

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Edgemont Community Services District, held at the Edgemont Community Center, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mike Addie, President. Those board members present were Mike Addie, Cheryl Franklin, Brenda Addie, Crystal Smith, and Moses Taylor Jr. Also present were Sam Gershon, engineer, Edward Mackey, attorney, Sandra Leer, attorney, and Jessica Pfalmer, general manager.

Approve Minutes of April 11, 2024 – Crystal moved to approve the minutes; Brenda seconded. Motion was carried.

Public comment – no public present.

Legal - Transfer of funds from General Fund to ACO Fund – adoption of Resolution No. 365 – Ed explained the resolution and Jessica stated that the funds were being transferred for the purpose of being used for future sewer projects or sewer plant capacity. Crystal moved to adopt Resolution No. 365, “Authorizing transfer of funds to ACO account.” Moses seconded and the motion passed.

Engineering

Groundwater study – Russ Kyle presents groundwater study information – Russ talked to the board about the groundwater levels in 2012, compared to 2022, and how the groundwater levels have risen. He also provided graphs comparing precipitation numbers to groundwater levels. He noted several reasons why the groundwater levels likely have been increasing over the years, including less groundwater pumping for agricultural purposes and seepage from the Perris dam. He recommended that the District install piezometers (2 or 3) along the southern and eastern boundaries of the District to monitor the levels. He also suggested working with the basin operators, BSMWC, EMWD and possible WMWD to increase pumping. Cheryl moved to authorize, Sam, Ed, Russ and Jessica to meet with WMWD and EMWD to discuss the groundwater level concerns. Crystal seconded and the motion was carried.

Budget process – adoption of Ordinance No. 365 approving engineers’ reports regarding sewer charges and setting of public hearings thereon – Sam read through and explained his letter in the engineer’s report for sewer. Ed read through Ordinance No. 365 and recommended approval. Crystal moved to adopt Ordinance No. 365, “...establishing sewer user charges, providing for the collection of these charges for the fiscal year 2024-2025 on the tax roll, and fixing a time and place of hearing on the written report on such charges.” Brenda seconded and the motion was approved.

Budget process – adoption of Ordinance No. 366 approving engineers’ reports regarding lighting user charges and setting of public hearings thereon - Sam read through and explained his letter in the engineer’s report for lighting. Ed read through Ordinance No. 366 and recommended approval. Crystal moved to adopt Ordinance No. 366, “...establishing street lighting charges/assessments for zones two through twenty, Elsworth Apartments and Moreno Valley Redevelopment Agency, providing for the collection of these charges/assessments for the fiscal year 2024-2025 on the tax roll, and public hearing thereon.” Moses seconded and the motion was approved.

Sam reviewed the district projects and development projects as set forth in the Engineering Report of April 25, 2024.

Engineering rates – Approval of updated fee schedule for Albert A. Webb Associates – Jessica explained that the rates being paid to Albert A. Webb Associates had not been increased for several years. She recommended that the board authorize the increased rates as shown on the fee schedule. Brenda moved to approve the new rates schedule. Crystal seconded. Mike asked Sam why the Assistant I rate had increased at a much higher percentage than the other roles. Sam stated that is just more expensive to find and hire entry level engineers now. Motion was carried.

Financial report – March 2024 – Jessica talked to the board about the financial statements. On the Balance Sheet she noted that 1090 Prepaid Expense increased due to the payment for spill insurance, part of which is coverage for next fiscal year. She noted that the Interest Income for each of the funds shows an expected change in interest to the increase in interest rates. On the Profit & Lost – General account 5012 Legal and Accounting is less than the prior year, but this is only due to a timing difference on when the audit is billed. She also noted that on the Profit & Loss – Sewer, the decrease in development can be seen in the decrease in accounts 4940 Other Revenue – Hook Up fees and 4945 Other Revenue – Plan Check, etc. as well as 5181 Professional Serv. – Customer Projects. She also noted that the account 4935 Sewer User Charges was lower due to a decrease in EDUs charged, based on a decrease in water usage for commercial properties. She also noted that account 5275 Contracted Services is substantially higher because neither the mainline videos or sewer lateral videos were undertaken last year.

Journal transfer of funds – approval – Crystal moved to approve the journal transfer of funds from the general fund to the illumination fund and the sewer fund in the amounts of \$1,518.66 and \$38,498.42, Moses seconded, and the motion was carried.

Submission of “No Spill Report” to State Water Resources Control Board – Report was submitted as required.

Budget requests for Assemblyman Jackson – discussion of possible projects to be compiled for budget request - The board thinks that a request for funds to plan streetlighting for areas not currently served would be helpful. They also feel that having a meeting to discuss the groundwater level concerns should also be considered.

Monthly update – other items – Jessica let the board know what the results of the recent LAFCO election were. Crystal told the board about the things that she had participated in at the CSDA Leadership Academy. She felt that the information and session were very different than the Annual Conference and recommended that the other board members should consider attending. She then also informed the board that it appears she will be moving outside of the district and will be unable to stay on the board. She expects the May meeting to be her last and will provide her official resignation then.

Adjourned: 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jessica Pfalmer
Secretary