

CHRISTIAN VALLEY PARK, C.S.D.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2020 - 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Placer Nature Center - 3700 Christian Valley Road, Auburn, CA 95602

The regular meeting of the Christian Valley Park Community Service District Board of Directors was called to order on Tuesday, January 14th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. by president, Chuck Rust.

Board members present were Dan Negus, Chuck Rust, Lynn Cook, Chris Calvert, and Rolando de la Torre. General Manager, Don Elias and Gerry LaBudde, of Hydros Inc, were in attendance. There were about 10 residents from the community in attendance as well. To begin, Chuck Rust informed the Board that after careful consideration, he would not like to be president of the Board for 2020 and would accept nominations for board president. Rolando de la Torre nominated Chris Calvert for president. There were some concerns raised because his residence is for sale, but when and if he no longer resides in Christian Valley, he will no longer be a board member and a new president will be nominated to be president as well as a new board member will come onto the board. The board approved with all ayes to have Chris Calvert as president of the board for 2020. Chuck Rust made a motion to approve the Rate Hearing Board meeting minutes from December 9th, 2019. Rolando de la Torre seconded the motion and it carried with all ayes. Lynn Cook made a motion to approve the minutes to the December 10th, 2019 regular board meeting. Dan Negus seconded the motion and it carried with all ayes.

Gerry LaBudde presented to the Board a status report of what happened during the month as far as repairs, Water Treatment Plant highlights, and progress on the tank project. The demand is down (water use is down) and the plant is running nicely. The hydrant on Stanley Drive could not be removed because the bolt to remove it had seized and even broke his hydrant tool. Since the hydrant appears to not be leaking and still operational, they left the hydrant as is since it's still operational. Gerry received a bid to repair the very old 20 HP pump for \$4,000 (or more) while it's in the tank project to replace the pumps. A new pump costs about \$17,000. It would be tricky to replace the pump right now when the piping will have to be redone for the tank project and may have the pump break when taking it out. The bearings are making noise and it may last through the summer months. If the pump goes out, the 40 HP can do the job, but there is some risk if the power goes out because the present generator is not powerful enough to start the 40 HP pump. The board agreed with Gerry's idea of not risking \$4,000 on a repair that may fail to work and instead seeing if the pump will last for the summer and renting a 20 HP submersible pump with flexible piping as a back-up plan if the old pump fails. The water testing in the district passed in the 98th percentile. Lead was detected at 2600 Gayle Lane. The residences adjacent and across the street are tested as well and they both came up clear of lead and copper, so the lead is isolated to the residence only. The next series of tests period is in August 2020. The District should receive an invoice from Placer County Air Pollution Control for the generator and once it's paid, they will come out and inspect it and issue a permanent permit. There was a request for a hydrant to be placed at the end of Witt Road with a cost of about \$6,500 plus \$1,000 for patching of the roadway. The Board will consider installing a hydrant if the mainline on Thomas Drive is connected to the pipe on Witt Road or if the steel pipe on Witt is replaced. Gerry noted that the headworks capital improvement project is underway, and parts are on order.

The tank project drawings are all finished and ready to go to bid. The plans will be given to a clearing house and the project will be registered and prospective bidders will obtain the plans through the clearing house. If there are any changes which need to be made to the drawings or questions on the project, the clearing house will notify all bidders of the questions, answers, and any changes. Rolando de la Torre made a motion to have Hydros, Inc. advertise the tank project on behalf of the district and Chuck Rust seconded the motion and it carried with all ayes.

The protest count which were gathered at the December 9th, 2019 rate increase meeting, after adjusting for duplicate protests, came to 315. To have the rate increase not go through was 314 protests, so a note will be included with the outgoing water bills.

Julia Sousa, resident of 6282 Ralph Court had two requests for the latest road drainage project on Ralph Court. The berm along the road is too high for their riding lawn mower to get out from the upper driveway or access road from the street to her shed. Secondly, she informed the board that the area in front of her residence near the berm is still flooding due to water overflowing the berm. Don Elias will investigate the situation.

The Board signed the annual Form 700.

Dan Negus presented to the Board his findings from the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) and an application for a free income survey for the district. Chuck Rust made a motion to have RCAC perform the free income survey and Lynn Cook seconded the motion and it carried with all ayes.

The Board discussed the idea of having an Open House at the Water Treatment Plant on Saturday, June 13, 2020 in order to be more transparent with the community.

The Board agreed to have a committee of Chuck Rust and Lynn Cook to go over the District's Bylaws and make some suggested changes for the Board to consider. The Board members will go over the Bylaws and make changes they feel are necessary and give them to Chuck and Lynn to use to amend the Bylaws.

Don Elias presented an idea from the District's attorney to have a clerk come to the meetings and write the minutes in order to free up the General Manager during the meeting so that he can be apart of the meeting in a better, more constructive way. The Board considered different options and Rolando was going to see what the cost is for a transcription service which he has used in the past elsewhere.

There is a need for a webmaster to make the Christian Valley Park, CSD's website ADA compliant as well as any other regulations which may pertain to a public website. The Board approved an advertisement to go out with the water bills for a webmaster along with the communication of the rate increase hearing where the water rates have not changed.

Chris Calvert spoke with a man at the Placer County Environmental Health. Chris will send him an email so that they can figure out which properties are on wells who are benefitting from the District's fire hydrant system. Chris stated that the process could take months to complete.

Don Elias will not have the trees in Christian Valley trimmed along the roadside until PG&E is finished eliminating trees and branches alongside the power lines. The next section to be trimmed is on west side of Stanley Drive beginning at the intersection of Virginia Drive. Some of the streets in the next section are: Barbara Lane, Ralph Court, Paul Court, and Stanley Drive. Dan Negus suggested that any street signs located on top of a stop sign ought to have a separate pole. Don will have Kevin make the changes.

Don Elias will have the California Conservation Corps (CCC) repair the leak at their tank or on the pipe located on Witt Road. It may take some time for the CCC to obtain a contractor to analyze the problem and repair it.

Agenda items were discussed for next month. They included: reviewing the Bylaws from the committee, possible Fire Station located in Christian Valley, review the quarterly financial statements, webmaster to make the district's website ADA compliant, Income Survey Update, and more opportunities for communication with the residents in the district.

Rolando de la Torre made a motion to approve the Consent Items. Dan Negus seconded the motion and it carried with all ayes. The consent items this month were to review and approve the monthly expenditures. The total expenditures for the month was \$66,549.65

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11pm. The next regular board meeting will be 7pm on February 11th, 2020 at the Placer Nature Center located at 3700 Christian Valley Road, Auburn, CA 95602.

Respectfully submitted,



Don S. Elias
District Secretary / General Manager