



Garden Valley Ranch Estates Community Service District

**Special Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 13, 2021
Agudo Residence, 6820 Hancock Rd., Garden Valley, CA 95633**

CALL TO ORDER@ 7:13 pm

Present: Board Members – Don Weiland, Frank Clark, Kathleen DeCurtis, Inge Cornett & Lee Gardner
Officers - General Manager – Vacant; Sec/Tres-Marianne Agudo
Public – Gino Phillips, Lynn Schardt, Ernie Agudo and Donna Godwin

ADOPT AGENDA- May 13, 2021: Motion to Approve – Kathleen DeCurtis. Seconded by Frank Clark AYES 5
NAYS 0 Motion passed

APPROVE MINUTES - Members were allowed a few minutes to review the March 26, 2021 and April 1st, 2021
minutes Motion to approve Lee Gardner, Seconded by Kathleen DeCurtis AYES 5, NAYS 0
Motion passed

SECRETARY REPORT& TREASURER REPORT - Marianne Agudo

Invoices: There were no invoices

As of April 30, 2021: Revenue \$44,463.15 Expense \$24,241.97 Budget Balance \$20,211.18

General Ledger Balance: \$175,685.51

Budget: The proposed 2021-22 Budget was reviewed. Because our year will not end until June 30th, anticipated additional expense is noted at the top. Revenue is still expected to be \$44,000 and the anticipated operating expenses are \$4,767.31 leaving \$129,182.69 for road maintenance. The intention is to continue to keep the \$40,000 reserve for unforeseen road maintenance. El Dorado County administers this reserve fund for us. To appropriate money from this fund requires the approval of 4 board members. The Budget will come up for approval at our next August meeting. To be in compliance with the Appropriations Limits (Gann Act) it is necessary to publish in a public paper we will be voting to accept the proposed appropriation limit of \$476,466. Motion to approve publishing the Appropriation Limit was made by Kathleen DeCurtis, seconded by Lee Gardner. Ayes 5 NAYS 0 Motion passed

Communication: SDRMA 2021-22 Property/Liability revised estimate: \$2,412.31.

Kathleen DeCurtis resigned as a Board Member. She has accepted the office of General Manager.

RESIGNATION OF GENERAL MANAGER – CAREY MONTGOMER

Marianne read Carey Montgomery's letter of resignation. Don Weiland sent Carey an email of appreciation for her stepping up and taking the position.

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW GENERAL MANAGER, KATHY DECURTIS

Kathleen DeCurtis read the oath of Office as General Manager. She was warmly welcomed.

GENERAL MANAGER'S & ROAD REPORT

Due to Carey Montgomery's resignation, Don Weiland stood in and reported that the Lazy Brook Bridge was hit by a pickup truck. One of the rails was damaged to the point it has to be replaced and two other rails have to be removed and straighter. The truck had to be lifted by a floor jack to get it off. Phillips Steel provided a bid of \$1325.00. Don will turn this over to the family responsible for the damage.

The Road Work Group was tasked with creating a maintenance plan for the satellite roads. The workgroup used a map that had been created in 1993 that divided the satellite roads into doable projects. Don worked with Robin to measure these roads because the original widths were not viable. They identified 6 projects that met the criteria. There is \$25,000 still remaining in the current year road maintenance budget. This will be able to do one or two of the projects in June. The additional 4 projects if approved can be done during the next fiscal year because enough money has accumulated. Don reviewed the identified projects reiterating that only the subsidiary roads would be done. He said that Robin is gearing up to get this done during June and July. Once these roads are done the focus will be on the main roads.

It was brought up that GVRECSO does not have enough money to do everything that needs to be done because of our lack of revenue. Marianne said at a CSDA Webinar she attended there was a breakout session about different ways to increase funding. They discussed that a concerned citizen(s) can put this on the ballot. It can be approved by a majority vote. That is one vote over 50%. Kim Smith is the person we work with at the El Dorado County Registrar of Voters. Who votes? Marianne reported that anyone that is registered to vote within our boundary will be able to vote on propositions concerning this district. We are not the only CSD that is underfunded nor is this a new idea to raise the Special Tax. It was decided that this is a topic that needs its own meeting for discussion.

Marianne reported she posed the question to the CSDA Public forum of using the same contractor to do maintenance work when each project is less than the amount required to put out for bid. A General Manager of a Parks District in Southern California responded via phone. He offered suggestions about using "The Blue Book" to notify contractors when we are putting a project out for bid. He cautioned about making sure the bid is properly written to protect us. He offered to provide copies of their requests for bids and guiding us through the process. He also said that if no one responds to a bid it is still considered putting it out for bid. He said there is nothing wrong in using the same contractor to do multiple projects. He said we are in a unique position where we can show what we do with our public funds. None of the public money is used for salaries and the majority of it goes to road maintenance.

Lee Gardner made a motion that we get the ball rolling and start working on the identified projects. Discussion followed concerning if we have enough money to complete all the projects during this Summer. Concerns were raised that if we wait, prices are sure to go up. Don suggested that we wait to do one of the projects until 2022, after our Special Tax revenue has been collected to ensure we have enough money. Don said he will talk with Robin about reducing the overall price or reducing the scope of Lazy Brook Trail to stop at Lynx Ridge Road. Don suggested that a motion be made to do one project that will be completed by June 30, 2021 and the rest of the projects will be done during the 2021 – 2022 period. Frank made the motion seconded by Lee Gardner. AYES 4 NAYS 0 Motion passed

OLD BUSINESS

Bus Shelter – Don Weiland said that Cary Montgomery had asked the conversion be stopped. He said Louie Manzon is going to build a steel frame for the door. They will also do something for the windows to make it hard to break in. Don suggested that our new General Manager contact James Simms and Lourie Manzon to advise them to go forward with the project.

Form 700 Statement of Economic Interest – Frank Clark already turned his Form 700 in. Kathleen DeCurtis did hers because Kim Smith sent her the url and password so she could complete hers as an outgoing officer. Don Weiland did his last year. Marianne will check if Lee Gardner needs to.

NEW BUSINESS

No Dumping sign on the Johntown Creek Road bus station. Someone has put a “No Dumping” sign up. Donna Godwin said she knows who has been leaving things there. She went to the person’s house and left a message with her son because he said his mom was not home. When leaving, a woman tailgated her and was rude when confronted by Donna. It happened again with a video cabinet and various tapes. Donna decided to contact Code Enforcement. Two weeks after writing a letter she was contacted by Code Enforcement saying this falls under the Sheriff’s jurisdiction. On Nextdoor, the social media app other people were complaining about similar incidents. Donna also posted identifying GVRE’s problem. Discussion followed suggesting that the items be returned to the offender by a concerned citizen’s group. It was also suggested to post an “official” No Dumping Sign. Lynn Shardt cautioned about being mindful of whoever actually owns the bus station property. It was eventually decided this doesn’t fall under our CSD. Several members offered to return the items to the owner.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gino Phillips reported that James Simms had injured himself while riding his quad. He is doing well.

Frank Clark brought a flyer and his reflective street address sign. For the price of \$35 you can purchase a reflective street address sign with numbers on both sides. A metal post to hang your sign is an additional \$10.00. This is sponsored by Georgetown Divide Fire Safe Council and funds are to be used for community wildfire prevention and education.

Lynn Shardt brought up the problem of people being unaware of how to leave the Estates when they can’t use the Mount Murphy/Johntown Creek intersection. The Garden Park Gate was mentioned. The Gate is the property of the Garden Park HOA. It was clearly stated that anyone aware of an

emergency of this type are to call "911." Marianne suggested that the Road Work Group look into all the GVRECS D signage and come back with suggestions.

ADJOURNMENT:@8:58 pm Motion to adjourn was made by Frank Clark. Seconded by Lee Gardner AYES 4 NAYS 0 Passed

2021 Meetings: special meeting Jan 18th, rescheduled meeting Feb19th, special meetings March 26th and April 1, special meeting May13th, Aug 20th, Nov 19th