MUIR BEACH COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT 1 2 Minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting held on 3 Wednesday, January 26, 2022 4 5 6 OFFICIAL MINUTES ONLY UPON APPROVAL 7 8 Prior to approval of these minutes by the Board of Directors in a public meeting, these minutes 9 are draft only and subject to change. Upon approval by the Board, these minutes become the 10 Official Minutes of the meeting. 11 12 Item 1: Call to Order 13 14 Steve Shaffer called the meeting of the Muir Beach Community Services District Board of 15 Directors to order at approximately 6:15pm. 16 17 Board: Steve Shaffer (Board President), David Taylor (Board Vice-President), Lisa Eigsti 18 (Director), Leighton Hills (Director), Paul Jeschke (Director) 19 Mary Halley (District Manager), Chris Gove (Fire Chief), Ernst Karel (Meeting Staff: 20 Secretary) 21 22 Item 2: Public Comment (if any) for Closed Session 23 24 25 Item 3: Closed Session (Directors, District Manager, and Legal Counsel) 26 27 28 Item 4: Reconvene in Open Session 29 Nothing to report. 30 31 32 Item 5: Approval of Agenda 33 Items 9 and 10 will be handled in reverse order. 34 Item(s) not included in this agenda: None 35 36 MOTION: To approve the agenda as submitted 37 Moved: Hills, seconded by Taylor 38 **AYES: Unanimous** Vote: 39 40 **Item 6: Election of Board Officers** 41 42 Board will elect a new Board President and Vice President. 43 Article 2.3 of the CSD Bylaws (available on the CSD website) provides: 44 "The Board President and Board Vice President shall be elected at the first meeting of 45 the calendar year.... The term of office shall commence upon election and shall continue for one year and until his/her successor is elected and takes office." 46 47 The Election of Officers will proceed accordingly: 48 (1) Nominations – Candidate(s) for Board President should be nominated by any one or 49 more Directors. 50 (2) Motion to Close Nominations – A motion should then be made to close the

nominations, seconded and voted upon.

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(3) Vote – The Board President should then call a vote for or against each nominated candidate, and declare the outcome of the election.

The process should be repeated for the Board Vice President.

The new Board President should chair the remainder of the meeting.

MOTION: David Taylor for President, and Paul Jeschke for Vice President

Moved: Hills, seconded by Taylor

Vote: AYES: Unanimous

The election is completed.

# **Item 7: Consent Calendar**

- A. Approval of Draft-Minutes from Regular Board Meeting of 12/7/21.
- B. Approval of Quarterly Financial Reports dated 12/31/21. (See attached or view at http://muirbeachcsd.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/2021-12-Financial-Reports.pdf)
- 1. Approval of Draft-Audits FY 2021 (See http://muirbeachcsd.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/MBCSD-Rev-Draft-Audit-Report-6.30.21.pdf)
- 2. Approve Resolution 2022-1 to make the findings that the proclaimed State of Emergency continues to impact the ability to meet safely in person and declaring that the Board of Directors will continue to meet remotely in order to ensure the health and safety of the public for the next 30-day period extending from January 27, 2022 to February 25, 2022 in order to hold our next regularly scheduled Board Meeting on February 23, 2022. (Please see attached MBCSD Resolution 2022-1: AB 361 30-Day Extension 1-27-22 To 2-25-2022)

MOTION: To approve the consent calendar.

Moved: Shaffer, seconded by Hills

Vote: AYES: Unanimous

# Item 8: Items Removed from Consent Calendar

None.

# <u>Item 10: Muir Beach Christmas Fair Report – Laurie Piel</u>

A successful event. The fair was only one day this year, with only MB artists as participants, and no publicity. As a result, while great fun was had by all, fees were a little less than half than last year. On the other hand, there were more cash donations than usual, so in sum, about the same amount of money went to the CSD as did in 2019.

# Item 9: Charlotte's Way - requested by Charlotte's Way Property Owners

[9:50 on the audio recording]

Property owners on Charlotte's Way would like to discuss the Charlotte's Way road/slide issue.

John Schick reports that there is a new wall, two new culverts, and new pavement; some pavement patching yet to happen. The neighbors are interested to hear what's going on with the legal consultations. Hills notes that legal counsel has said that anything that happens in closed session is confidential, and so they really can't yet say anything further about it.

Robin Collier reiterates his view that until 2010, the CSD helped maintain and treated Charlotte's Way the same as all other roads in the district. He has been on the board, two different times, and the guidance was that if a road served more than two people, it was a CSD road. Somehow between 2010 and 2012 the CSD seems to have decided that CW simply wasn't a CSD road. The criteria decided in 2012, he had no notice of. It was designed to exclude CW. There was never any explanation of how that determination was made. Also, since 1970, nobody on Sunset Way has contributed any money to maintain the road. In contrast to SW, CW was dedicated to the public from the very beginning.

Kathie Fischer wants to back up and say something about community. It's a precious commodity that cannot be quantified. As we live in a semi-rural environment, we really depend on each other. Situations like this – there's bad juju in conversations with neighbors about some faction in the community taking more than their share or acting unfairly towards others. That kind of thing is erosive (not only of roads) but of community. She would hope that in the interest of fairness, whoever goes forward with this conversation with the legal counsel, that there is a fair process for choosing the members of the board to be in that conversation with John.

Bev asks when the results of the meeting with the legal counsel will be disclosed. Hills clarifies that they have gotten advice, not an opinion. He says that the advice received is confidential.

Paul Jeschke appreciates and echoes Fischer's comments.

# **Item 11: Fire Department Report**

Chief Gove prefaces his report by announcing that the MBVFD fundraising barbecue will happen this year, and also by noting the sad loss of Kathy Sward, who has been important to the Fire Department over many years.

# **ACTIVITY**

Last year we had a total of 69 calls of which 62% were in the community, beaches and Overlook. Fifty three percent of our calls were medical emergencies. This month we responded to the tsunami warning and coordinated that emergency response with the other coastal fire departments.

We held 31 drills last year and continue to train on a regular basis although this month we canceled two indoor medical training drills because of the present COVID surge. We are in the process of working on our EMR continuing education program with Otis Guy. This weekend we are doing an outdoor chainsaw drill and we will be testing everyone prior.

So far our operations have not been disrupted by COVID though this remains a major concern given our limited pool of fully trained personnel.

Last year David Taylor was promoted to Captain in acknowledgement of his contributions to the management of the department.

## **FIREWISE**

The Firewise committee has been busy these last few months. They are in the process of reevaluating our progress as a community. You may have noticed some of the team members roaming the area taking stock of any changes the community has implemented since our last survey. Progress must be documented to continue membership in the program.

One of our goals is to run a virtual evacuation drill. The plan is to conduct this exercise in the springtime and more announcements will follow.

# **FIREHOUSE**

- 1 The MERA tower and building is starting to take shape. Our architect, engineer and myself
- 2 have been meeting with the MERA team about how best to coordinate the construction
- 3 together. We expect them to do most of the site grading while they are up there with their
- 4 equipment. A MOU is being drafted to outline this collaboration.
- 5 I'm continuing to seek bids on the firehouse. Prices are very high. I will provide a more detailed 6 update in the next few months.

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#### 8 MAINTENANCE

- 9 We have replaced the anti-corrosion anodes in the tank on Engine 676. This involved removing
- 10 900 feet of heavy supply line and the hose racks.
- At the request of County EMS I have completed maintenance, cleaning and inventory of the 11
- 12 disaster trailer.
- 13 We obtained replacement SCBA bottles and a RIT rescue kit pending grant funding to upgrade
- 14 the SCBA system as a whole.
- 15 We have obtained a stair chair to help evacuate and move people in and out of our many steep
- 16 hillside properties.

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#### **GRANTS**

- 19 We have re-applied for a grant to replace the SCBA system. Stinson Beach FD is the lead 20 agency on this grant.
- 21 We were awarded a small grant to upgrade the sirens on the trucks to get them in compliance 22 with a upcoming push from the state for a special tone to use in the case of an evacuation. This
- 23 is particularly helpful to us as the siren and PA system on 660 have been malfunctioning for over a year.
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### **MWPA**

- 27 We are continuing to work with the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA) team,
- 28 environmental consultants and the NPS on the project to reduce the fuel load on the side of
- 29 Hwy 1 in the southwestern extension of the Banducci Ranch. Because the project overlaps
- 30 several jurisdictions addition review is required. The permit will cover the whole multi-year
- 31 effort, so we hope that there will not be a need for repeated environmental reviews.
- 32 A new application portal is being developed by the MWPA. David Taylor and myself are on the
- 33 MWPA committees that participate in these developments and will work on a second year
- 34 application for funding. Proposals are due in April.

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# PARKING RESTRICTIONS

I've been meeting with the Sheriff's office and the County on the ongoing struggle to discourage illegal parking and ensure adequate emergency access. They have been researching past resolutions and rules in this area and are trying to help with solutions. As soon as they have a draft proposal I will be presenting it to the CSD for approval.

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# **Item 12: District Manager Report**

District Manager Mary Halley presents brief highlights from her DM report, a written document which (as always) is included with the monthly meeting packet available online at http://www.muirbeachcsd.com/meetings.

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#### 48 Highlights:

49 Due to the omicron variant, we'll continue to do CSD meetings via Zoom for now.

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MMWD has asked how water districts can collaborate on conservation and supplies. Halley is looking to see if there's anything that could benefit our district.

We do have a coordinator for the Community Center but have postponed any events at least to the beginning of February because of omicron. In any case there will be no rentals for June because that's when the construction work will be done.

Work on paths is ongoing in the community.

A question came up about whether district boundaries should continue to include GGNRA land (which accounts for approx. 63%). Hills responds that it's mostly Green Gulch and Slide Ranch, which are valuable parts of our community. The question will be put on the agenda for next meeting. (Hills also notes that a previous LAFCO director had suggested expanding the district to include the Banducci area.)

# **Item 13: Public Open Time**

None

# Item 14: Recognitions & Board Member Items

Steve Shaffer notes that in addition to Kathy Sward, mentioned earlier, we have also lost Shirley Nygren. Both were pillars of the community and will be greatly missed.

Hills reports that Deborah Kamradt has also died; she was a board member for many years.

# **Item 15: Adjournment**

Under current rules for remote meetings rather than in-person, the next meeting will be held within 30 days from this one.

- Next Agenda Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2022
- 33 Next Board Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting is adjourned.

37 Meeting adjourned at 20:00.