

**SPALDING COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
July 31, 2020**

**APPROVED BY DIRECTORS:**

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**MEETING ACCESS: EAGLE LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER, SPALDING; THE MEETING WAS CONDUCTED VIA TELECONFERENCE; THE PUBIC COULD ELECTRONICALLY ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELEPHONE: (707) 779-9724**

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Mike Arnold at 3:03 p.m.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - None**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion: Approve the agenda.**

**First: Larry Doss**

**Second: Mike Arnold**

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Three public comments were read by Mr. Arnold. (See attached)

**4. PUBLIC HEARING – District Fiscal Budget for 2020-2021**

The public hearing was opened by Mr. Arnold. One public comment was read by Mr. Arnold. (Available at the DO) Mr. Arnold requested that the public hearing be continued on August 21, 2020 for 3 reasons:

- 1) The updated district fiscal budget for 2020-2021 was not available to the public until yesterday; and
- 2) The public was not able to attend in person due to COVID-19 rules; and
- 3) The district is waiting for final numbers from the Auditor Controller's Office to provide an accurate final budget before the public hearing.

**Motion: Continue the Public Hearing on the District Fiscal Budget for 2020-2021.**

**First: Ed Lawson**

**Second: Darren Read**

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

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Adopt Resolution 2020-2 Ordering an Election, Requesting County Elections to Conduct the Election and Requesting Consolidation

On public comment was read by Mr. Arnold. (See attached)

**Motion: Adopt Resolution 2020-2 Ordering an Election, Requesting County Elections to Conduct the Election and Requesting Consolidation.**

**First: Larry Doss**

**Second: Ted Thomas**

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

- b. Consider approval of a permanent barrier behind the district office

One public comment was read by Mr. Arnold. (See attached)

**Motion: Move forward with staff getting cost projections for a fence and gate and if necessary, seek bids following the bid process.**

**First: Ed Lawson**

**Second: Ted Thomas**

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

- c. Employment Contract for General Manager

One public comment was read by Mr. Arnold. (See attached) After discussion between the Board Members this item was continued to a Special Meeting on August 1, 2020.

**Motion: Continue Employment contract for General Manager to a Special Closed Session Meeting, August 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.**

**First: Ted Thomas**

**Second: Ed Lawson**

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

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

**The next regular meeting scheduled for August 21, 2020 at 3:00pm**

Respectfully submitted by: Sharon Moats

July 14, 2020

To: Members of the Spalding Community Board of Directors

I am writing this letter regarding several issues that I would like you to address.

#1) I submitted a letter to you regarding Ted Thomas and his fiduciary responsibility to the FEMA Grant that he was responsible for overseeing on the road project last fall of 2019. He used some of the materials to fix a road that was not within the scope of the project and he told several people he would reimburse the FEMA funds for the cost of these materials. He has not done this to my knowledge. I would like to know the status of this issue.

#2) I would like to address several issues about the Board and its handling of concerns within the Spalding Community.

a) Failure to follow the Brown Act during meetings. (See attachment regarding Brown Act)

a. One of those failures is not allowing people to comment during the period of time allotted for this very thing. It is stated in the Agenda itself that the public has the right to comment, but that was not allowed at the last meeting I attended. This type of behavior during a public meeting does not reflect well on the Board as a whole. The intent of the Board meetings is to allow people to be able to bring their concerns forward and to have the Board listen and give direction on next steps regarding these concerns. That is not something that I have experienced with this Board in the past and currently. I have brought forth issues regarding the Cattle in this Community and the destruction it has done to Eagle Lake. I feel like it has fallen on deaf ears and that Board members don't care about this issue. This issue impacts everyone in this community as well as the public who use the facilities in this Community. It impacts their Health, Safety, and the Recreation around the Lake.

b. When the Board "has an open session then is followed by a closed session, the Board must report on final action taken in closed session under specified circumstances. Where final action is taken with respect to contracts, settlement agreements and other specified records, the public may receive copies of such records upon request." (This is taken directly from the Brown Act.) I have observed that this procedure has not been followed and am concerned that the Board is not following proper procedures.

b) The Board has failed to meet the conditions set in the Lassen LAFCO dated, March 14, 2011 or the Resolution 2011-0009. The LAFCO is extremely specific in the care

that is to be done for the Marina and Picnic Area by the Marina. It was intended to be a place that people could use and recreate in a pleasant manner. This has not been the case in the last several years as cattle have been entering this area as well as into the Community and the Airstrip. Many residents complained and a few took action themselves to help get the cattle away from the areas being impacted. This was brought to the attention of the Board, but no action or resolution was taken; at least there was nothing made public.

- c) Board members are elected to represent the Community as a whole. It is incumbent upon each Board member to ensure that the people they represent are heard and that actions are taken as appropriate; regardless of whether they agree or disagree on a personal level. I, as a resident of this Community, feel that the Board only put what they want to discuss on the Agendas and ignore other items brought to their attention, especially if it is too controversial to discuss.

In closing, I would like to see some changes in the way the Board handles the issues brought forth, as well as treating the public with respect and allowing them to voice their opinions, whether any one of you agree or disagree. I would like to see these issues discussed and then either a resolution or next steps put into place.

 **I am requesting this letter be read at the Board of Directors meeting on July 31, 2020.**

Respectfully yours,

William R. Turner

*William R. Turner*

To: Sharon Moats  
From: William Turner  
Date: July 31, 2020  
RE: Request for Information

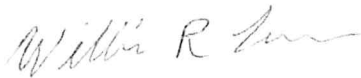
*PUBLIC  
COMMENTS  
REQUEST FORWARDED TO  
COUNSEL*

I would like you to put into writing why I cannot get the information regarding Mike Wilson's email regarding his resigning as the General Manager.

I would like you to put into writing why I cannot get a recorded copy of the June meeting.

Thank you,

William Turner



**From:** Vicki Shumaker  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2020 5:47 PM  
**To:** General Manager  
**Subject:** Weed Abatement

I am requesting you read this into the minutes.

Spalding Community Service District took on the task of weed abatement in our area. They stopped the program without finishing the abatement. While the disposal method used was declared illegal, the project was initiated by the board and must be completed. My insurance homeowners insurance has increased over \$200 due to the unkempt lots adjacent to our property. I hold The Spalding Community Service District responsible for the raise in my insurance as you made a commitment to clean up and failed to do so. You have a legal responsibility to continue with the abatement project as you initiated it and discontinued the project without input from residents.

Vicki Shumaker

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To: The Board of Directors  
From: Barbara Willard  
Date: July 31, 2020  
RE: Special Board Meeting Agenda Items

I would like to submit my comments for the following Agenda Items:

Item 4. a.:

DOCUMENT

COUNTY OF LASSEN COUNTY  
"SPECIAL DISTRICT FINANCIAL  
MANUAL"  
AUDITOR - CONTROLLER  
JULY 2015

- 1) Who is the Treasurer for Spalding District?
- 2) Who completed this spreadsheet and why wasn't it signed and verified by the person completing it?
- 3) Acct# 2011200 - Misc Income - Didn't the Fire dept receive some miscellaneous donations this year?
- 4) Acct# 2012200 - Where did the "Transfer Revenue from "Other" dept come from? What "Other" dept?
- 5) Acct# 2000903 - What is "Fire Parcel Assessment Fee"?
- 6) Acct# 2006200 & Acct# 2007200 - Why isn't the FEMA grant included in these line items?
- 7) Acct# 2008106 - Where do these fees come from? Is this Revenue or fees paid for Sewer Dist.?
- 8) Acct# 2010600 - What do the Sewer Operations/Maintenance Assessments cover? Are these Revenue sources or fees paid?
- 9) Acct# 2000600 - What is "Other Charges Current Services"?
- 10) Acct# 3000100 - What are the Salaries and Wages that are included in this line item? What about Spalding District Manager wages?
- 11) Acct# 3000211 - What are "Special District Benefits"?
- 12) Acct# 3001400 - What is the definition of "Household Expenses"?
- 13) Acct# 3002300 - What are the Professional and Specialized Services that are included in this line item?
- 14) Acct# 3002800 - What are included in the "Special Department Expenses" in this line item?

15) TRUST ACCOUNTS: What are these accounts? Revenue? Where do they come from?

Item 5 A:

Was the form that was submitted to the County for this election accepted? How do the names of the people who will be running get on the ballot? How does this whole process work?

Item 5B:

Under Fiscal Impact, it says TBD. I am NOT in favor of this item because I want to know what the cost will be for putting this barrier in and will this have to go out to bid?

Item 5C:

How will the Community get to know this new General Manager? Will his hours be posted so people can make appointments to see him?

Thank you,

Barbara Willard

