

PAUMA VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

Held on September 18, 2023

Directors Present: Jodie Lawston, Roland Skumawitz, & Richard Collins
Directors Absent: Michael Esparza
Also Present: Residents: Bill Winn, Bill Jacobs, Jack Crocker, Rick Levy, Larry Curtis, Charles Mathews, Vice President of RPMWC Laurie Kariya, Jeff Morris of DPMC, and General Manager Eric Steinlicht

1. Call to Order: Special Meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by President Lawston.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Lawston.
3. Roll Call: Steinlicht verified that a quorum was present.
4. Public Comment Period:
No public comments.

-- ACTION ITEMS --

5. Pauma Valley Community Services District Board of Director Vacancy
The Board of Directors will consider applicants for the existing vacancy on the Pauma Valley Community Services District Board.

Staff Recommendation:

1. Discuss and take other action as appropriate.

Steinlicht explained the noticing process of the Board of Director Vacancy. Skumawitz requested an explanation of the election options. Steinlicht explained that the Board could vote to appoint or wait until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for September 25, 2023, or choose for the March 5th, 2024 election. Skumawitz suggested postponing this to give the community ample time for the possibility of more interest in the vacancy. Skumawitz expressed a concern about making a Board decision without the presence of Director Esparza. Morris explained that if the Board does not make a decision by October 6, 2023, the Board loses its authority to vote on a candidate and the County will make a selection during the March 2024 elections. Skumawitz motioned to postpone this process to the primary election. Lawston asked Morris if the Board could continue with the interview process today without making a vote today. Morris confirmed that that was an option. The Board continued with the interview process with candidate, Rick Levy. Collins motioned to appoint Rick Levy as a Director for the PVCSD. Lawston informed that she would like to postpone the voting process until Director Esparza is present. Crocker explained that he believes that the community will view the board pushing this decision off to the general election as the board trying to control who gets on the board on not listening to the community's wishes. Mathews commented stating he would like to support that decision due to the board facing a deadline of early October and at this point in time you lose control to appoint someone and cost the community funds for this election after the community has spoken on who'd they like on the Board. Lawston asked Mathews to clarify who he was referring to when stating the "community" has spoken regarding choosing Rick Levy. Crocker clarified that he is not aware of any groups getting together to make this decision, but just conversations within the community. Morris continued to explain the conflict of interests in having a board member on both boards and explained the options the board has at this time with no motion pending. Skumawitz requested a Special Board Meeting be held on October 5, 2023, and verified the date worked for all.

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6. Resolution for Financial Transaction Authorization
The Board of Directors will consider approving Resolution 116 for Financial Transaction Authorization.

Staff Recommendation:

1. Approve Resolution 116 granting the Interim Office Manager signing authority for Financial Transactions.
2. Discuss and take other action as appropriate.

Steinlicht explained Resolution 116. Collins requested that a monthly report be presented to him with a list of checks over \$5k. Kariya asked if the date on the Resolution will be corrected. Steinlicht confirmed. Mathews clarified the Resolution and made some comments regarding some discrepancies within the Resolution. Upon a motion by Lawston, seconded by Collins, and unanimously carried, Resolution 116 was approved and adopted.

--DISCUSSION ITEMS--

7. Status Update Between the PVCSD and RPMWC
Lawston informed that the RPMWC Board has voted to go into mediation with PVCSD and confirmed by President Bandy.

--CLOSED SESSION--

8. The Board of Directors Will Meet in a Closed Session to Discuss
 - A. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL**
Potential/Threatened/Anticipated Litigation
Significant Exposure to Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)
(Three (3) Matters)
 - B. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL**
Existing Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Rancho Pauma Mutual Water Company vs Pauma Valley Community Services District
(San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2023-00038164-CU-BC-NC)
 - C. **PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**
Title: General Manager
Authority: Government Code section 54957
 - D. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT**
Title: General Manager
Authority: Government Code Section 54959
Conference with Labor Negotiator
District Representative: President Jodie Lawston
Employee: General Manager
Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

The Board entered closed session at 2:43 p.m.

9. Open Session
 - A. Reportable Actions

The meeting was reconvened to open session at 3:33 p.m. with no reportable actions.

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10. Adjournment

With nothing further to discuss, a motion was made by Director Lawston to adjourn at 3:34 p.m., seconded by Director Skumawitz, and unanimously approved.



Eric Steinlicht, Recording Secretary