

SPALDING COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
January 15, 2021

**DRAFT**

**APPROVED BY DIRECTORS:**

Ted Thomas  
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Larry Doss  
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Ed Lawson  
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**MEETING ACCESS:** EAGLE LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER, SPALDING (WITH LIMITED SEATING); THE MEETING WAS ALSO CONDUCTED VIA TELECONFERENCE; THE PUBLIC COULD ELECTRONICALLY ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELEPHONE: (701) 779-9724

**BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF PRESENT:** MIKE ARNOLD, CHAIRPERSON, TED THOMAS, VICE-CHAIRPERSON, LARRY DOSS, ED LAWSON, DARREN READ

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Mike Arnold at 3:02 p.m.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - None
2. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS ORGANIZATION FOR 2021**

**ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIRMAN**

**Motion: Ted Thomas for Board Chairman.**

**First: Larry Doss      Second: Ed Lawson**

**Roll Call: Larry Doss – yes; Mike Arnold – no; Ed Lawson – no; Ted Thomas – no;**

**Darren Read – no**

**Motion failed.**

**Motion: Mike Arnold for Board Chairman**

**First: Darren Read      Second: Ed Lawson**

**Roll Call: Larry Doss – no; Mike Arnold – yes; Ed Lawson – yes; Ted Thomas – abstained; Darren Read – yes**

**Mike Arnold is Board Chairman.**

**ELECTION OF BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN**

**Motion: Ed Lawson for Board Vice Chairman**

**Ed Lawson declined the nomination.**

**Motion: Darren Read for Board Vice Chairman.**

**First: Mike Arnold      Second: None**

**Motion failed.**

**Motion: Ted Thomas as Board Vice Chairman**

**First: Larry Doss      Second: Ed Lawson**

**Roll Call: Larry Doss – yes; Mike Arnold – yes; Ed Lawson – yes; Ted Thomas – yes;**

**Darren Read – yes**

**Ted Thomas is Board Vice Chairman.**

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion: Approve the January 15, 2021 agenda.**

The January 15, 2021 agenda was approved without changes.

4. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD**

The General Manager's report is attached or available by request at the district office. Darren Read reported that as of December 21, 2020 Cal Fire Lassen Modoc unit does not require burn permits at this time. Call Air Quality Management prior to burning to make sure it is a permissible burn day.

5. **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT TO THE BOARD**

The Fire Chief's report is attached or available by request at the district office. The money received from Cal Fire completely supplements the fire department's budget because the money received annually from the parcel assessments fees for fire prevention and suppression is not enough to cover the volunteer fire department for the year. Maintaining the equipment and Workmen's Comp for the volunteers is very expensive.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ken Coffey read 2 public comments which are attached or are available by request at the district office.

- Mr. Coffey spoke on the concerns Will Turner expressed in his comment to the Board regarding the FEMA grant violations as he sees them. Mr. Coffey reiterated his remarks from the November 20, 2020 Board of Directors' meeting that all receipts have been provided by Ted Thomas, Board member, who oversaw the FEMA grant road work. These receipts have been provided to Pete Heimbigner, the head of the Lassen County Road Department. Mr. Heimbigner is working on the final analysis of overall spent money used for the work performed vs. the budget FEMA grant amount. Mr. Heimbigner is checking to see if there is any residual money left from the grant that can be further utilized by Spalding. Mr. Coffey will update the Board of Directors once he receives the report.
- Pete Heimbigner updated the Board on where the county is on reconciling the FEMA Road grant. It looks like there is approximately \$10,413 remaining. The Spalding FEMA grant is part of a Disaster Relief Event which includes 8 projects. All 8 projects have to be closed out together before FEMA will look at any remaining funds and decide if they can be further used in those projects. Mr. Heimbigner has all documentation he needs to close out the Spalding project. Mr. Heimbigner will update the district once he has an answer from FEMA on the use of the remaining funds. Mr. Heimbigner did not want to get into details about the allegations of misappropriations of funds (repairing roads not on the Scope of Work). FEMA will make the call on this issue.
- Ken Coffey will bring the issue of misappropriation of funds back to the Board for action if necessary, once there is a decision from FEMA.

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Approval of the minutes from the November 20, 2020 Board of Directors' meeting.**

**Motion: Approve the November 20, 2020 minutes.**

**First: Mike Arnold**

**Second: Ted Thomas**

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

8. **CONSENT AGENDA**

None.

9. **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**10. BOARD MEMBER / COMMITTEE REPORTS / BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Board Member, Larry Doss asked for an update on the fee study and pond closure project. Mike Arnold reported that the district is preparing the last few deliverables that need to be turned in to the State to close out the grant which will allow the district to be reimbursed for the money already spent on this project. NorthStar needs to complete Form 200 (a modified discharge permit requirement) to get permission to close down one pond. There is a little bit dirtier discharge from the pond than Lahonton, Regional Water Quality Control, would like to see so they are asking for a leak study to be done before approving the Form 200. Currently the district is waiting a decision from Lahonton about the discharge. More information will follow at the next Board meeting

**11. CONTINUING BUSINESS**

None

**12. CLOSED SESSION**

None

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

**The next regular meeting scheduled for February 19, 2021 at 3:00pm**

Respectfully submitted by: Sharon Moats

AGENDA ITEM 5A

\_\_\_\_\_Motion Only  
\_\_\_\_\_Public Hearing  
\_\_\_\_\_Resolution  
\_\_\_\_\_Ordinance  
\_\_\_\_\_information

Action Date: January 15, 2021

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: General Managers Report Board Meeting Update 1-15-21

SUMMARY:

Burning of pine needles is now allowed with a burn permit that is available at the Spalding District office. Come into the office and speak with Sharon or Linda to obtain a 2021 permit. We are still waiting on our Lassen Air Quality partners to formalize a green waste plan for Spalding. I will continue to provide updates as they become available.

The Spalding Volunteer Fire Department asked me to remove the abandoned telephone pole that served as the flag pole for the Fire Department for many years. The pole was removed by our LMUD Lassen Municipal Utility District at no cost to Spalding CSD. The Spalding Volunteer Fire Department is replacing the wood pole with a new updated aluminum flagpole which will beautify and support a new flag to fly at the district soon.

The Spalding Volunteer Fire Department is also asking for your help to trim back any tree limbs and or brush that may be encroaching into your community roads. With our new larger Fire Equipment, it would very helpful to cut back these limbs and brush to provide easier accessibility to our residents in any emergency you may have on your residential streets.

We are still offering a sewer septic tank filter cleaning service by the Spalding CSD of a cost of \$35.00 to our residents. This service can be done by the District during the winter times as well. Please call our office to set up the appointment to have your filter cleaned and we will bill you for this service. As a friendly reminder, your Septic Tank Filters should be cleaned at least once every year to maintain the

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- ① SVFD ran 50 calls for the year 2020.
- ② SVFD has received approx. \$55,000.00 from Cal Fire for rental of our Eng. from last year.
- ③ SVFD tried to sell its excess old Radios and pagers through the Govt. Auction in Dec. they did not sell for our asking price. We then sent out a group email to all F.D.'s in Lassen Co. about the radios + pagers, we only heard back from Susanville City Fire and Milford Fire. We sold the radios + pagers to Susanville City Fire for \$6000.00. They are selling some of the radios to Milford Fire.
- ④ The money from Cal Fire and Susanville City Fire will go towards New Equipment for SVFD.
- ⑤ All of our Equipment is in the process of being Service by our Mechanic for this coming year.

To the General Manager of Spalding Community District:

I submitted a formal complaint regarding the FEMA Grant violations over 6 months ago. These violations took place in the Fall of 2019. Ted Thomas was the lead on the FEMA road repairs and therefore, the responsible party of these violations. I submitted the evidence of these violations to the County Public Works and they forwarded the information on to you.

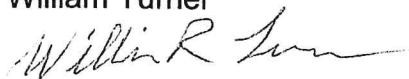
According to the Spalding District Ordinance Number 4, Section 3.04.020 a.: "The General Manager shall evaluate the sufficiency and form of all claims against the District and give notices relative to any deficiency of such claims to the claimant. The General Manager shall have all such claims investigated and shall prepare an investigative report and a recommendation relating to each such claim.

b. For all claims, the General Manager and the District Counsel shall prepare and submit, as soon as practicable, a report to the District Board either in open session in closed session, at the District Counsel's election, together with a recommendation that such claim be approved, compromised or denied. The District Counsel shall advise the General Manager of the Board's decision in the matter. The General Manager shall thereupon notify the claimant, in writing, of the decision and expedite payment of any claim which has been approved or compromised."

**I am officially requesting, in writing, your decision on the FEMA Grant violations within 30 days.**

Sincerely yours,

William Turner



**Please read this at the Board Meeting on January 15, 2021.**



Ken Coffey  
General Manager  
Spalding Community Services District  
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**From:** [noreply@getstreamline.com](mailto:noreply@getstreamline.com)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 7, 2021 10:25 AM  
**To:** [General Manager](#)  
**Subject:** New form submission received: Contact Us

## Contact Us

<b>Your name:</b>	WILL R TURNER
<b>Your email:</b>	<a href="mailto:will4commanche@outlook.com">will4commanche@outlook.com</a>
<b>Subject:</b>	FEMA GRANT
<b>Message:</b>	<p>Good Morning Ken and happy new year! Ken the FEMA grant is on the Jan 15 agenda I truly hope that you are going to address the violations that were presented to you and the board. You have been provided with more than enough information for you and the board to come forth with a determination on the violation. So we will wait to see and if "NO" action is taken we will be filling Qui Tam and in that suit we will be going into "ALL" the legal violations that have taken place by this governing body!! Really hope that "YOU" and this board will resolve this matter in house! Will Turner</p>

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Will Turner Email – Statement Public Comment - Section #6 on the Agenda

I received an email from Will Turner on Thursday January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, regarding the status of the FEMA Road Grant and that was on the agenda for today's meeting. This is not on an Agenda Item for today 1-15-21, but I will address Will Turners email today to again clarify his concern.

In regards to the FEMA Road Grant, I have updated the status of this grant and Peter's progress in my General Manager update in our Board Meeting on 11-20-20. The General Manager update comments that were part of the Board Agenda record:

My update stated:

All FEMA Grant work receipts have been provided from Ted Thomas, our board member, who oversaw the FEMA Grant road work. These receipts have been provided to the Lassen County Road Department head, Pete Heimbigner, and he is working on his final analysis of the overall spent money used for the work performed versus the budgeted FEMA Grant amount. Peter is checking to see if there is any residual money left from the FEMA Grant, he will advise if this can be further utilized for us in Spalding. Once I receive this report, I will provide these figures.

Once I receive a report from Peter Heimbigner on budget versus spent dollars on this project, and any concerns and/or discrepancies found, I will provide the board this report for any action.

Ken Coffey

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