

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Raynette Gregory, Vice-PresidentAnthony Kalvans, DirectorOwen Davis, DirectorRod Smiley, Director

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

6:00 P.M. Opened Session SMCSD 601 12th Street 06-29-2023

1. Call to Order: At 6.05

2. Roll Call: Raynette Gregory, Anthony Kalvans, Owen Davis, Rod Smiley

3. Approval of Special Meeting Agenda:

Motion By: Anthony Kalvans

Second By: Rod Smiley

Motion: To Approve

| Board Members | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
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| Raynette Gregory | Х | | | |
| Anthony Kalvans | Х | | | |
| Owen Davis | Х | | | |
| Rod Smiley | X | | | |

4. Pledge of Allegiance:

Lead by Director Kalvans

5. Public Comment and Communications for items not on the agenda:

Greg Grewal Creston resident, thanked the San Miguel Fire Department for their time, and voiced his appreciation. Mr. Grewal explained to the Board of Directors that he put in a Brown Act violation on Supervisor Gibson and his equity statement. Mr. Grewal gave General Manager Kelly Dodds a copy for record. Mr. Grewal spoke about Kelly Dodds being the SMCSD representative for the GSA, and he feels that Kelly is representing the District well at the GSA meeting. Mr. Grewal explained that Supervisor Gibson is not the representative at the GSA for San Miguel CSD.

6. Board Action Items:

1. Discussion and possible action to fill the current Board vacancy by appointment or by

calling a special election.

Discuss options for filling the current Board vacancy either by appointment or by calling a special election:

1. Fill the vacancy by appointing one of the two applicants interviewed on June 22, 2023.

2. Adopt Resolution 2023-33 calling a special election and approving a budget adjustment to cover the cost of the special election. Provide direction to the General Manager and Legal to take all necessary steps to place the vacant Board position on the next San Luis Obispo County general election ballot.

3. Direct the General Manager to request the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors fill the vacancy by appointment at their next regular Board meeting.

4. Continue the item for further consideration at the next regular Board meeting on July 26, 2023.

General Manager Kelly Dodds presented the item and explained options 1 through 4 in the District staff report. It was explained that the District received two applications, Mr. Baker and Mr. Sangster, and at the June 22nd Regular Board Meeting the Board of Directors had two failed votes, and consensus was to bring back information on an election. Specifically, the cost and number of registered voters in San Miguel.

Board Comment: Director Gregory asked about the options and asked if the Board should hold another vote. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that after the Board has discussion and holds Public Comment then the Board can come to a consensus to hold a vote. Board discussion came to consensus to hold another vote.

District General Counsel Doug White explained that he would recommend that the Board have Public Comment and move on with a vote.

Public Comment: Greg Grewal, Creston resident spoke on not being in favor of anyone spending two-hundred thousand or having the County Supervisors appoint someone. Mr. Grewal voiced in favor of keeping local control.

Wyatt Navarro San Miguel resident and San Miguel Firefighter spoke of not being in favor of spending any money for an election.

Staff Comment: Fire Chief Scott Young voiced that he is not in favor of spending any Fire funds for an election. Chief Young went on to explain his budget does not have discretionary money and all funds are from property taxes with any funds being spent on an election would only take away from staffing, etc.

Board Comment after motion: Director Gregory asked if the Board was going to elect officers. General Manager Kelly Dodds explained that it is not agendized and will be done at the next meeting.

| Motion By: | Owen Davis | | | | |
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| Second By: | Anthony Kalvans | | | | |
| Motion: | To Approve to appoint Mr. Baker | | | | |

| Board Members | Ayes | Noes | Abstain | Absent |
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| Raynette Gregory | Х | | | |
| Anthony Kalvans | Х | | | |
| Owen Davis | Х | | | |
| Rod Smiley | X | | | |

After Motion and Vote:

General Manager Kelly Dodds gave the "Oath of Office" to Berkley Baker, and Director Baker took his seat.

7. Board Comment:

Director Smiley thanked the San Miguel Firefighters for attending and asked Chief Young to introduce them.

Director Kalvans voiced that he received a phone call form Debbie Arnold, wanted to make sure that San Miguel keeps things local and gave a personnel recommendation for Mr. Baker. Director Baker thanked the Board and voiced that he appreciates the opportunity to serve as a Director and will do what is best for the community of San Miguel

Director Gregory thanked the directors for a smooth meeting.

8. Adjournment to Next Regular Meeting:

6:30 PM