondence: El Dorado County Elections Packet: Resolution to combine our election with the November 2018 county election. There are two positions currently held by Frank Clark and Carrie Montgomery which terms will expire 12/2018. There is one 2 year position currently held by Don Weiland which term will expire 12/2020. Historically Board members have been appointed eliminating the candidate message. Motion: Complete and file the packet with no candidates proposed. Deadline to turn in packet: 7/6/2018. Deadline for late filing: 8/10/2018. Motion Seconded and Passed. Notification of 2018 Elections and Candidacy must be posted in 3 places within the district. Discussion – Motion made to post at all (6) mailbox groupings. Motion seconded and passed

TRESURER REPORT: Marianne Agudo

Fiscal year: 7/1/2017 to 6/30/2018

As of March 31, 2018: Revenue: \$27,789.06, Expense: \$50,802.79, Balance: \$83,461.24

Invoices to be paid: P.O. Box Rental \$62.00 Hall Rental \$25. Road stripper \$102.42 and Road stripper paint \$46.01.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to pay the invoices.

Discussion to authorize payment of the annual expenditures at beginning of fiscal year was followed by a decision to address at next meeting.

Proposed 2018 – 19 Budget: Revenue \$41, 650, Operating Expense \$3,237, Road Maintenance Budget \$38,413.

Proposed Budget open to discussion:

Q. How much does the misc. rev. fluctuate? A. Not much.

Q. Is \$16,000 (Revenue) an estimate? A. Yes, It is the average based on last 3 years.

Q. When does the \$16,000 come in? A. Throughout the year. It is revenue from sales tax collected by the State. The majority of the Special Tax (\$150/parcel) comes in twice a year when property tax is due. The state sales tax is broken down into revenue streams on the monthly detail report.

Q. Repair Budget, what is the maintenance schedule? A. GM proposes areas to members and after open discussions the Board approves/disapproves. (see GM report)

SAFETY REPORT: Frank Clark Offered to bring Fire Chief back to the October meeting. Frank asked members to think about and submit questions including the fire department tax increase ahead of time. The Garden Valley Fire Station provides 24/7 coverage in Garden Valley.

Q. Does the Board have obligation to clear land for residents who do not clear their land? A. This is not clearly defined, but we (Board) will get to it

Q. Do you have a legal obligation? A. No

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT: James Simms

ROADS: Drove roads and found they are in pretty good shape. Problem areas sluffing sides, expensive to repair but will degrade the rest of the road if not fixed. Beehive Court – worst, Links Ridge – not good, Lazy Brook Rollercoaster, Hancock all have some bad spots.

OLD BUSINESS: SPRAYING and DITCH CLEANING: There was no ditch cleaning done by the district, but did not appear to be a problem. There is a limited budget to make our roads safe and drivable. We have to eliminate unnecessary expenses such as weed spraying. Fire protection is more than a water issue. Ditches should be property owner's responsibility. We need to develop Roles & Responsibilities (what the Board should/shouldn't do).

Q. Should the GM pursue weed eating or should property owners be responsible? A. Decide on individual occurrences and circumstances.

Q. Do we hold neighbors accountable? A. If it becomes a safety issue than we will discuss to fix.

Q. Can we get the address or the APN of owner? A. Best if individual gets information from public records

Q. What about the aged and disabled? A. Reach out to community, the Board. This points out the need for a GM Support Group.

Q. Brown Act – Noticing A. Trying to move to electronic format. In the past sent out letters to the physical address and the alternate address from the tax roll. Many came back. Mailing is time and financially draining. Pleads for help getting contact information.

Tabled: Will distribute Responsibilities, Boundaries and Roles next meeting.

GENERAL MANAGER SUPPORT GROUP: James presented a request for members to join this group. (see attachment)

BUSSES: weight of busses are causing our main roads to deteriorate. Satellite roads neglected because not enough money. Received a letter from Beehive resident threatening to go to court because of lack of maintenance.

Q. Will eliminating buses lead to limiting other traffic? A. No

Q. This presents a concern for children's safety. A. Understand the concern, however, with limited budget do we eliminate the busses or continue to leave satellite roads unrepaired?

Comment: At the far end from the Ranch a child has to walk 45 minutes to the proposed bus stop. Several possible safety issues were discussed.

Q. How many families will this affect? A. 7 – 10 families. A. about 20 kids

Q. Any offers of help or solutions? A. Need to raise Special Tax. It has been 20 years since an increase. A.

Compromise to keep elementary buses. A. Carpool to bus stop.

FUNDING: Contacted several contractors most do not respond. Veerkamp responded saying they are too busy right now. It would cost around \$5,000 to hire an engineer to develop options to what is needed to bring roads up to a good condition. Without a solution and its cost, we cannot ask for funding. Putting a measure on the ballot to raise funds needs input and assistance from the community. This is a challenging task and very unlikely that it would be ready for the November ballot. There are already increases proposed by the Fire Department and GDPUD. Members of the community must be involved. All ideas and help are essential.

Proposed letter was read. This is not personal or against kids, just the Board being responsible to its roads. Motion: Send letter to Black Oak Unified School District Transportation Board to temporarily discontinue buses in the GVRECS D beginning school year 2018-19 until further notice. Motion Seconded and Approved yes 4 no 0 absent 1

COMMUNICATION PLAN: This is part of a solution to raise fees to fix the roads. Plea for help and ideas to assist Marianne Agudo in creating a list of addresses and emails for the ranch members.

2018 ROAD PLAN: Beehive Court, Links Ridge and Hancock Rd. have priority. Get bids, then possible recoating.

Q: Possible damage to slurry seal on Johntown. A. Will ask if this can be fixed.

Q. Any warranty on the slurry seal? A. No, due to the nature of the damage.

Comment: Would like to see a test patch of a thicker seal.

NEW BUSINESS: District Website. The SDRMA is offering a scholarship to help small districts develop and maintain their own website. This will give members and interested parties the ability to see minutes, agendas and other information that help keep us compliant with the Brown Act. There will be no charge for the first 15 months and then \$25/month thereafter for web hosting. A motion was made to apply for the scholarship. Seconded and passed.

EGRESS GATE HOOD & HANCOCK RD: A perceived emergency by a Ranch residence caused the Fire Department to cut a lock that was placed on the gate. The lock was not owned by the Fire Department but the Fire Department replaced the lock. As of now, no one in the Ranch has the ability to open the lock. A procedure needs to be put in place that will allow a limited amount of authorized people to be able to open a shared lock. Until further notice, call the Fire Department in case of an emergency.

ROAD STRIPER: GM has the road striping and paint. Will strip identified areas, but needs assistance. Please identify other areas that have safety issues and offer possible solutions such as reflectorized posts and signs. Areas identified are curves on JTC and Chrysler Circle. Send your suggestions/areas to gardenvalleyranch@hotmail.com

NEXT MEETING: July 20, 2018

PUBLIC COMMENT: Your participation is appreciated and welcome.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:08 pm

Minutes taken by Carrie Montgomery, transcribed by Marianne Agudo