

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SMOKY HILL METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
HELD
September 23, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Smoky Hill Metropolitan District was held virtually on September 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was open to the public.

In attendance and participating were Directors:

Tom Mehl, Chairman
Jude Buemi, Vice-Chair
Jerry Dionisio, Treasurer
Director Schuldies, Assistant Secretary
Director Pacheco, Assistant Secretary

Also participating were:

3 Residents / Members of the Public
John Bofenkamp, District Operations
David Green, District Accountant
Kurt Schlegel, Special District Solutions, Inc.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Schlegel called the roll and noted that a quorum of the Board was present. Director Mehl called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**CONFLICTS &
DISCLOSURE
STATEMENTS:**

Conflict Disclosure Statements have been filed with the Secretary of State's Office and no additional conflicts were announced by the Directors.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Director Schuldies moved that the Board approve the agenda as presented. Upon a second by Director Buemi a vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

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CONSENT AGENDA:

Director Buemi moved that the Board approve the Consent agenda, consisting of the following item:

- Minutes from the August 26, 2024 Regular Meeting

Upon a second by Director Pacheco a vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Director Mehl has received emails from residents regarding the weeds in drainage areas in the District, and potential 2025 Budget items.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Perrott Requested that the Directors consider adding the maintenance of existing trees in the parks, the addition of more trees, and a plan to revamp or improve the landscaping of public areas within the District into the 2025 budget.

FINANCIAL ITEMS:

Review of Cash Position and Financial Statements: Mr. Green presented the unaudited Financial Statements dated August 31, 2024, for the Board's review.

Ratification and Approval of payments made through September 23, 2024: Mr. Green presented a list of payments that have been made for review and consideration. Director Dionisio moved that the Board Ratify and Approve District Payables made through September 23, 2024, as presented. Upon a second by Director Schuldies a vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

2025 Budget Draft: Mr. Green presented a Draft 2025 Budget for the Board's consideration, as required by State Statute. Mr. Green requested that the Directors review the Draft Budget and send to him their ideas or requests for inclusion in the proposed budget prior to the October 28, 2024 Regular meeting.

OPERATIONS REPORT:

Mr. Bofenkamp updated the Directors on the following items:

- Two lawn mowers have been sold.
- Crestline Park Fence Replacement Project is 90% complete.
- Park irrigation systems will be winterized by mid-October 2024.
- Has been watering trees in the parks and requested authority to purchase a larger water tank for this purpose.

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- Two trees on Smoky Hill Road & Tower Road need to be removed.

The Directors discussed potential for converting an existing pickup truck with a larger water tank for tree watering.

Director Schuldies moved that the Board authorize an expenditure of up to \$20,000.00 to remove the identified trees. Upon a second by Director Mehl a vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR ITEMS & COMMENTS:

Director Mehl –

- Will be meeting with an Eagle Scout that lives in the District to discuss potential projects for his scout program.
- Crestline Park Grant Final Project Report should be complete by October 31, 2024 – final payment to the District will follow.

Director Buemi –

- Big Rock Pavilion Project Grant paperwork has been submitted
- The pool closed for the season on September 15, 2024.

Director Schuldies –

- Met with staff from the City of Centennial to discuss future potential grants for the:
 - Design of Park improvements
 - Planting additional trees
 - Xeriscaping Projects

The City's 2025 Grant process will begin in January 2025.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

District Website: Mr. Schlegel stated that the transition process to the new Streamline website is nearly complete and he will send to the Directors a link for the new URL as soon as it becomes available for the them to review and comment.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Director Mehl discussed the following items:

- 4 Entrances to Gold Rush Park are in need of updating. He estimated the future cost to the District for this project, if approved, to be approximately \$60,000.00 and suggested that a Request for Proposals (RFP) be submitted to “BidNet Direct” for this project. Director Mehl moved that the Board authorize him to submit the RFP on behalf of the District. Upon a second by Director Dionisio a vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.
- As mentioned earlier in the meeting, he will be meeting with a local Eagle Scout and moved that the Board authorize an expenditure of up to \$15,000.00 to fund the potential tree planting project. Upon a second by Director Dionisio a vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.
- Suggested that the Board schedule a Study Session, prior to the October 28, 2024 regular meeting to discuss potential 2025 budget issues / items, and requested that Mr. Schlegel confirm that a Study Session will be considered a sanctioned meeting and qualify for a meeting stipend to be paid to Directors that attend / participate.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

NEXT MEETING:

The Board’s next regular meeting will take place virtually on Monday – October 28, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kurt Schlegel

Secretary for the Meeting