

CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 24, 2008 – VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

- I. Call to Order:** President Cobin called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. District Counsel reported no reportable actions taken at last closed session.

Present: Directors Chaldecott, Cliff, Funke-Bilu, Sanders and President Cobin.

Absent: None

Also present: General Manager Tammy Rudock, Assistant General Manager Bryan Bode, District Counsel Art Montandon, District Engineer Bob Gresens, Finance Manager Alleyne LaBossiere, and District Clerk Kathy Choate

II. Agenda Review:

Move Item VII.A to follow Item IV and prior to Item V.

III. Acknowledgements/Presentations:

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) presentation by Chief Putney. Chief Putney presented CERT history and introduced Norm Smith, Cambria CERT Coordinator. Board thanked the CERT members for their dedication and efforts to the community.

Emergency Preparedness and Evacuation Plan Presentation by Chief Putney. Board thanked and commended Chief Putney who thanked the volunteers and his staff for their commitment.

IV. Special Reports

- A. Sheriff's Department Report: Deputy Todd Steeb reported Cayucos theft of courtyard gas (utility trucks), recommends cameras and additional lighting. Used car parking violations to be enforced, reminder about 2008 cell phone laws. Resident deputy post still active, no major crime activity.

V. Manager's and Board Reports

A. Manager's Report: Tammy Rudock summarized and presented the Manager's report. Bryan Bode reported on the Biosolids project.

B. Member and Committee Reports:

1. Executive Ad Hoc Committee – Joan Cobin reported on agenda review meeting and Prop 218 process with League of Women Voters.
2. CCSD/CCHD Ad Hoc Committee – Director Cliff reported Health Care District acted to discontinue any further work on co-location project.
3. Utilities Ad Hoc Committee – Director Chaldecott reported on the recent Army Corps of Engineers meeting regarding desalination project and their commitment to move forward on this project.

VI. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve expenditures for month of June 2008
- B. Approve minutes of Board of Directors meeting, June 26, 2008

- C. Adopt Resolution 23-2008 rejecting claim per SDRMA recommendation—Fernandez
 - D. Adopt Resolution 24-2008 rejecting claim per SDRMA recommendation – Coluzzi
 - E. Adopt Resolution 25-2008 rejecting claim per SDRMA recommendation—Andriola
 - F. Set public hearing for August 21, 2008 to approve the Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2008/09
- Director Sanders moved approval of consent agenda. Director Clift seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes – 5, No – 0, Absent – 0.**

VII. Regular Business

A. Status Report on Geotechnical Investigation/Desalination. Bob Gresens presented a PowerPoint. Board discussion followed. Army Corps of Engineer team is committed to moving the desalination project forward in Cambria.

Public Comment:

Mahala Burton, Cambria. Who is applicant on this project? What permits are required? Coastal Commission revised findings are available and rejected desalination project.

Richard DeVega, Cambria. Presentation indicated future spending would be out of a Federal fund grant. Can community afford grant and cost of desalinated water?

Jim Hensley, Las Vegas. Where would desal plant be located? On waitlist.

Elizabeth Bettenhausen, Cambria. Interested in scope of horizontal drilling. Requests detailed expenses of desal project to date and quarterly.

Mary Webb, Greenspace, Cambria Land Trust, Cambria. Requested Water Master Plan (WMP) comments and Fiscalini Ranch comments to EIR be posted on CCSD website.

Lynn Harkins, Cambria. Army Corps of Engineer contract silent to ownership. North Coast Area Plan requires any desal plant providing water to Cambria must be owned and operated by CCSD.

Michael Dill, Paso Robles. Attended Coastal Commission meetings and CCSD lost with CCC by one vote. Did not defeat, directed to go back and reevaluate site location. Who will address Coastal Commission at the next level? How can public assist CCSD with achieving this project?

VIII. Hearings and Appeals

A. Continued public hearing to consider adoption of Resolution 21-2008 authorizing a Fire Suppression Benefit Assessment consumer price index (CPI) adjustment in the amount of 2.9% for fiscal year 2008-2009. Tammy Rudock introduced the staff report. President Cobin opened the public hearing.

Public Comment:

Richard DeVega, Cambria. \$250,000 surplus did not take into account Putney's retirement. No evidence to refute Director Cliff's observation of surplus.

Mary Webb, Cambria. Period of economic instability in our country and CCSD accounting needs to reflect revenues vs. expenses. Vote no increase.

Amanda Rice, Cambria. Fuel costs expenditures approx. \$6,000 - \$12,000 resulting from change in vehicle use policy?

Director Funke-Bilu moved to not adopt Resolution 21-2008 authorizing a 2.9% CPI adjustment in the existing Fire Suppression Benefit Assessment rates, effective July 1, 2008, in compliance with Resolution 27-2003 and the related Engineer's Report and approve maintaining the existing Fire Suppression Benefit

**Assessment rates for FY 2008/2009. Director Cliff seconded.
Ayes – 3, No – 2 (Cobin, Chaldecott), Absent – 0.**

IX. Public Comment

Jerry McKinnon, Cambria. Expenditure report, page 2, Davis Pipe Company, 60” pipe at old Center Street CCSD site, \$16,000. Would budget reflect this as a line item expense?

Richard DeVega, Cambria. Wanted to make sure board and public are aware of current status on protest proceedings.

Jim Hensley, Cambria. Supports desalination. Read information regarding health of steelhead survival in dry creeks and benefits of desalination protection of habitat.

Jerry Evans, Cambria. Will his protest signature be counted? How does CCSD determine a valid signature?

Amanda Rice, Cambria. NCAC, Chair. Represents Area 8, in need of representative for Area 5.

Edgar Kanarick, Cambria. When votes counted, no input into the protest. If they (CCSD) continue the stalling and blocking of the 218 process, a possibility of litigation will ensue, they (CCSD), particularly the legal department subject to criminal charges, penalties and a possible jail sentence. They (CCSD) is basically wasteful, inept, and financially incompetent.

Elizabeth Bettenhausen, Cambria. Confirming that women counting, including District Clerk counting accurately. She has requested criteria from both CCSD and LOWV for validating and has not received in writing. Thanked CCSD for daily support and upkeep of Veterans Hall.

Jerry McKinnon, Cambria. Keeps infrastructure operating. Community wants a balanced budget with built-in reserves and prioritized capital improvements, rejecting the \$8M loan. CFRCCSD Rates Committee proposed 15% increases and could provide a proposal next week.

Mary Webb, Cambria. 4 days sorting by address, counting. Friday was first day to go alphabetically and use her database. A – F on street addresses. Staff comes in over weekend and does further review, observers not able to go in on weekend. League was invited and moved through G – Z Sat and Sun. Monday was clean-up. Suggests having protests thrown out for signature produce a cancelled check for verification of signature.

John MacKinnon, Cambria. Board gave direction for public to have access and public frustrated when denied access. Validating signatures could be problematic due to aged writing. My wife might forge my name on water application documents.

Lynne Harkins, Cambria. Applauded Andreoli’s claim regarding weed abatement. LOWV advised Prop 218 rate notice include protest form. Lack of facilitating citizens’ right to protest this rate increase.

**Director Sanders moved to place anticipated litigation matter on agenda per threat of litigation. Director Chaldecott seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – 5, No – 0, Absent – 0.**

X. Adjournment President Cobin adjourned the meeting to closed session at 4:35 PM.