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MINUTES FOR JULY 8, 2015 BOARD MEETING

Call to Order and Flag Salute:

Director Simons called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Directors, Simons, Martinson, Dougherty and Duckworth were in attendance. Manager D’Ornellas was also present. Director Fulmer and Secretary Giminez were absent.

Public Comment

Property owner of a vacant parcel on Prancing Deer voiced his opinion regarding the proposed chip seal project survey. Stating that vacant properties do not benefit from the proposed chip seal project because they don't live within the District or use the roads.

Consent Items

Director Duckworth made a motion to accept and approve the June Regular Meeting Minutes, the Treasurer’s Report and payment of the outstanding invoices, Motion was seconded by Director Martinson and passed by roll call vote by Directors Simons, Martinson, Dougherty and Duckworth. The following invoices were approved for payment.

John D’Ornellas	\$ 1,227.35	June 2015 statement
Beverly Giminez	\$ 400.00	Secretarial services thru 6/30/15 inv. #49
Board Stipends	\$ 500.00	BOD Meeting 6/13/15
Cyber Scriber	\$ 134.75	Web site update Inv. #5194
Catherine Turner	\$ 150.00	Invoice #7 bookkeeping for June 2015
Mitch Frederick	\$ 14,200.00	GSH Culvert Inv. #070115-1

General Manager Report

Special tax listing and resolution have been submitted to the Auditor-Controller's office. Tax has been reduced by 1 cent. this was done to make distribution of tax even when paid. It will reduce the total tax revenue by \$5.25 for the year.

The meeting with North Coast Engineering for the proposed pavement/drainage project on Pepper Tree and Forked Horn was cancelled. Mr. Greg Yeager is working on plans for this projects which will be personally presented at the August meeting.

Your GM received calls from the GSH residents and Real Estate agents regarding the survey and the closure of GSH for the culvert project.

Correspondence Received

None

Public Hearings:

A. **Fiscal Year 1015-16 Final Budget:**

Your Board approved the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16 at the June 10, 2015, regular meeting. The notice for a public hearing for the proposed final budget was printed in the Paso Robles Press on June 19, 2015 and also posted on our website.

There have been no comments from the public regarding the budget and only one resident requested a copy. One change was made to the final budget, Solid Waste, Administration cost was reduced from \$4,000 to \$1,500 and Road Maintenance was increased to \$12,000 from \$9,500.

Director Simons proposed to approve Resolution 2015-03 adopting the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget by roll call vote. The Resolution was unanimously approved by Directors, Simons, Martinson, Duckworth and Dougherty.

Discussion Items:

1. **Chip Seal Survey Results:**

The survey letters and return cards were in the mail by May 18th with a deadline date for the return of the survey cards of June 15th. The letter provided background on the proposed chip seal project, cost of new assessment and requested that each property owner return a survey card indicating their support or opposition to the project. The letter and card was mailed to the 274 parcels within the assessment area. The question on the survey card specified the engineering recommendation of a \$310/year assessment to fund the project. The Engineer's Assessment Reports including all maps were also posted to the GSHCSD website.

The cost of the proposed chip seal project was more than expected, The project was very complex for the residents to understand with all of the engineering costs, loan costs, prevailing wage and bond issues. 54% of the residents returned the survey cards. The end count was 51% yes and 49% no. The project costs went from \$740,000 to \$1,200,000. Legally your Board can move forward with a 50% + 1 vote but the election can be risky with such a small percentage of approval votes. The election can be costly using a lot of the budget to fund a project that might fail. It would have been more hopeful to proceed with the election if the project survey supporting percentages were closer to the 65 to 75% range. Director Duckworth suggested we could proceed with the project on the roads with the highest approval rating. It was also suggested that the annual tax for the whole community could be increased to \$500 per year with a new election, or set aside the solid Waste Franchise Fees to do chip seal projects. Survey results can split communities as to who benefits from a project and who funds it. It was decided to scale down the project and look at other options. This project will be returned to the ad hoc committee to come up with new ideas for smaller projects with less funding. The survey did not support the project and will not proceed as projected.

A motion was made by Director Duckworth to go back to the ad hoc committee for other options. The motion was seconded by Director Martinson.

2. **Permit Status Report:**

There are currently four (4) active permits. Of these, two have been active for several years. There was one (1) encroachment permit for a water line.

Active Permits:

Clark - New development Permit - 5432 Blossom, received plans from owner, received \$1,500 permit fee, Initial inspection complete.

Vanderlip - New Development Permit - 5880 Silverado, received plans from owner, received \$1,500 permit fee. Initial inspection complete.

3. Monthly Road Evaluations:

It is the practice of the Board to form teams who annually conduct field surveys of the entire road system, including culverts and drainage ways within the CSD service area, followed by discussion and prioritization of repairs and/or improvements based on available funds. This process starts in October of each year with the objective of "short listing" proposed projects by the following January through March, weather permitting. After the surveys are complete, the teams compare notes and provide a proposed work schedule based on preliminary budget estimates and the combined results of the road surveys.

Director Simons and your GM are working with an engineer for the proposed projects on Forked Horn and Pepper Tree. The last meeting was canceled and a new meeting has been scheduled. Work on GSH culverts has been completed, except for replacement of fence. Work on the badly washed board roads and patching chip seal is still on the schedule to be completed.

Directors/Managers Comments

Resident asked questions regarding the CSD formation of a Water District. Your GM informed the resident that the CSD does not have the power to form a Water District. We have no resources to provide water to residents.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the regular meeting by Director Duckworth, seconded by Director Martinson and passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ground Squirrel Hollow Community Services District will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Meridian Fire Station on Branch Road in Paso Robles, California.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Beverly Giminez, Recording Secretary