



## *Cazadero Community Services District Meeting Minutes – May 08, 2024*

### **1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The regular meeting of the Cazadero CSD Board was called to order at 6:34 PM on May 8, 2024. Director P. Barry led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Directors were present: P. Barry, M. Berry, H. Canelis, D. DeBeaune, and S. Griswold. Chief Krausmann and AA Kulczewski were also present.

### **2. Public Comment**

None.

### **3. Agenda Adjustments**

None.

### **4. Director Reports**

Director P. Barry reported that the restrooms at the park are closed, the septic has backed up, he called BDK and they will check it out.

### **5. Staff Reports**

AA Kulczewski gave the facilities report for Nancy Caplan; Director P. Barry reported the stove is working better, they had to “re-plumb” the gas line to the propane tank. Chief Krausmann reported they are gearing up for wildland fire season; Engine 5282 is down due to a water leak in rusted plumbing, he is working on repairing it; we have three new volunteers in classes at Santa Rosa Junior College; and more stipend shifts are being covered. He also reported a new neighbor is interested in designing and building a shade structure at the park.

### **6. Consent Calendar Items**

On a motion by Director D. DeBeaune, Seconded by Director M. Berry, the Board moved to approve the minutes for the March 13, 2024, meeting and the financials for the month of February 2024.

VOTE: 5-0-0

### **7. Action Items**

**a. Firehall fencing** – Director P. Barry reported he is still working with a representative of Coggins Fencing, current estimate for fence panels is \$4,500.00, he is trying to get them to understand how he wants them to be clamped together. After further discussion, item tabled to June meeting.

**b. Fuel Tank for Fire Department** – Chief Krausmann is still researching. After further discussion, item tabled to June meeting.

**c. Type 6 Vehicle for Fire Department** – Chief Krausmann reported on a few possible options for purchasing a Type 6 vehicle, used ones researched cost almost as much as or more than a new one and diesel vehicles cost more than gas vehicles, so is recommending purchasing a new gas vehicle. The one he recommends purchasing will be about \$214,557 with delivery 12-14 months out. He also reported that we may be eligible for a Ford Fleet discount of around \$2,200, for which he will apply. After further discussion, on a motion by Director H. Canelis, seconded by Director S. Griswold, the Board moved to approve the contract to purchase a new type 6 vehicle with the price of the chassis

not to exceed 5% of the quote. VOTE: 5-0-0

- d. **Lower Russian River Governance Study and Resolution 23/24-03 to Oppose special Districts Consolidation** – Director P. Barry reported he has been attending meetings about the Study and its option to combine all special districts in the lower Russian River region into one, although they don't yet know what they are going to do he suggested at a meeting that each community be kept separate. Director P. Barry wants the Cazadero Community Services District to take the position that Sonoma County can go ahead but to leave Cazadero out of it. After discussion, on a motion by Director M. Berry, Seconded by Director H. Canelis, the Board moved to approve Resolution 23/24-03 opposing the consolidation of the Cazadero Community Services District with other districts in the lower Russian River region. VOTE: 5-0-0
- e. **Insurance** – The Board discussed the doubling costs of insurance; Director P. Barry will check what exact vehicle coverage is included in the cost.
- f. **CalFire Amador Contract** – After Chief Krausmann reported that the new tax monies won't be available until 2025. He will schedule a presentation from CalFire for the July Board meeting if possible and get an estimate of the cost. After further discussion, item tabled to July meeting.
- g. **Tennis Backboard** – Director M. Berry reported the backboard that was ordered was still on backorder so she canceled the order and will get a refund; she also reported that Sally Johnson found the same board at a different company at a higher cost and higher shipping. After discussion on the costs of the backboard and current maintenance needs, on a motion by Director H. Canelis, Seconded by Director S. Griswold, the Board moved to shelve the backboard for now to address more critical maintenance needs. VOTE: 5-0-0
- h. **Resolution 23/24-04 to Oppose Initiative 1935 (Formerly 21-0042A1)** – Director M. Barry was not comfortable with the wording of Resolution 23/24-04 and requested there be a presentation to explain Initiative 1935 at the June Board meeting. After further discussion, item tabled to June meeting.

## 8. Discussion Items

- a. **Fiber Optic Grant and Emergency Communications** – Director P. Barry reported that box for Star Link has been installed, no further update at this time.
- b. **Update on grants** – Director D. DeBeaune reported she applied for a grant for vegetative management and should hear within the month if we were awarded; there is a new matching grant available for economically disadvantaged areas to purchase land and or improve property (in Cazadero the disadvantaged area is west of Austin Creek only) – to be discussed at the June Board meeting.
- c. **Measure H Update** – Will be updated at July meeting as part of Action Item on Initiative 1935 and Resolution 23/24/04.
- d. **Monte Rio-Gold Ridge Agreement** – The Board discussed how Monte Rio Fire Department pays Gold Ridge firefighters to staff the Monte Rio station in Monte Rio uniforms and using Monte Rio apparatus.

## 9. Correspondence

Reviewed.

## 10. Financial Reports

AA Kulczewski reported bills for March and April totaling \$117,489.42 were presented for payment and that she would be starting the budget process for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

**11. Adjournment**

On a motion by Director H. Canelis, Seconded by Director D. DeBeaune, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. VOTE: 5-0-0:

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