

**MONO COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 1  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024  
5:30 P.M.  
CROWLEY LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER  
58 Pearson Road, Crowley Lake, California**

**MINUTES**

**1. SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS: Shaun Troy and Jeffrey Block**

Ms. Beatty swore in Mr. Troy and Mr. Block as the new Board Members for the Mono County Community Services District 1.

**2. ROLL CALL:** Denise Perpall called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

A. Board Members Present: Denise Perpall, John Connolly, Shaun Troy (arrived at 5:44 p.m. during public comments) and Haislip Hayes. Jeffrey Block attended as a member of the public via zoom.

Absent – None

Staff: Lorinda Beatty

Guest: Chair Supervisor, Rhonda Duggan, Jerry LeFrancois, Marcella Rose, Jeffrey Block and Fire Chief Scott McGuire

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Long Valley Fire Chief Scott McGuire advised the Board that the Long Valley Fire Protection District (LVFPD) is planning a new fire station in the Sunny Slopes area and the current plans include a meeting room for public meetings. The Long Valley Fire District will be looking for funding in the future. Additionally, the LVFPD is researching a redundant radio system and may be interested in utilizing the Sunny Slopes tower.

Supervisor Duggan reported that there are some changes coming regarding the Brown Act and dependent special district reporting of locations while on zoom. There should be more information by the March meeting.

Supervisor Duggan advised that a member of the community requested a traffic calming measure near McGee Creek. It has also been noticed that traffic signs are being stolen. Supervisor Duggan requested to let her know if there are suggestions or comments from the public.

**4. BOARD REPORTS:** Mr. Connolly reported that he has been appointed Chair of the Committee for the Mammoth Lakes Trails Program.

**5. ADDITION TO AGENDA –**Authority: Govt. Code SS 54954.2(b)(2). – None

**6. FY 2024/2025 BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Ms. Beatty provided a worksheet to the Board for consideration and comments on the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 proposed budget. Changes to operations were minimal and include increases to budgets for the Professional Services, Office Expenses, Utilities,

Wellness Director, Board and Instructors due to anticipated increase in activity. The Building and Maintenance Repairs budget is for existing buildings and maintenance which does not include new projects and was reduced to \$100,000. The Land and Improvement Budget is for new of full replacement of existing programs/structures. Tennis Court, Shade Structures, Hiking Biking Trails, Vacant Area at the Community Center, Water Fountains, Library and Community Infrastructure total of \$800,000 which may be capitalized as purchases are made.

After some discussion the board elected to propose a budget of approximately \$1,035,200. Utilizing Reserve funds of approximately \$802,452 in addition to anticipated property tax revenue.

**7. HIKING BIKING TRAILS** This item was moved up after public comments to accommodate the Ms. Rose online.

Ms. Marcella Rose, Coordinator for Mono County Sustainable Recreation has been working with CSA1 and Mr. LeFrancois to help advance connector trails within the CSA1 boundaries. Ms. Rose has presented the project to the Mono County Board of Supervisors, which was positively received.

The Forest Service feels that the best success for the project would be to work on Lower Rock Creek to Tom's Place and then possibly Hilton Creek to McGee Creek portion of the trails.

The two areas do not require much new trail construction, but rather connecting existing trails. The Forest Service feels confident these two projects will show the Forest Service that CSA1 is a serious partner by completing this project. Forest Service staff is limited and do not have the specialists required to work on new trails and thinks this is the best way to accomplish the project.

Mr. Connolly stated that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will need to be involved as some of the trails are within their jurisdiction. Ms. Rose noted that she has considered that aspect in her presentation and feels good about the interactions she has had with BLM.

Mr. LeFrancois will take the lead on the proposal development to present to CSA1. Ms. Rose contacted the Forst services to obtain information specifically required for the proposal to the Forest Service. A large portion of the project will be to commit funds to the projects which CSA1 will be providing with the Mono County Board of Supervisor's (BOS) approval. Ms. Rose will present the proposal to BOS on behalf of CSA1. Ms. Rose advised that a committee should be appointed to help move the project along.

Mr. Connolly stated that Mr. LeFrancois' research on trail costs were approximately \$10,000 per mile of trail with medium difficulty. The pending proposals are under 10 miles, which would require approximately \$200,000. Ms. Beatty advised that the amount will be included in the FY 2023/2024 budget. Forest Service felt that \$200,000 was appropriate.

Ms. Rose advised that the largest cost will be associated with the environmental review and CSA1 providing the funds for the review, would help the project progress.

Supervisor Duggan stated that White Bark Institute is currently providing environmental work on the egress road in Swall. Laura Beardsley advised Supervisor Duggan that CSA1 could reach out to her to provide that level of work if it is not sent directly to BLM which may help with expenses.

Supervisor Duggan stated that Mono County is working locally with BLM; however, during her meeting with BLM in Washington D.C. she developed contacts that would be helpful if there are any complications.

Supervisor Duggan stated that the project was well received by the Mono County Board of Supervisors, and she suggested that the people in Wheeler Crest Fire District may desire to be involved. Ms. Rose stated that public comment and outreach will be important to this project and that the Wheeler Crest Fire Meeting would be great place to start. Additionally, Ms. Rose stated that one possible funding mechanism is that there has been trails used for fire breaks which may be appealing to the fire protection districts as well. Mr. Connolly stated that Mr. LeFrancois would like to begin the outreach and he is creating on a flyer, gathering letters of support as well as interested parties for the committee.

#### **A. AUTHORIZED VOLUNTEER CONSULTANT**

Ms. Beatty suggested that Mr. LeFrancois be appointed as and authorized volunteer consultant providing him with the authority to work on this project on behalf of the board and that the only thing Mr. LeFrancois cannot do is authorize the spending of funds.

John Connolly made a motion to authorize Mr. LeFrancois as a consultant on the trails project. Denise Perpall seconded. All in favor.

#### **B. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT**

The Trails committee was tabled during the February meeting. Mr. Connolly stated that he does not mind doing it and also suggested Mr. Troy. It was the consensus of the Board that Mr. Connolly and Mr. Troy be assigned to the Trails Committee.

Mr. Connolly stated that Mr. LeFrancois would like to begin working on outreach and working on a flyer, gather letters of support as well as interested members being on the committee.

### **8. COMMUNITY CENTER**

**A. Dishwasher:** Ms. Beatty advised that the County would install a dishwasher. CSA1 can either purchase the dishwasher or the County will if needed. Ms. Perpall advised that she like to research purchasing the dishwasher.

### **9. COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

Ms. Rotan and Ms. Spears will be attending the March Meeting to discuss the pending projects.

- A. **TENNIS COURTS** – No Update
- B. **SKATE PARK SHADE STRUCTURE**–No Update
- C. **COMMUNITY CENTER SHADE STRUCTURE/PERGOLA**–No Update
- D. **HIKING/BIKING TRAILS** – This item was discussed in Item 7.
- E. **BALL FIELD**– No Updates
- F. **VACANT AREA – COMMUNITY CENTER-**

**10. COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

- A. **WELLNESS PROGRAMS** – Going well
- B. **SEASONAL PROGRAMS** – Discussed at future meetings.

**11. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. **MINUTES:**
  - I. **APPROVE MINUTES** – Regular Meeting January 23, 2024
- B. **Financial Report** – January 2024
- C. **Disbursements**

John Connolly made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Haislip Hayes seconded the motion. Connolly, Hayes, Perpall and Troy voted yes. Block attended as a member of the public and did not vote.

**12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS** – None

**13. BUSINESS INITIATED BY BOARD MEMBERS OR SECRETARY OF THE BOARD** - None

**14. SET NEXT MEETING DATE** – **Crowley Lake Community Center**  
Regular Meeting Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

**15. ADJOURN THE MEETING** – Denise Perpall made a motion to adjourn the meeting, John Connolly seconded. Connolly, Hayes, Perpall and Troy voted yes. Block attended as a member of the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.