

**Grizzly Flats Community Services District
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board
May 12, 2022**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Grizzly Flats CSD Board of Directors was called to order at 9:02 AM by Director Hannblom.

ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD

Present: Directors Chigazola, Davidson, Hannblom, and McKillop

Remote: Director Malonson (@ 9:35 AM) and Scott Myers (H2Ou)

Absent: None

Others: Kim Gustafson, Jodi Lauther, Lindsay Pangburn (Prosio Com.), and Ken Payne (EDWA)

SALUTE TO THE FLAG was led by Director Hannblom.

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Director McKillop made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Director Chigazola 2nd the motion. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken: Director Chigazola – AYE, Director Davidson – AYE, Director Hannblom – AYE, Director Malonson – ABSENT, and Director McKillop - AYE. The motion passed.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT – J. McVey indicated that it is difficult for the public to participate in the District’s meetings at 9:00 AM and recommended that they move them back to start at 6:30 PM.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR- These items are expected to be routine business not normally requiring discussion. Action by the Board was taken at one time with one motion.

1. **Approval of the minutes of the March 29, 2022 special meeting and April 14, 2022 regular meeting.**
2. **Review Monthly System Report for April (production data, rainfall information, operations unrelated to the Caldor Fire Recovery efforts).**
3. **Review and approve purchase of Parcel Quest DVD for 2022/23 Tax Roll.**
4. **Adopt Resolution 2022-06 (if the Board sees the need to continue to hold remote meetings) - Adopt Resolution 2022-06, Proclaiming a Local Emergency Persists, Re-Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency for the Caldor Fire by Governor Gavin Newsom on September 1, 2021, and Re-authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Legislative Bodies of Grizzly Flats Community Services District for the Period of May 20, 2022, to June 19, 2022 CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF CA GOVT § 54953, SUBDIVISION (E), PARAGRAPH (1), SUBPARAGRAPH (B).**

Director McKillop made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Director Davidson 2nd the motion. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken: Director Chigazola – AYE, Director Davidson – AYE, Director Hannblom – AYE, Director Malonson – ABSENT, and Director McKillop - AYE. The motion passed.

E. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1. **Report from the Personnel and Policy Review Committee that met on April 8, 2022 / Lauther, Directors Hannblom and McKillop (discussion/action)**
 - a. **Present recommended change to the “service connection” definition in Ordinance 88-1 – Jodi Lauther said that the committee discussed redefining a “service connection” in less detail so that the District’s responsibility ends where the water comes out.**
 - b. **Discuss if a policy should be created for “relinquishing service” – Jodi indicated that the committee recommended that a policy not be created for removing service connections.**
 - c. **Present recommended revisions to the “Disconnection of Service Due to Non-Payment” policy – Jodi noted that the recommended revisions would change existing policy so that water service is not disconnected due to non-payment. Instead, once an account has been unpaid for 120 days, and no payment arrangement has been established, a lien would be filed against the parcel with El Dorado County. If that lien is still unpaid by July 1st, the lien balance would be transferred to the property’s tax roll and collected by the county. The District would then be reimbursed by the county when taxes are paid.**

G. Donahue said that he and his wife moved away from the area and would like to sell their property in Grizzly Flats when it is green again. Unfortunately, there was a bad connection, and the rest of his comments were not clear.

J. McVey noted that he is not rebuilding or returning to Grizzly Flats. He felt that the decision to resume billing for all service connections was not lawful.

R. Page indicated that he did not lose his home, but that having water availability and a hook-up is a great benefit for everyone, whether they choose to rebuild.

T. Mikkelson said he is appalled that the Board is charging the full basic monthly rate to those who lost their homes, and that he would not be opposed to paying a fraction of the full charge.

M. Almer stated that he agreed with Mr. Page, and that existing and returning homeowners would not be able to live in Grizzly Flats without water. He said that if you own a cell phone you are responsible for paying the monthly charges even if you don't make any phone calls, and that it is basically the same with water service.

B. Lukanish wrote a memo to the Board indicating that she supports the water District charging a small fee as having water service is a good selling point.

W. Walcutt wrote a memo to the Board that confirmed his support of the charges as the District cannot cut operating costs. He said the District has two options: 1) Pass all operating costs onto the remaining customers, or 2) Prior hookups share a portion of the operating costs until they rebuild or sell their lot(s).

R. Haskins submitted a note that he is in favor of the policy changes and keeping the District solvent.

****Director Malonson was confirmed to be participating via Zoom at 9:35 AM****

Director Chigazola indicated that he lost everything in the fire, but always understood he would pay for water because it adds resale value to his property.

Director McKillop said that she wanted to thank the previous GFCSD Board of Directors for their foresight in creating the Asset Management account. It was due to their efforts that the District had reserves to survive this long after the fire.

Director McKillop made a motion to approve the policy changes as recommended. Director Davidson 2nd the motion. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken: Director Chigazola – AYE, Director Davidson – AYE, Director Hannblom – AYE, Director Malonson – AYE, and Director McKillop - AYE. The motion passed.

F. CALDOR FIRE RECOVERY

1. **Review the most recent Caldor Fire Status Report** – Scott Myers of H2O Urban Solutions said with the pressure system restored staff was able to complete the leak detection survey with Rob Meston of Hydrevolution. During the survey, five more leaks were identified including two main leaks. He went on to say that staff is continuing to meet with FEMA and Cal OES on recovery items. Big Canyon diversion is compromised and leaking out of the top of the pipe. He said the reservoir is still spilling and that staff was planning to reduce the diversion flow so that it doesn't flow out the top of the pipe. A permanent repair cannot be completed until the burned trees are removed. He went on to say that FEMA decided that the environmental work for the USDA-RD grant needs to be more robust which will delay the grant application submission by approximately 2 months. Scott noted that FEMA approved replacing 37 hydrants which had visible damage on the coatings. A consultant is coming up to inspect the remaining 68 hydrants that were not visibly affected by the fire. Some fire hydrant paint samples which were submitted to the lab were confirmed to have asbestos in the coating. He said that staff continues to work with the District's insurance agency SDRMA on the fire damage claim, and that Tyler and Winding Way tanks were due to be reinspected within the next couple weeks. Staff is also continuing work on fire sprinkler requests for which hydraulic models require flow and pressure specifications.
2. **Update on USDA-RD grant application for funding to remove hazard trees along Eagle Ditch** – Scott Myers noted that this update was covered under the previous item.

3. **Report on status of customer billing** – Kim Gustafson said that 479 accounts were billed on April 30, 2022, and that staff continues to search for a few meters which were buried in debris. Once those missing services have been located staff will verify if they are billable.
4. **Present updated Financial reports, discuss any emergency actions performed in accordance with Resolution 2021-01, and approve associated expenses** - Jodi Lauther referred the Board to page 27 of the packet and said that these are not the final reports. Although Darlene came up to reconcile the books in April, bank statements were unavailable due to Jodi’s Covid exposure. In April, there was a net income loss of -\$99,202.54. She noted that upcoming expenses include the inspection of 68 damaged hydrants, and extra environmental work for the USDA-RD grant application. She noted that the El Dorado Water Agency approved additional funding to cover inspection costs and a FEMA Project Manager. Also, she has been working on a FEMA loan application with a low cap.

Director Davidson asked Ken Payne of El Dorado Water Agency (EDWA) if the District will get help with the roads from El Dorado County. Ken responded to say that he did not know since that is not department. He did note that GFCSD staff is working to provide a capital estimate to him so that the County can allocate more FEMA recovery costs under H.R. 5689. Ken then stated that he has been working in the Senate with Feinstein and Padilla to try to secure funding to cover the District’s operating costs. Ken indicated that he needs a list of capital assets that need repair to better assist the District.

Director McKillop made a motion to approve the financial reports and emergency actions performed in accordance with Resolution 2021-01. Director Chigazola 2nd the motion. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken: Director Chigazola – AYE, Director Davidson – AYE, Director Hannblom – AYE, Director Malonson – AYE, and Director McKillop - AYE. The motion passed.

5. **Discuss Resolution 2021–01, Resolution of GFCSD, Declaring an emergency for the Caldor Fire, adopted on August 27, 2021, and confirm an emergency still exists in the District as described in the resolution** - Jodi Lauther requested that the Board declare if an emergency still exists due to the Caldor Fire, and if she should continue to operate under the conditions of Resolution 2021-01.

Director McKillop made a motion to confirm an emergency still exists and all terms of Resolution 2021-01 remain in place until reassessed at the next regular Board meeting in June. Director Chigazola 2nd the motion. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken: Director Chigazola – AYE, Director Davidson – AYE, Director Hannblom – AYE, Director Malonson – AYE, and Director McKillop - AYE. The motion passed.

- G. **ANNOUNCEMENTS / DIRECTORS COMMENTS** –Director McKillop said that she would like to make a statement in rebuttal to a comment that was made by a member of the public about this Board not taking leadership and just rubber-stamping, which is absolutely completely false. We have had to go above and beyond the normal meetings, expectations of any past Board and have done everything in our power to think outside the box and not rubber-stamp things as per usual (*if you could ever say that about this Board*). So I just want to flatly rebut that comment as inaccurate and untrue.

Director Chigazola said that the District should be consistent with everyone, and that no exceptions should be made.

- H. **ADJORNMENT- Director McKillop made a motion to adjourn. Director Chigazola 2nd the motion. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken: Director Chigazola – AYE, Director Davidson – AYE, Director Hannblom – AYE, Director Malonson – AYE, and Director McKillop - AYE. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.** The next regular meeting will be held remotely starting at 9:00 AM on Thursday, June 9, 2022.

Minutes submitted by:

Kim Gustafson, Board Secretary

Approved by:

Lynn Hannblom, Board Chair

Date:
