

Minutes of
Audubon Hills CSD Board Meeting
December 2, 2014
Approved March 5, 2015

1. Call to Order

President Robert Verzello opened the meeting at the Camino School at 7:35 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice president S. Backlund, Treasurer I. Stevenson and Director J. McCarthy were present as were 18 residents. Director J. Coble was absent.

2. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the October 14, 2014 meeting were tabled due to the need to incorporate extensive comments from director Stevenson.

Minutes for the October 25, 2014 meeting were approved with the correction of a named motion presenter and seconder.

3. Correspondence

Three letters were received during November.

a. Letter from Michael Kuehn dated October 6, 2014 was identified as read at the October meeting.

b. Letter from Robert Laurie, attorney for the Blancet residents requesting the recording of the July 23 board meeting. President Verzello had responded with a letter stating there was no recording.

c. El Dorado County notice of public scoping for the sign ordinance. We have no involvement with signage.

4. Reports

Treasurer Stevenson presented a General Ledger reporting of the CSD account with the county. It carried a \$68,007.57 balance at November 13, 2014. Few expenses have been paid since July 1. A budget for the 2015 year will be presented at the next Board meeting.

5. Public Comment

Eleven individuals provided comments to the Board.

Mark Stanley-Objected to the public letter issued by Robert Verzello using the title of CSD president. He thought the letter was inappropriate as it inferred Board participation or knowledge. He also stated that it was in error in stating Mr. Stanley's promotion of a road standard in 1998 when he was no longer on the board. Further he stated that he had never defined the standards quoted. He also requested a list of the recipients as he had not received the letter. Mr. Verzello responded that it was sent to all residents except the named proponents of the recall.

Darren McNeice-Suggested the placement of bags of salt on the roadways for use when roads ice. Residents could be trained in salt use. He encouraged greater use of e-mail for communication. He questioned why the CSD had not taken ownership of the ahcsd.org domain name as had been decided

earlier. Director McCarthy replied that he was awaiting the expiration of the current license. McNeice suggested the costs were minimal and felt it important for the CSD to own the name.

Mike Bozzone-Requested an early date for conduct of the recall election. He asked for March 5 instead of the planned March 31. He felt it to be desirable to transition as soon as possible to eliminate continued unrest. President Verzello responded that the 31st was desirable as it gave maximum time to communicate with residents about the issues.

Miles Pintar- Asked for widening of the dam on Kingfisher. Director McCarthy provided a status report suggesting it was ready to proceed.

Steve Bates-Encouraged widening of the dam and asked to participate in planning the work on the dam.

Gene Blackmun-Urged us to speak up when holding meetings in large venues. He reported that he could not always hear what was said during the October 25 meeting on Mockingbird. He thought that the Mockingbird meeting was satisfactory. He stated that he had a loud voice and apologized to those who thought him threatening.

Russell Anders-Repeated that board members should use personal mail or gain board concurrence when corresponding with residents.

Steve Bates-Asked when the dam widening could be done. He was given a reply that we probably have sufficient funds to do in 2015. He spoke against the Parking Ordinance saying it was not needed. We should be able to work with one another to self-regulate behavior. He felt it foolish to hire a ticket writer. (None has been selected as yet). He did agree that winter rules were required and thought that neighbors should be able to help one another when stalled on the road. President Verzello stated the need for winter regulation as the prime need for the ordinance. George Osborne urged the Board to review the need for the ordinance. Kathie Bozzone reported the towing of an unknown party at \$300 cost. No one knew of this incident and the Board reported it had not had anyone towed.

Mike Mannion-Reiterated that the Board members should be aware of community perception when issuing letters.

George Osborne-Questioned the sequence of public comments and agenda items. Perhaps it would be efficient to allow comments during the agenda actions rather than earlier and out of sequence.

Betsy Verzello-Provide a thorough discussion of the need for road improvement and uniformity for public safety, emergency response, insurance availability in response to fire incidents and maintenance of property values. She offered that the Board has a fiduciary responsibility to maintain our values through uniformity of action.

6. Payment Authorization

- a. The Mountain Democrat, \$20.25 authorized for posting of October 25 meeting.
- b. McMurchie Law, \$510 for advice on public records. Approved at October 14 meeting.
- c. McMurchie Law. \$51 for advice on public records. Approved.

7. Old Business

a. Copies of the Compensation report to the state controller were provided from Director Coble. The entries were all zeros as no board members are compensated.

b. Mockingbird Paving plan

i. President Verzello proposed an exception to policy to support deletion of the turnaround from the Mockingbird plan. He provided reasoning for the need of an exception document. Russell Anders questioned the basis of the policy. Mr. Osborne supported the findings and the exception to policy. The document was approved by directors Backlund, McCarthy and Verzello. Director Stevenson requested time to review it and abstained.

ii. Director Backlund provided a brief analysis of the cost or benefits of the 16 foot road as opposed to a 12 foot road per agreement at the October 25 meeting. Using data from the Kingfisher and Blackbird bids indicated that a twelve foot road might cost \$18,000 while a 16 foot road may cost \$23,860. He proposed that the cost difference was affordable and would maintain the design policy and facilitate travel. The finding was accepted for continuation of the statement of work.

iii. The revised Statement of Work for Mockingbird Paving was presented for approval. Director Stevenson noted that additional language should be provided for compaction of the base layer of the expanded roadway. The SOW was approved as amended with a 4-0 vote.

iv. A request to survey Mockingbird was tabled pending presentation by Mr. Coble.

c. Removal of Scotch Broom-Director Backlund's presentation was tabled due to the late hour.

d. Director Stevenson provided a brief status of the repair requests for Kittywake and Waxwing Lanes. He will provide a statement of work for the next meeting.

8. Road Service Requests

Director Stevenson will survey the work requested by Mr. Wells on Kittywake and Mr. Mitrison on Warbler. A response will be provided at the next meeting.

9. New Business

a. Recording of meetings- Was tabled pending presentation by Director Coble.

b. President Verzello recommended that the CSD amend the by-laws to allow posting of meeting agendas on the entrance board and on the web-site. It was noted that the by-laws had been suspended in a March 13, 1989 vote by the Board.

c. President Verzello recommended that Vice president Backlund act as vice president and secretary in the absence of a secretary.

d. President Verzello recommended that the Board allow Treasurer Stevenson to sign payment vouchers on behalf of the CSD.

Items b, c, and d were approved 4-0.

e. President Verzello recommended that the recall election be scheduled for March 31. A brief but intense discussion of the need for an earlier date ensued by Mr Bozonne and Director Verzello. Director Stevenson moved to have a March 5 election but received no second. Director Backlund moved for a March 31 date and was seconded by McCarthy. The motion passed 3-1 with director Stevenson voting no.

f. FY 2014-2015 budget. The 2015 budget will be posted on the web-site when prepared.

10. Discussion

Following questioning, President Verzello agreed to review the Road paving Policy, By-Laws, widening of Kingfisher Dam and the Parking Ordinance in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted;

Stanley Backlund
Vice President and Secretary
Audubon Hills CSD

Attachments:

1. Minutes of October 25, 2014 meeting
2. Laurie Law letter requesting recording of July 23, 2014 Board meeting
3. Response to Laurie letter
4. Financial report, 11/13/2014
5. Public comment letter from Betsy Verzello
6. Compensation Report
7. Findings for Exception to Policy eliminating the requirement for a cul-de-sac at the end of Mockingbird Lane
8. Mockingbird Paving Plan Cost Analysis
9. Approved Statement of Work for Mockingbird Paving
10. El Dorado County notice of certification of recall petitions for Robert Verzello and James McCarthy
11. Resolution to hold recall election on March 31, 2015(Notice to County)