

Chester Public Utility District

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Minutes of Special Meeting: December 8, 2020 at 3:00pm. Located in the Chester Public Utility District conference room: 251 Chester Airport Road.

Directors Present: Steve Trotter, Steve Voboril, Joe Waterman and Steve Graffweg.

Directors Absent: Royce Raker

Guests Present: 2

Staff Present: 7 CPUD/CFD employees and volunteers.

1. **Call to Order:** Director Trotter called the meeting to order at 2:58pm.
 - a. Pledge led by Director Trotter
 - b. Agenda approval: Director Waterman made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Director Voboril seconded the motion. All in favor, agenda approved.
2. **Public Comment: Agenda Items:** None
3. **Consent Calendar:** Director Trotter asked what the other Directors liked and disliked about the Consent Calendar. Director Voboril would like to go back to get more information off Allan's reports. Director Waterman doesn't mind but, we are still pulling items off CC. Director Graffweg would like it to go away and stated he thought it was put in for the Board to not micro manage. Director Trotter made a note that staff is available for any questions on Monday's before the meeting. Director Waterman wants to make sure that questions are filtered, so staff isn't getting the same request multiple times. Director Voboril made a motion to stop Consent Calendar for the next 90 days. Director Graffweg seconded. All in favor, motion carried. District Secretary Sanders asked when that would be effective. Director Voboril stated 12/15/2020. Revisiting in 90 days. All ayes, motion carried.
4. **Ambulance Annexation Update:** Director Waterman stated that they have gotten some data for the Application with LAFCo but, haven't heard back. He also asked for an estimate on cost of the Annexation. Director Trotter mentioned a map and Director Waterman stated a legal description of map boundaries was pulled by Chief Layne and submitted with information.
5. **USFS Accounts Receivables Past Due:** Director Trotter asked how are we going to go about getting lost revenue. Director Waterman's recommendation would be to seek counsel to follow with a lawsuit, as other avenues were sought out without much return. Director Trotter mentioned having Chief Layne contact Legal Counsel Einhorn for direction and get it on the Agenda for 12/15/2020 Regular Meeting. Director Trotter also mentioned possibly forming an Ad Hoc Committee. Director Waterman volunteered to be on conference call with Chief Layne since he has prior knowledge. Director Graffweg asked if this has happened before where the Forest Service or other entities don't pay. Director Waterman stated that this has been an ongoing battle & we aren't the only ones having issues. Director Graffweg stated he didn't want to call it a program, but a scam. Director Waterman made a motion to seek counsel with Chief Layne for payment of outstanding invoices. Director Voboril seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

A staff member asked Director Graffweg to clarify...he doesn't like the Government hiring retired annuitants to fatten their retirement accounts and that FS and Park Service don't pay their bills to the small individual who usually gives up. Director Graffweg was asked by a staff member to clarify who was running the scam...he stated Government.

6. Fire Special Assessment: Resolution #20-418: Chief Layne gave update the Legal Counsel Einhorn stated that Resolution verbiage won't be ready before the 12/18/2020 cut off for the Spring Election. Wants to make sure that Plumas County is vetted specifically for acre increments of lots. Director Voboril stated he though there was a gray area. Chief Layne stated that the Ambulance Annexation would exclude Chester, but new assessment would benefit Emergency Services in general. Director Waterman stated that Ambulance Annexation would hopefully be a simple process. Chief Layne stated at a certain point Chester could be added back in and he asked to keep it on the Agenda for further updates. There was discussion on whether a motion to table was needed. Clerk to the Board Johnson stated that yes a motion was needed to table. Director Waterman made a motion to table Resolution #20-418 and keep on the Agenda. Director Voboril seconded. All ayes, motion tabled.

7. Dissolution of the 20-21 Safety Labor Relations Contract Ad Hoc Committee: Director Trotter stated that a motion is needed to dissolve Committee. Director Waterman stated that reasoning behind dissolving was that Attorney felt thing were getting contentious and to look at options but still have representation. Director Waterman mentioned that other Departments have gone to outside negotiators. Director Voboril pulled Policy 40.60.5 stating that Standing Personnel Committee should concern themselves with this item. Board Clerk Johnson stated, by phone, that dissolving the Committee since a schedule was set was a way to get away from meetings being agendized. Director Voboril made a motion to dissolve the 20-21 Safety Labor Relations Ad Hoc Committee. Director Waterman seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

8. Closed Session: at 3:26pm

9. Reconvene from Closed Session: at 4:10pm

10. Report on Closed Session: Director Trotter gave report that Directors Waterman & Voboril had been appointed in a unanimous vote to be Negotiators for District regarding the Safety Personnel. Chief Layne will explore outside resources/advisors.

12. Comments:

Directors: none

Staff: Board Clerk Johnson asked if all 5 Board Members were present. Director Trotter replied no. Board Clerk Johnson asked if absent Board Member called in to closed session. Director Trotter again stated no. Board Clerk Johnson stated she was just getting count for vote and added that all present voters in unanimous vote was fine.

13. Adjournment: Director Voboril made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:18pm. Director Waterman seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Kelly Sanders, District Secretary
Cheryl Johnson, CPUD Clerk to the Board, on Conference call.
Approval of Minutes

