

Minutes

HGCSO Board Meeting June 22, 2023

(Applegate Civic Center, 18014 Applegate Road, Applegate)

- **Call meeting to order, 4:02 p.m.** Those present included Board President Max Bailey, Vice President Rhonda Rajaofera, Board Members Marc Krupin, and Mike Naus, Treasurer Julie Gordon, Board Secretary Linda McLean, Gerry LaBudde from Hydros Engineering, and 3 homeowners of Heather Glen Estates. [Note: President Max Bailey held the Proxy Vote of absent Board Member Gary Bundesen.]
- **Pledge of Allegiance** Led by homeowner Tony Kashuba
- **Special Item:** *The HGCSO Board was notified June 20th that Board Member B. Michael Naus would resign from the Board. After due consideration and discussion, homeowner Cheryl Madden was chosen — and she agreed — to serve out the remainder of Mike’s term of office. Motion to accept resignation of B. Michael Naus from the HGCSO Board made by Marc Krupin, Second by Rhonda .*
- **Votes in favor: 3 Against: 0 MOTION PASSED**
- *Motion to accept appointment of Cheryl Madden as Board Member made by Rhonda Rajaofera, Second by Marc Kupin*
- **Votes in favor: 3 Against: 0 MOTION PASSED**

1 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of Board Meeting March 23, 2023 were read aloud (by Marc Krupin.) Motion to approve minutes as written made by Marc Krupin, Second by Rhonda Rajaofera

Votes in favor: 3 Against: 0 MOTION PASSED

2 TREASURER’S REPORT - Treasurer submitted financial report for Second Quarter 2023 and responded to questions from the floor.

Special Items:

- A.** *President Max Bailey reported meeting with HGCSO customer Jim Ellsworth (18512 Heather Oaks Lane) who owns a vacant lot adjacent to his address. Mr. Ellsworth wants to secure future water service for this vacant lot, and submitted payment of the \$15,000 initial set up fee. However, he does not want for the meter to be set immediately Therefore, Ellsworth will not begin to receive a monthly water bill until such time as the meter, therefore the service, is installed and he has access to HGCSO water.*
- B.** With regard to the annual water quality report [Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for 2022, six pages in length,] which has in previous years been copied and mailed to all customers of the District, the insert with the July 2023 water bills will simply say that the CCR has been uploaded to the **HGCSO.Net** website and is available for review. Also, any customers who wish to receive a printed copy of the report can either download it from the website for printing, or request a printed copy from

the District office by phone at (530) 836-5261 or email to HeatherGlenCSD@gmail.com.

3 REPORTS FROM BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES - None

4 SPECIAL REPORTS - None

5 CORRESPONDENCE - None

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Update on new fiber-optic based internet service

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board held on February 7, 2023 were read aloud, and are incorporated into these Minutes by reference. (After the meeting February 7th, those Minutes were uploaded to the HGCS.Net website, but are read aloud here anyway because various homeowners have asked questions recently that are addressed in those Minutes.) Motion to incorporate Minutes of Special Meeting February 7, 2023 into these Minutes made by Rhonda Rajofera, Second by Marc Krupin

Votes in favor: 3 Against: 0 MOTION PASSED

B. Electrical Repair / Upgrade for Entrance (Marc Krupin)

A necessary component of installing the Phase I equipment for fiber-optic internet service (by DAComm) is the electrical connection for the broadcast equipment. A significant problem was discovered which must be corrected by an electrician. [Many years ago, the overhead electrical wiring (which takes power from the north side of the entrance on Heather Glen Drive to the south side) was damaged by a crane entering the property, and the crane company performed the repair.) Attempting to install power to the internet equipment, the electrician hired by DAComm discovered that various aspects of that repair are inadequate, do not meet current code, and must be corrected.] Various bids were obtained for this work and presented to the Board. Motion to accept bid from Gilwee Electric, Inc. for \$2,870, and get the work done as soon as possible, was made by Rhonda Rajofera, Second by Cheryl Madden

Votes in favor: 3 Against: 0 MOTION PASSED

7 NEW BUSINESS

A. Placer County Pilot Study (Gerry LaBudde)

Hydros Engineering (HE) submitted an application, on behalf of HGCS, for a pilot study concerning ways Districts can reduce or eliminate harmful by-products of water disinfection (chlorination) of raw water from the Boardman Canal. (The Engineering time required to submit the application amounted to a cost to HGCS of approximately \$1,000.) Requirements of the study will be for HE to demonstrate scientific method(s) of reducing harmful by-products of disinfection (e.g., tri-halomethanes and haloacetic acids) in the treated water. Gerry explained that at the HGCS water treatment plant (WTP,) chlorine is

infused into the raw water at a very early stage, in order to kill microbes (like e-Coli) in the raw water. Gerry foresees the best change in method might be to Oxygenate [or, use Ultra-Violet (U.V.) disinfection] of the raw water early, then test various levels of reduced chlorination to see what the optimum chlorine level would be. (The Engineering time required in the actual pilot study may amount to a cost of approximately \$25,000. HE hopes this cost may be paid under the F.A.P 2024 Grant program.) Gerry fielded numerous questions from the Board about other possible changes in the water treatment process.

Gerry also addressed more frequent testing of the water, currently on a monthly schedule, as well as a new requirement for quarterly testing for Aluminum / polymers. Testing before, and after, treatment is an attempt to identify the source of any Aluminum, if found; Is it in the raw water, or only in the treated water?

Finally, Gerry reported about two Ordinary Maintenance problems. (As Board is already aware, the “Turbidity Meter” has failed. And most recently, the “Flow Meter” has failed. Both need to be replaced.)

B. Possible upgrades to the HGCSD.Net website

Treasurer Julie Gordon reported regarding the possible upgrade to the HGCSD.Net website that would enable customers to pay their bills on-line. It is not possible to enable this function because all bank deposits are done by Placer County. The logistics of making this possible are too complicated for the County to agree to it.

C. Maintenance of the HGCSD Settling Pond

In May 2023, a new contractor was hired to manage the Settling Pond, Jeff Scott of Scott General Construction. (Holds a Grade III Operator License, Number 40850). Scott’s contract obligation is to do regular inspections of the pond, and to file necessary monthly reports with the State Water Quality Resources Board. If during an inspection, it is observed that some equipment repair is needed, Scott will inform the Board and undertake the repair charging \$50 per hour.

[The previous contractor, Jim King, Plant Manager of the Donner Summit P.U.D., resigned due to health problems. The HGCSD Board wishes to thank Mr. King for many years of service to Heather Glen, and wish him health and well being.]

8 ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Meeting of the HGCSD Board is tentatively scheduled for the fourth Thursday in September, i.e. September 28, 2023. Meeting to be held at the Applegate Civic Center commencing at 4pm.

Motion to Adjourn: Cheryl Madden Second: Rhonda Rajaofera

Votes in Favor: 3 Opposed: 0 MOTION PASSED

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:03 p.m.