

**CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
Thursday, March 17, 2022 1:00 PM

**1. OPENING**

**A. Call to Order**

President Howell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

President Howell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Establishment of Quorum**

A quorum was established.

Directors present via Zoom: Donn Howell, Karen Dean, Cindy Steidel, Harry Farmer, and Tom Gray.

Staff present via Zoom: General Manager John F. Weigold, IV, District Counsel Timothy Carmel, Finance Manager Pamela Duffield, Facilities & Resources Supervisor Carlos Mendoza, Utilities Department Manager/District Engineer Ray Dienzo and Board Secretary Ossana Terterian.

**D. President's Report**

President Howell reported that this was Ossana Terterian's last Board meeting and thanked her for her services.

**E. Agenda Review: Additions/Deletions**

President Howell asked for any additions or deletions.

**2. AWARDS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Swearing in of new SAFER Firefighters**

The Fire staff was not ready at that moment and waited until right before the consent agenda to start the swearing in of the three new firefighters. Interim Captain Jonathan Gibson oversaw the swearing in ceremony.

**3. BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

President Howell asked for any Board communications. There were none.

**4. PUBLIC SAFETY**

**A. Sheriff's Department Report**

Sgt. Ian Doughty was available to provide the Sheriff's Department Report and had sent a written report for inclusion in the agenda materials.

**B. CCSD Fire Chief's Report**

Interim Captain Jonathan Gibson provided a report on recent Fire Department activities in Cambria.

Public Comment:  
Christine Heinrichs, Cambria  
Crosby and Laura Swartz, Cambria  
Dennis Dudzik, Cambria

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment:  
Tina Dickason, Cambria  
Elizabeth Bettenhausen, Cambria

**6. MANAGER REPORTS**

**A. General Manager's Report**

Public Comment: None

General Manager Weigold provided a summary of the General Manager's Report.

**B. Finance Manager's Report**

Public Comment: None

Finance Manager Duffield provided a summary of the Finance Manager's Report.

**C. Utilities Report**

Public Comment:  
Elizabeth Bettenhausen, Cambria

District Engineer Dienzo provided a summary of the Utilities Report.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Consideration to Adopt the February 2022 Expenditure Report**

**B. Consideration to Adopt the February 10, 2022 and February 17, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**C. Consideration of Adoption of Resolution 15-2022 Authorizing the Continuance of Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Legislative Bodies of the Cambria Community Services District Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3)**

Director Farmer moved to approve the consent agenda.

Director Gray seconded the motion.

Motion Passed Unanimously Ayes – 5 (Howell, Dean, Steidel, Farmer, Gray) Nays– 0 Absent – 0

## **8. REGULAR BUSINESS**

- A.** Receive and Discuss the Water Reclamation Facility's Adaptive Management Plan Annual Report and Consider Directing Staff to Submit the Report to the Appropriate Resource Agencies for Concurrence

General Manager Weigold introduced the item and provided a summary. He then turned it over to District Engineer Dienzo for further explanation. He introduced Cindy Cleveland and Gus Yates who also made presentations on the Adaptive Management Plan.

Public Comment:

Ted Key, Cambria

Crosby and Laura Swartz, Cambria

Tina Dickason, Cambria

Elizabeth Bettenhausen, Cambria

Christine Heinrichs, Cambria

Robert Fountain, Cambria (also submitted a written comment)

Crosby Swartz, Cambria (submitted a written comment)

Director Gray moved to receive the Water Reclamation Facility's Adaptive Management Plan Annual Report and direct staff to submit the report to the appropriate natural resource agencies for concurrence.

Director Steidel seconded the motion.

President Howell moved to amend the motion and to add wording after “direct staff to submit the report to the appropriate Resource Agencies for concurrence” by changing the wording to WRF and a few introductory sentences added to Gus Yates’ report to explain it.

Vice President Dean seconded the motion.

Motion Passed Ayes – 4 (Howell, Dean, Farmer, Gray) Nays– 1 (Steidel) Absent – 0

The Board moved to vote on the original motion by Director Gray above.

Motion Passed Ayes – 4 (Howell, Dean, Steidel, Gray) Nays– 0 Abstain - 1 (Farmer) Absent – 0

At 3:36 p.m., President Howell suggested a short break to 3:40 p.m. All agreed.

At 3:43 p.m., Vice President Dean suggested extending the meeting to 5:00 p.m.

President Howell seconded the motion.

Motion Passed Unanimously Ayes – 5 (Howell, Dean, Steidel, Farmer, Gray) Nays– 0 Absent – 0

- B. Receive and Discuss Water, Water Reclamation Facility and Wastewater Rate Recommendations from Bartle Wells Associates, and Consider Scheduling a Proposition 218 Public Hearing Date and Directing Staff to Commence the Proposition 218 Noticing Process

General Manager Weigold introduced the item and provided a summary. He then introduced the staff members standing by to answer questions. He turned it over to Utilities Manager Dienzo for further explanation. Alex Handlers also answered questions.

Public Comment:

Elizabeth Bettenhausen, Cambria

James Townsend, Cambria (submitted a written report)

Steve Desper, Cambria

Director Gray moved to propose a water rate of 4.5% rate for the first 3 years.

There was no second.

Director Gray moved to propose a water rate of 5.5% rate.

There was no second.

President Howell moved to propose water rates be increased by 6% a year for 3 years starting in July 1, 2022.

Director Steidel seconded the motion.

Motion Passed Ayes – 4 (Howell, Dean, Steidel, Farmer) Nays– 1 (Gray) Absent – 0

Director Gray moved to not propose a WRF increase for 3 years started July 1, 2022.

Vice President Dean seconded the motion.

Motion Passed Unanimously Ayes – 5 (Howell, Dean, Steidel, Farmer, Gray) Nays– 0 Absent – 0

Vice President Dean moved to propose a sewer rate increase of 7.5% per year for the next 3 years starting July 1, 2022.

Director Gray seconded the motion.

President Howell moved to amend the motion to propose to set sewer rates at 9%, 7.5% and 6% for the 3 years started July 1, 2022.

There was no second.

Motion Passed Unanimously Ayes – 5 (Howell, Dean, Steidel, Farmer, Gray) Nays– 0 Absent – 0

District Counsel suggested proposing a CPI adjustment from December to December for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years for all rates that would be for water, sewer and WRF based on the California State rate based on the fiscal year starting July 1, 2025.

Vice President Dean moved to propose a CPI adjustment from December to December for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years for all rates that would be for water, sewer and WRF based on the California State rate based on the fiscal year starting July 1<sup>st</sup> 2025.

Director Gray seconded the motion.

President Howell moved to amend the motion to exclude the WRF from the motion.

Director Farmer seconded the motion.

President Howell withdrew the motion.

Motion Passed Unanimously Ayes – 5 (Howell, Dean, Steidel, Farmer, Gray) Nays– 0 Absent – 0

Director Gray moved to direct staff to commence the Prop 218 noticing process.

Director Steidel seconded the motion.

Motion Passed Unanimously Ayes – 5 (Howell, Dean, Steidel, Farmer, Gray) Nays– 0 Absent – 0

Director Farmer moved to include a protest form with the Prop 218 notice.

Vice President Dean seconded the motion.

Director Steidel moved to extend the meeting to 5:30 p.m. All agreed.

Motion Passed Unanimously Ayes – 5 (Howell, Dean, Steidel, Farmer, Gray) Nays– 0 Absent – 0

Director Gray moved to schedule a public hearing date on May 19, 2022.

Vice President Dean seconded the motion.

Motion Passed Unanimously Ayes – 5 (Howell, Dean, Steidel, Farmer, Gray) Nays– 0 Absent – 0

**C.** Discussion and Consideration to Adopt Resolution 16-2022 or 17-2022 Continuing or Terminating the Local State of Emergency Declaration

General Manager Weigold introduced the item and provided a summary. He then turned it over to District Counsel for further explanation.

Public Comment: None

Director Gray moved to maintain the emergency declaration by adopting Resolution 16-2022 Continuing the Local State of Emergency Declaration.

Director Steidel seconded the motion.

Motion Passed Unanimously Ayes – 5 (Howell, Dean, Steidel, Farmer, Gray) Nays– 0 Absent – 0

**D.** Discussion and Consideration of Resuming In Person or Hybrid Meetings

General Manager Weigold introduced the item and provided a summary.

No action was taken on this item.

**E. Discussion and Consideration of 2022 Strategic Plan Status Report and Update**

General Manager Weigold introduced the item and provided a summary.

Public Comment:

Dennis Dudzik, Cambria

No action was taken on this item.

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)**

President Howell asked for any future agenda items. Director Gray asked about the saltwater intrusion and ask staff to find out about two properties.

Public Comment:

Laura Swartz, Cambria

**10. ADJOURN**

President Howell adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

For further detail on the CCSD meeting, please visit the District's website to review the meeting recording or visit SLO-Span's website: <https://slo-span.org/static/meetings-CCSD.php>. CCSD written comments can be reviewed on the District's meeting webpage.