

**ROLLING HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

The teleconference meeting of the Rolling Hills CSD held on September 21, 2021, was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Vice President Brenda Collette under 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-08-21 issued June 11, 2021, that allows attendance by Board Members, staff, and the public by teleconference. In addition to Vice President Collette, Directors Gordon Fawkes, Ed McGowan and Mark Magee, General Manager Chaney Hicks, and Board Secretary Linda Stone were present. In addition, numerous members of the public participated in the meeting. President Matt Sites joined the meeting during the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

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

Resident Dean Getz commented about his company's solution for preparing Agendas which includes hyperlinks. He said his solution also has the ability to mobilize residents and provide emergency notifications quickly. He offered a demonstration of his web-based solution should the District have interest. Brenda Collette asked that the item be placed on the Board's agenda for discussion. Resident Stephanie Haley reiterated comments made last month by another resident about blasting occurring west of the District. She has informed the City of Folsom about this issue and damage being done.

**3. Monthly Reports**

**a. General Manager Report.** General Manager Chaney Hicks presented an oral and written report detailing district business, copy attached. The Berkshire Park plan will be included on the Board's agenda for the next meeting.

**b. Long Range Funding Ad Hoc Committee Report.** Director Gordon Fawkes contacted resident Adam Olson, who volunteered his services to assist with preparation of presentation materials on the issue of revenue and expenses of the District and consideration of an assessment increase. They have not yet gotten together to discuss.

**c. Monument Sign Ad Hoc Committee Report.** Monument sign issues are on the agenda.

**4. Consent Items**

The Consent Items consisting of the Minutes of the August 17, 2021 meeting of the Board of Directors; correspondence including Umpqua bank statement for the period ending August 30, 2021; memorandum regarding the property tax revenue estimates for FY21/22; and H&R Land Purchase generic solicitation letter were considered. Director Gordon Fawkes made a motion to approve and accept/file the Consent items as presented; President Matt Sites seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken as follows; motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Sites, Fawkes, Collette, McGowan and Magee

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

**5. Old Business**

**a. El Dorado Hills Monument Sign.** The Board discussed the status of the project and current items for consideration including: (1) whether the temporary fencing should continue in place pending final solutions to deter people from trespassing on and damaging the sign; (2) whether permanent fencing is

desired and if so, the options for type of fencing; (3) whether signage would be an adequate solution to deter trespassing and damage to the sign; (4) if signage is to be installed, the content and placement of the signs and installation alternatives; and whether the Save Our Sign committee has excess funds which it would donate to defray costs for signage and/or fencing.

Sue Stokes of the Save Our Sign committee advised the Board it has a supplier who will donate signs to be placed along Dunnwood Drive and around the monument itself and excess funds collected to defray the sign installation costs. In response to questions from the Board, Sue said she estimates about ten signs are planned at a donated value of about \$5,000. The Board then discussed whether posting warning and no trespassing signs is sufficient or whether a fence around the sign is needed. Other options were mentioned including a grant of easement to a third party to maintain the monument sign with a promise to indemnify the District, but it was noted that neither the El Dorado Hills CSD nor the Save our Sign committee would enter into such an arrangement. The Save Our Sign committee favored installation of signs only without any fencing, and various residents offered their opinions. With public comments closed on the item, the Board discussed the issues. Most comments centered around concerns of exposure to liability. The Board expressed interest in getting further pricing information about signage, costs for sign installation, and fencing options and costs.

Director Ed McGowan made a motion to continue rental of the temporary fencing for an additional month while continuing to explore other avenues for contribution to the cost of no-climb fencing around the monument, and to move forward with placement and installation of signs. Director Gordon Fawkes seconded the motion. Discussion was had. The Save Our Sign committee representatives expressed its preference not to install fencing, and noted that if the fencing is further away from the monument, the cost would be higher. Brenda Collette made a friendly amendment to the motion adding that the ad hoc committee shall participate in the placement of the signs. Further discussion ensued with clarification that the General Manager working with the Monument Sign ad hoc committee would identify locations for the first tier of signage placement before the next Board meeting. If a permanent fence is ultimately installed, then a second layer of signage would go in as a layering of security. With that clarification, both Ed McGowan and Gordon Fawkes accepted the amendment to the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows; motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Sites, Fawkes, McGowan and Magee

NOES: Collette

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

## **6. New Business**

**a. Watering of Stonebriar Park.** General Manager Chaney Hicks noted that the diagram of the watering zones at the park has not yet been provided by the landscaper. However, she said that one of the controllers failed and a section of the park is going without water. Resident comments included issues discussed at many prior meetings about the existing system's limitations, water pressure, damp vs. dessert conditions, and the time frames needed for running the system and burden on the system in the evening hours. The matter will be placed on a future agenda when the watering zone information is available.

**b. Newly Enacted Legislation (Assembly Bill 361) Regarding Public Agencies' Ability to Meet Remotely.** The clerk briefed the Board and staff about AB 361 signed by Governor Gavin Newsom on September 16, 2021, which allows public agencies to continue to meet remotely as they have done under his prior Executive Orders provided that a proclaimed State of Emergency exists, that a local emergency now exists, and that meeting in person would present imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees.

After discussion, Director Ed McGowan made a motion to proclaim that a local emergency exists, ratify Governor Newsom's proclamation of a state of emergency due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, find that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees due to the pandemic and the District's lack of a sufficiently sized meeting room to accommodate measures to promote social distancing for the protection of all attendees; and as a result, that the District will conduct its meetings without compliance with Government Code section 54953(e) during the next 30-day period, will comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of section 54953, and comply with the requirements of AB 361; with subsequent review for each successive 30-day period. President Sites seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows; motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Sites, Collette, McGowan, Fawkes, and Magee

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

**7. Adjournment.** Upon motion and second, the President adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/

Linda Stone, Board Clerk/Secretary

Approved by Board: October 19, 2021