

Minutes

HGCS D Board Special Meeting February 22, 2024

(Applegate Civic Center, 18014 Applegate Road, Applegate)

- **Call meeting to order, 3:00 p.m.** Those present included Board President Max Bailey, Vice President Rhonda Rajaofera, Board Members Gary Bundesen, Marc Krupin, and Cheryl Madden, Board Secretary Linda McLean, and 20 homeowners from Heather Glen Estates.
- **Pledge of Allegiance** Led by homeowner Ken Reid

1 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of Board Meeting December 6, 2023 were not available since Board Secretary was absent due to bereavement. Meeting notes of Cheryl Madden were read aloud. Motion to accept these meeting notes, as read, as Minutes of the December 6, 2023 meeting was made by Gary Bundesen, Second by Marc Krupin

Votes in favor: 4 Against: 0 MOTION PASSED

2 TREASURER'S REPORT - No report

3 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

A. HGCS D Operating Budget Projection 2023-2024 (Cheryl Madden)

A projection of operating expenses for 2024 (expanding line-item detail) was created. However, the projection assumed HGCS D's financials were on a calendar year, rather than a fiscal year (July 1 through June 30 each year.) A motion was made to Table discussion of the 2023-2024 operating budget until after getting input from Treasurer Julie Gordon and/or her superiors.

Votes in favor: 4 Against: 0 MOTION PASSED

B. Fiber Optic Internet Survey (Rhonda Rajaofera)

The results received indicate 53.7% of the households at HGE would be interested in fiber optic internet service if the cost was not prohibitive. However, there are 37 households who did not respond, and there was some talk about contacting those who did not respond to try to obtain their answers on the survey. D.A.Comm planned to submit grant applications based on the survey results, but believes the interest level would need to be close to 80% for those applications to be viable.

Resident Jim Gibson (Heather Glen Dr) questioned whether other companies have been brought in to provide proposals on supplying fiber optic internet service to the Heather Glen community. That question was investigated approximately one year ago. There are other companies who can - and would - provide fiber optic internet service, but DA Comm is applying for grants, using their own money, to eliminate (or significantly reduce) the high cost of an underground installation if desired by each individual homeowner.

C. New Water Treatment Plan, Operations Contractor (Marc Krupin)

A proposed contract with 49er Water Services, Inc. was received and reviewed. Marc Krupin made a motion to approve the contract, intending to commence March 1, 2024. Second by Gary Bundesen.

Votes in favor 4 Against: 0 MOTION PASSED

D. Report on Road Maintenance (Gary Bundesen)

So far, only one bid has been received to do crack fill and slurry seal all asphalt in the community. Contractor also recommends an asphalt overlay on B Lane. Additional bids will be obtained.

E. Wildfire Defensible Space Plan (Cheryl Madden)

1. The Committee contacted the following County, State, and Federal officials (name spellings may be incorrect):

-Derek Steffens, Placer County Fire Marshall

-CalFire Chief. The Chief has limited availability, busy with the fire break at North Fork of American River (which should benefit HGCS D’s Defensible Space Plan.)

-Barb Jessinger, U.S.D.A. - Spoke about possible funds available through a Federal grant program concerned with wildfire protection plans.

2. **Harmon Group** - Mitchell Crystal seemed on board with cleaning out trees, shrubbery, and scotch broom on side East of Dunvegan Drive. Suggested using the Civilian Conservation Corp and/or prison inmate crews. This plan extends to Project Areas A & B, to 100 feet back from property line.

3. **Propane Tank Area** - Ed & Kathy Smith (residents, Dunvegan Dr) spoke to express their concern about cleaning out the area around the propane tanks to reduce fire risk. Kathy Smith presented a drawing showing the location of trees in the area. Bids have been received from AAA Tree Service (\$4,600) and from two other tree service companies.

Marc Krupin made a Motion that in the 2024 budget, if available, \$5,000 be allocated to begin work of tree removal in the propane tank area. Second by Rhonda Rajaofera.

Votes in favor 4 Against: 0 MOTION PASSED

4 SPECIAL REPORTS

A. Membership in CSDA (California Special Districts Association)

During February 2024, CSDA granted HGCS D a six month free membership. The value of membership was confirmed by five board members, and the Board Secretary, who all took a training in Ethics at no cost. (If HGCS D had not been a member, the cost would have been \$600.) This training in Ethics is a required training for all board members and particular employees under the Fair Political Practices Act (FPPA) every 2 years. Rhonda Rajaofera made a motion that the HGCS D decide to join the CSDA organization, and offer a membership fee of \$300 as permitted under the CSDA’s “Pay what you can afford” program. Second by Cheryl Madden.

Votes in favor 4 Against: 0 MOTION PASSED

5 CORRESPONDENCE - None

7 NEW BUSINESS - None

8 ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Meeting of the HGCSD Board is tentatively scheduled for the fourth Thursday in March, i.e. **March 28, 2024**. Meeting to be held at the Applegate Civic Center commencing at 4pm.

Motion to Adjourn: Cheryl Madden Second: Rhonda Rajaofera

Votes in Favor: 4 Opposed: 0. MOTION PASSED

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:31 p.m.