

**MONO COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 1
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
ZOOM
5/25/21**

Board Members Present: John Connolly, Rick Laborde, Dave Titus, Denise Perpall
Board Members Absent: One Board Vacancy
Staff: Marianne O'Connor
Guests: Rhonda Duggan, Stacey Simon, Lorinda Beatty

MINUTES

John Connolly called the meeting to order at 5:26 p.m.

PUBLIC – None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS – John mentioned he did a ride along to see different trail heads.

ADDITION TO AGENDA – Denise Perpall moved that the Board determine that there is a need to take immediate action with respect to a proposed agenda item, that the need for action came to the Board's attention subsequent to the agenda being posted and therefore, that the Board add the item to the agenda – Proposed Hourly Increase for Program Director and Instructors. Authority: Govt. Code SS 54954.2(b)(2). Rick Laborde seconded the motion. Rick Laborde, Denise Perpall and Dave Titus all voted yes with John Connolly recusing himself due to potential conflict of interest.

APPROVE MINUTES – Denise Perpall made a motion to approve the 4/28/21 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Rick Laborde seconded the motion. Connolly, Titus, Perpall and Laborde all voted yes.

CLUSTER MAILBOXES – This item was moved ahead of other agenda items to accommodate County Counsel. County Counsel, Stacey Simon, advised that the funding statute for the County Service Area 1, as a branch of the County, does not permit funding for federal services nor does it allow funding for individual personal projects. John Connolly commented that someone paid for the existing mail boxes before so the community felt the same could happen. Stacey indicated maybe a letter from the Board of Supervisors to the USPO supporting the project on behalf of the community would be of some benefit for the USPO to move the project forward. There are certain services that the county provides and certain services the Feds provide. Mail delivery is a Federal service. Denise asked if people can put up their own mail boxes? Marianne mentioned that the Postmistress indicated that this is a possibility. Stacey advised that a mail box encroachment permit would be obtained from the County to install either a personal mail box or a cluster mail box. John Connolly commented he is willing to sit in on a meeting and will send out information and updates via email to the interested parties. Marianne

will reach out to the post mistress with the new information from County Counsel. Stacey apologized that their office didn't weigh in about this prior to so much effort going into this proposed project.

BOARD SECRETARY POSITION – This item was moved ahead of other agenda items to accommodate County Counsel. County Counsel, Stacey Simon advised that her staff is researching the pending contract and due to new independent contractor laws Ms. Beatty may need to become a part-time, non-benefit employee for Mono County instead of an independent contractor. John Connolly made a motion to recommend approval of the contract or recommend approval of any other employment arrangement with Lorinda Beatty. Dave Titus seconded the motion. Connolly, Laborde, Perpall and Titus all voted yes.

BOARD VACANCIES – No additional interest so far.

FINANCIAL REPORT – John Connolly made a motion to approve the 4/30/21 financial report. Rick Laborde seconded the motion. Connolly, Laborde, Perpall and Titus all voted yes.

COMMUNITY GARDEN – John Connolly reported that all boxes are rented and some people are already working on their gardens.

HIKING/BIKING TRAILS – Nothing new to report and remains on the project wait list.

SKATE PARK – Nothing new to report.

TENNIS COURTS – Nothing new to report is probably also pushed down the schedule.

BALLFIELD

Maintenance - Dave Titus reported that Little League President Neil McConnell would like to upgrade all ball fields in the County. The infield sand needs to be replaced. Cost estimate, including labor, may be \$25,000-\$30,000 to excavate the infield. Dave Titus will arrange a meeting with Claud Fiddler about preparations. If there are volunteers that would like to help, they would need to sign a waiver with the County. Rhonda Duggan commented that because of the Walker Project after the fire, the County has facilitated volunteers, etc. to get projects done. She will advocate for the ballfield project and facilitation for volunteers, etc. Dave Titus and John Connolly will stay in touch, with a copy to Marianne or Lorinda so the information can be forward on to others.

Potential Beach Volleyball Court – Materials from the ballfield renovation maybe recycled to create a beach volleyball court. However, there are concerns that this project should not be placed ahead of the tennis court rehabilitation and that old material should not remain in piles near the ballfield. It is possible the Office of Education can become involved. Rick commented he had discussed

with Erin Lefrancoise that she should round up volunteers and interested parties to help with the project, find out costs for materials, etc. and come back to the CSA1 Board, in addition to consulting with the Office of Education Board to get an agreement for putting in a volleyball court.

YARD SALE – Denise Perpall reported that the yard sale will likely take place after June 15, 2021 and could potentially be in August or September when COVID-19 restrictions stabilize.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS – This item was moved for discussion after item G (Yard Sale). John Connolly recused himself and left the Zoom conversation due to potential conflict of interest. Denise Perpall reported one instructor has scheduled classes after June 15; however, they are waiting for confirmation on COVID-19 restriction updates. The Community Class Coordinator and Instructors have not had a pay increase since 2014. The Community Class Coordinator, Isabel Conolly, has requested a \$5-10 per hour increase for her and the instructors. Rhonda will check with the County to see if there are any comparisons to see what the going rates are. Rick wondered if we have performance evaluations set up and Rhonda answered that the County is currently figuring this out. She will get information back to the CSA1 Board.

BILLS TO BE PAID – Denise Perpall made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Dave Titus seconded the motion. Connolly, Titus, Perpall and Laborde all voted yes.

SITE MAINTENANCE – Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

BUSINESS INITIATED BY BOARD MEMBERS OR SECRETARY - None

SET NEXT MEETING DATE - The next regular Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 5:30 at the Crowley Lake Community Center, unless posted otherwise. Dave Titus will be unable to attend. He will update John on ballfield status.

ADJOURN MEETING - John Connolly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick Laborde seconded the motion. Connolly, Titus, Perpall and Laborde all voted yes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.