

**SPALDING COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 17, 2019**

APPROVED BY DIRECTORS:

MEETING PLACE: EAGLE LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER, SPALDING.

BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF PRESENT: MIKE ARNOLD CHAIRPERSON, TED THOMAS, VICE-CHAIRPERSON, LARRY DOSS, ED LAWSON, DARREN READ (per phone: location 78 Pine Oak Rd. Oroville, California)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MIKE ARNOLD AT 10:02 AM
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

- 2.01 Approval of minutes for Board Directors' Meeting on June 21, 2019**
Ted Thomas corrected his report out for closed session on June 21, 2019. The minutes will be changed to reflect the correct information.
Motion: Approve the minutes from the Board of Directors' Meeting on June 21, 2019 as corrected.
First: Mike Arnold Second: Ted Thomas
**Roll Call: Mike Arnold - Yes; Ted Thomas - Yes; Ed Lawson - Yes
 Larry Doss – Yes; Darren Read – Yes**
- 2.02 Approval of Paid District Expenditures for July 22, 2019 through August 15, 2019**
Motion: Approve District Expenditures for July 22, 2019 through August 15, 2019
First: Larry Doss Second: Mike Arnold
**Roll Call: Mike Arnold - Yes; Ted Thomas - Yes; Ed Lawson - Yes
 Larry Doss – Yes; Darren Read – Yes**

REGULAR AGENDA

- 3.01 No items were removed from the consent agenda**
- 3.02 FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**
Chief Spediacci was unable to attend the meeting. Darren Read reported there were 3 calls in July and 3 calls to date in August. The Fire department should be receiving the new LEER shell in the next couple of weeks.
- 3.03 Committee Reports**
*** Fueling System Update**
Ted Thomas report that the Fueling System project is on track with the placement of the tank expected next week.
*** Sewer Pond Grant Update**
Mike Arnold reported that the Sewer Pond Grant project is progressing slowly. The grant application is almost finished. The grant will allow for the reduction of the storage capacity size of the sewer pond and the purchase of an instrument that collects data on fire risk. The Weather station which will monitor the sewer is almost ready for operation.
*** Fee Study Upgrade**
Mike Arnold reported that the 2018-19 financial books need to be completed before the fee study can be completed.
- 3.04 Consideration of Base Rock Bids for FEMA road repairs**
Ted Thomas reported that the grant from FEMA for \$61,000 is to repair storm damaged roads to allow emergency vehicles easy access. Any leftover funds can be spent at the District's discretion. Larry Doss reported that there were several bids for base rock. Turner Excavating of Almanor were the successful bidder at \$15,446.75 which was the lowest bid. Larry Doss checked out the company and reported that they have good

road base. Volunteer labor can be used to spread the gravel which will keep costs down on the project.

Motion: To award Turner Excavating the contract for base rock for road repair.

First: Mike Arnold Second: Ed Lawson

**Roll Call: Mike Arnold - Yes; Ted Thomas - Yes; Ed Lawson - Yes
Larry Doss – Yes; Darren Read – Yes**

3.05 Consideration of formation of a Weed and Rubbish Abatement Commission

The purpose of the commission is to investigate and report back to the District Board of Directors any properties in the District subject to abatement of weeds and/or rubbish pursuant to Spalding Chapter 6.02, Health and Safety Code section 14875 through 14922 and Government Code section 61100(t). After receiving the report, the District Board of Directors will take appropriate action to get these properties brought into compliance.

Motion: Create a Weed and Rubbish Abatement Commission

First: Mike Arnold Second: Ed Lawson

**Roll Call: Mike Arnold - Yes; Ted Thomas - Yes; Ed Lawson - Yes
Larry Doss – Yes; Darren Read – Yes**

3.06 Consideration of appointments to the Weed and Rubbish Abatement Commission

The General Manager would take on the responsibility of identifying properties that are out of compliance with the above stated codes. Because there is no General Manager at this time, the Board of Directors has the right to appoint commissioners to take on this responsibility.

Motion: Appoint Ed Lawson, Mike Garcia, and Will Turner as commissioners.

First: Mike Arnold Second: Ted Turner

**Roll Call: Mike Arnold - Yes; Ted Thomas - Yes; Ed Lawson - Abstained
Larry Doss – Yes; Darren Read – Yes**

3.07 Dissolution of Spalding Fire Fuel Reduction Ad-Hoc Committee

Mike Arnold thanked the Fire Fuel Reduction Ad-Hoc Committee and many volunteers for this very successful effort to reduce Fire Fuel in Spalding.

Mike Arnold dissolved the Fire Fuel Reduction Ad-Hoc Committee appointed on August 8, 2018.

3.08 Firewood left on District Property due to Defensible Space Clearing

Multiple piles of firewood have been left piled on District property by CAL FIRE crews performing the defensible space work. After discussion it was decided that the wood would be put up for lottery to recover expenses CAL FIRE charged the District for the work. Larry Doss will inventory the piles.

3.09 Consideration of paying Mr. Stumps legal fees, up to \$1,000

Steve Stump, General Manager Susanville Sanitation Department, has agreed to work for the district 20 hours a month as the Chief Plant Operator. His duties will be to manage the sewer system and train appropriate district personnel to take over his duties. Legal fees were incurred due to the fact that his current employer wanted some assurances his duties with Spalding Community Service District would not interfere with his other duties.

Motion: Approve the payment of legal fees for Mr. Stump if his employment contract is accepted.

First: Ted Thomas Second: Ed Lawson

**Roll Call: Mike Arnold - Yes; Ted Thomas - Yes; Ed Lawson - Yes
Larry Doss – Yes; Darren Read – Yes**

3.01 Consideration of Chief Plant Operator Contract with Steve Stump

The Board of Directors has reviewed the contract and Mr. Stumps qualifications.

Motion: Approve the temporary employment contract with Steve Stump with the option to extend it for 6 months if necessary.

First: Mike Arnold Second: Ed Lawson

**Roll Call: Mike Arnold - Yes; Ted Thomas - Yes; Ed Lawson - Yes
Larry Doss – Yes; Darren Read – Yes**

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Gary Davis met with Tom Eastgate from the Fire Prevention Organization in Susanville called FIREWISE and reported that the organization has grant money to help the Spalding Community with fire abatement expenses. The District had a FIREWISE committee in the past. Mr. Davis is working on getting it back into operation to take advantage of the grant money. There was discussion on the safety of the green piles now located on district properties. Other possible locations discussed were the Marina or out be the sewer ponds.
- Will Turner updated the Board of Directors on the cattle situation. There are still issues with the east side of the lake which is BLM land but the Forestry seems to have resolved the issues on the west side of the lake. Mike Arnold reported that he has tried to get in touch with Lahanton without success.
- Dee Thomas spoke on the danger of the algae count throughout the United States and the importance of keeping it down here as much as possible.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Directors did not meet in closed session because the qualifications of the Chief Plan Operator were discussed at the last Board meeting.

ADJOURN

Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

First: Ted Thomas Second: Larry Doss

**Roll Call: Mike Arnold - Yes; Ted Thomas - Yes; Ed Lawson - Yes
Larry Doss – Yes; Darren Read – Yes**

Next regular meeting scheduled for September 20, 2019 at 3:00pm

Respectfully submitted by: Sharon Moats