

**ROLLING HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2021 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call.**

The teleconference meeting of the Rolling Hills CSD held on March 16, 2021, was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Director Gordon Fawkes in accordance with the Brown Act as currently in effect under the State Emergency Act, Governor Gavin Newsom's Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 issued March 17, 2020 that allows attendance by Board Members, staff, and the public by teleconference. In addition to Director Gordon Fawkes, Directors Ed McGowan, Mark Magee and Brenda Collette, General Manager Chaney Hicks, and Board Secretary Linda Stone were present at roll call. Also present were four members of the public. President Matt Sites joined the meeting at 7:44 p.m. during discussion on item 5.a.

**2. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda).**

None.

**3. Monthly Reports**

**a. General Manager Report.** General Manager Chaney Hicks presented an oral and written report detailing district business, copy attached.

**b. Long Range Funding Ad Hoc Committee Report.** Discussed under Old Business item 5.b.

**c. Monument Sign Ad Hoc Committee Report.** Discussed under Old Business item 5.c.

**4. Consent Items**

The Consent Items consisting of the minutes of the February 16, 2021 meeting of the Board of Directors; correspondence including Umpqua Bank statement for period ending February 28, 2021; financial reports prepared by the Auditor-Controller's office period ending February 28, 2021; Notice of Public Hearing via postcard re Rezone Z15-0002/Tentative Parcel Map, Planned Development and Conditional Use Permit for Montano De El Dorado Phase I and II and related approvals; notification re El Dorado LAFCO's special district regular sets and election deadline to submit nomination for the open LAFCO seats is March 31, 2021; Department of Industrial Relations letter regarding critical requirements related to COVID-19 applicable to the workplace; and Investment Company Offer to Purchase Property 117150009 were considered. Director Fawkes said he noticed a few non-substantive wording corrections he would like made to the February 16, 2021 minutes. With those corrections, Director Fawkes made motion to approve and accept/file the Consent items as noted, Director McGee seconded. A roll call vote was taken, as follows; motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Fawkes, Collette, Magee and McGowan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Sites

ABSTAIN: None

**5. Old Business**

**a. Folsom Heights Development Project Update.** Given the information reported at the February meeting about added Condition 182 for the project which includes a bike lane on the EVA only road, General Manager Chaney Hicks said she submitted a Public Records Act to the City of Folsom to obtain all information regarding changes to the project in this regard subsequent to the original approval. Director McGowan commented that Condition 182 is ambiguous. The Board discussed its desire to have Folsom go on record with its intentions and then move forward with a meeting with Folsom staff. During public comment on this item Ellen Post said that Tim Taron and Clay Loomis previously said on the record that there would be no bike lanes and no pedestrian traffic; Tim Haley said he would like to

attend the meeting with Folsom staff on behalf of the homeowners, Ella Perez inquired about when the survey was done to ascertain the residents' opinions on bike lanes; and Ellen Post further commented that Folsom wants connectivity, that it is a marketing issue, and that concerned residents should attend Folsom Planning Committee meetings as that is the prelude to the Council meetings where recommendations are made. The Board discussed the planned meeting with Folsom staff and said it is a business meeting between jurisdictions, not a meeting subject to the Brown Act. Previously the Board planned to have Matt Sites and Ed McGowan attend for the District, but Ed said he didn't feel as well informed on the history of this issue as other board members may be. Brenda Collette said she would attend in Ed's place.

**b. Long Range Funding for the District.** Chaney Hicks reported about the reply she received from the District's General Counsel confirming any increase to an assessment requires a 2/3 vote in favor for approval, whether the requested increase is for the District overall or for some areas. Discussion was had about an engineer's report to demonstrate the need for an increase. Director Gordon Fawkes requested that the Board allow the Long Range Funding Committee another month to work on the issues. Director Mark Magee commented that the general election where an increase would be considered isn't for another year so there is time to continue this work. The Board agreed its goal is to develop the needed information to be considered by the residents. Director McGowan said the Board is looking at the long-term good of the District from a community standpoint with thought toward benefits down the road.

**c. El Dorado Hills Monument Sign.** Since the last meeting, Ad Hoc Committee member Brenda Collette asked Director Gordon Fawkes to host the meeting of committee members and a representative from California Masonry Concepts to walk the monument sign for the purpose of getting estimates for restoration of the sign. Director Fawkes reported on those efforts. The Committee continues to gather information in order to present a specific proposal.

## **6. New Business**

**a. Fire Breaks for Fire Mitigation Measure 2021.** Chaney Hicks presented this item seeking authorization for the expenditure of funds from the approved budget and in accordance with the District's procurement policies in an amount of \$6,750 for costs associated with creating 100' fire breaks along the Sacramento County line and adjacent to Highway 50 (utilizing goats/sheep result in 150' break); and authorizing execution of an agreement with Capra Environmental Services for these services utilizing approximately 650 goats/sheep. The Board discussed possible sources for water including use of an EID temporary meter and/or continued donations of water from residents. During comment on this item, various residents offered the use of their water for this purpose. Director Brenda Collette made a motion to approve the \$6,750 cost for the fire breaks and agreement with Capra Environmental Services for these services; second by Director Gordon Fawkes. . A roll call vote was taken, as follows; motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Fawkes, Collette, Magee, McGowan and Sites

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

**b. Playground Fiber for Stonebriar Park.** Chaney Hicks presented this item seeking authorization for the expenditure of \$2,800 to supply and deliver 100 cubic yards of playground fiber for the area at Stonebriar Park. She contemplates this will be a community volunteer project for installation of the bark into the playground area as done in past years. Director Brenda Collette made a motion to approve expenditure of \$2,800 for purchase and delivery of 100 cubic years of playground fiber for the

Stonebriar Park play area; second by Director Mark Magee. A roll call vote was taken, as follows; motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Fawkes, Collette, Magee, McGowan and Sites

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

**c. Deep Root Watering for Remaining Pine Trees along Bailey.** Chaney Hicks presented this item. She explained that based on the Arborist's report previously received regarding the trees, she obtained bids for the installation of a deep root watering system for the remaining pine trees along Bailey fence. The lowest cost was \$2,550. She said one of the bidders commented that he wondered why the trees are not being removed as they have a "shelf life." Director Fawkes said he would like specifics about the proposed watering system. Other Board comments were about whether the money may be better spent toward taking the trees down. The Board agreed to defer this item for consideration in conjunction with the specific plans for development of Berkshire Park and that Director Fawkes and Chaney will work together about what type of trees may be a better alternative for this location.

**d. District's Adopted Hazardous Mitigation Plan.** Resident Stephanie Haley requested information about the District's Hazardous Mitigation Plan, adopted November 16, 2016. Chaney Hicks advised that the Plan was formally adopted by the Board of Supervisors at that time after having been reviewed by all emergency jurisdictions. The Plan will be put on a future agenda for further review.

**7. Adjournment.** Upon motion by Director Sites and seconded by Director Fawkes, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/

Linda Stone, Board Clerk/Secretary

Approved by Board: April 20, 2021