



Garden Valley Ranch Estates Community Service District

Meeting Minutes
Friday April 5, 2019 7 P.M.
Marshall Grange Hall, 4940 Marshall Road
Garden Valley, Ca. 95633

CALL TO ORDER - @ 7: 04 PM

Recording Minutes: James announced beginning with this meeting and going forward all Board Meetings will be recorded. **Note Taker:** Rebecca Bair is no longer available.

PRESENT: Board Members – Don Weiland, Dave Adams, Jennifer Simms Manager: James Simms, Sec/Tres Marianne Agudo Public: Ernie Agudo, Gino Phillips

ADOPT AGENDA-April 5, 2019 Motion made by Jennifer Simms, Seconded by Dave Adams and Passed

APPROVE MINUTES- January 18, 2019 Motion made by Jennifer Simms, Seconded by Dave Adams and Passed

SECRETARY REPORT & TREASURER REPORT - Marianne Agudo

- **Communication: SDRMA** – 5% liability fee increase due to heavy losses due to recent fires. CSDA Finance Corp – financing options, SDLF – leadership scholarships for small CSDs to attend sponsored programs, CSDA – Special District Board member Handbooks (included with our new handbooks) and Leadership Academy brochures
 - **Sent:** Lafco – copy of recent audit, El Dorado County Voter Registrar – Application to view voter registration info (follow-up request sent)
- **Financial Report** As of 03/31/2019 Revenue:\$ 27,853.27 Expense: \$21,983.27 Balance \$105,064.72
- **Invoices :** Streamline(Website) \$75.00, Hall Rent \$25.00, P. O Box rental \$64.00, Garden Valley Feed & Hardware \$64,29, Motion made by Jennifer Simms, seconded by Dave Adams and passed

Board Chairman Don Weiland: announced he had fulfilled his Ethics Training requirement.

GENERAL MANAGER & ROAD REPORT-James Simms

Road Work Bid for entire GVRECS D: James met with an employee of Joe Vicini, General Engineer Inc. to discuss what needs to be done to get our roads in good shape. He said the main arteries of Johntown Creek Rd and Chrysler Circle are in good condition but need a thicker layer of chip & seal. All the other roads need to be asphalted with no prefixing except for some ditch and culvert work. His estimated cost for all of this work is \$630,685.00. This amount was less than what was anticipated.

OLD BUSINESS

Emergency Exit Gate: There is no new information. James will pursue this with the Fire Department.

NEW BUSINESS

Audit Requirement: Marianne followed CSDA Forum information about being able to request approval from the El Dorado board of Supervisors to change the current 2 yr audit requirement to 5 years. Learned from El Dorado Controller's Office they are trying to get this requirement changed for all of the small CSDs within their jurisdiction.

Cancel April 19th Meeting: Motion was made by Dave Adams and seconded by Jennifer Simms and passed.

2019-20 Proposed Budget: Marianne presented the 2019-20 budget with expenses amounting to \$41,650.00. Staying with the previous approved Budget. The significant changes are an increase to Office Supplies for the proposed fee increase and the removal of \$6,000 auditor's fee. The \$6,000 was added to the road repair budget. The budget will be brought to the next meeting for approval.

Appropriations Limit – The law requires the 2019-20 spending limit be publicly notified prior to voting on the Appropriations limit. The amount of increase from the Controller's Office is sent in May making it necessary to get approval to publish before the July meeting. Motion was made by Dave Adams to put the notification in the Mtn. Democrat prior to July meeting. Seconded by Jennifer Simms and passed.

Lazy Brook release form: Three of the rail sections of the Lazy brook bridge were damaged by a garbage truck. Phillips Steel was contracted to repair the damage. They said the bridge infrastructure appeared fine. The garbage company sent a release form which we were all asked to read. James expressed his reluctance to sign. Some of the discussion that followed including the fact the form was generic and none of the specific information had been filled out. It was also discussed that there is concern if there was damage to the bridge that was not detected and would cause problems later on. It was decided to wait until the next meeting to decide about the release form.

The cause of the accident was uncertain – it could have been speed or slipping. There is concern of future accidents due to the bridge becoming slippery when the bridge is wet. The possibility of painting the bridge with a special coating like used in truck beds might reduce this problem. Another solution would be to weld rebar every 12 or so inches. Ernie Agudo and Don Weiland volunteered to help do this. No further action was taken at this time so it can be added to the July Agenda allowing community input and the board members to vote. Marianne said she would confirm if an item not directly on the agenda could be voted on.

2019 Roadwork: After the rains have subsided, James will do an assessment to determine what needs to be done. Pot holes and work that can be done during a roadwork day will be done during the Spring/Summer. Work requiring outside vendors will more than likely be done during the Fall because of their availability. The representative of Joe Vicini did not have a lot of praise about doing more slurry. It doesn't add anything to the road base. Don said in areas, the slurry looks good. James said slurry works where there is good road base. Dave Adams wanted to know if this would be married with the fee increase and he would like to see an automatic annual increase built in. James said there are many possible solutions, but any type of financing needs a starting point. We need to do more research into financing. The perfect situation would be to get grants that would reduce the amount we need to finance. After establishing good communication streams, we can begin to ask what the GVRESCD members want done and what would they vote for. Incentives to help this to pass would be allowing the buses back, ditch work and roadside safety. The wording for the proposition and any communication is very important if we don't want the proposition to fail. Ballot Target date- Nov. 2020.

Board Handbooks: Handbooks were handed out to the board members that were present. These are like a training manual for board members and will be passed to the new board members upon swearing in.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Gino Phillips informed the group that Don Whitaker, resident of GVRECS D passed away about three weeks ago. He wanted to know if the new treatment plant completion would mean the levy would be removed. James said the levy will continue until it reaches the agreed time period. Gino voiced a concern of many of the members about homeowner insurance. California Fair Plan is, for some the last resort for this type of insurance. James said there is some talk about insurance companies looking at the individual area/home versus zip code. This makes it all the more important to clean up properties.

Safety Committee - James said there is a need to create a group that would act as a neighborhood watch and to work with the local Fire, Police and Fire Safety Council to help deal with uncooperative neighbors. The Fire Safety Council is a legislative body that has funds to help deal owners with properties with overgrown vegetation and need assistance. This is not within the GVRECS D jurisdiction, but this work would benefit everyone.

ADJOURNMENT 8:30 pm – Dave Adams made a motion to adjourn, Jennifer Simms seconded and it was passed.

Minutes prepared by Marianne Agudo