

**Occidental Community Services District
Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2021**

Call to order at 7:00pm. Director Brown arrived after the minutes and warrant vote.

Public Comment: No comment

Approval of minutes for April 13, 2021 was made by **Gonnella/Schmitt, VOTE: 4-0-1 (absent)**

Warrants were approved by **Gonnella/Schmitt, VOTE: 4-0-1 (absent)** with the change of Chromagraphics to Kyle Calvi for reimbursement.

FIRE

Chief Lunardi reported 20 calls for April and reported the station staffing was going well. Discussion turned to the cell tower above town possibly getting a camera. Chief Lunardi also reported a grant has been applied for through Cal Fire to help purchase portable radios through the PGE settlement fund.

Chief Lunardi also reported a generous \$20,000 grant received and Clerk will put details in next month's board packet regarding the donor.

Discussion took place about how the district can support a grant applicant (Sonoma SASS) with the administering of a grant for grazing in the Occidental area as part of a fire safety measure. The goat grazing is done by a herd of goats brought in and given a specific area and time to graze. Discussion about the process took place as well as discussion about options available if a rancher wanted to own a herd of goats and let the community "borrow" them, he would get help with food, etc. General consensus from the Board was full support for public outreach and firefighters going out to assist.

WATER

Water loss was 2.38% for April. Greg of RRU reported the level sensor was replaced. He also reported they would put in a request for a 20% water conservation effort by all customers. President Lunardi reported Brelje and Race are working on the extension for the water permit.

The joint agreement with RRU was tabled until next month.

COMMUNITY

No correspondence.

Director Schmitt reported she had been in contact with Lynda Hopkins office and the date options for the town hall meeting are June 9 and June 23 at 5:30pm or 7:30pm, Director Schmitt preferring June 23 at 7:30pm. Topics definitely wanted to be covered are sewer, water, fire.

For the website update, we are waiting on the Community Council for final approval to share the site. Diana Masura said the next meeting of the council will be on June 22.

Director Schmitt reported that the grant for rural area micro grids for up to \$3,000,000 are only to upgrade PGE infrastructure.

Director Martin reported they had a merchant's meeting to discuss parking. The county offered to create a one-way street on Church street and allow parking on one side of the street. The county also offered to open parking near Graton Road for the farmer's market. More comments are needed in regard to the one-way street and parking issue in general.

Diane reported there would be a flea market type sale going on where one can rent a table and sell their stuff to raise money to help fund the porto potties. Director Schmitt stated she would like the district to put funds towards the porto potty. Consensus by the board was to pay for a porto potty for the other end of town from the farmer's market for a year.

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Motion to vote for the candidate from Ranch Adobe Fire to fill the vacant seat on LAFCO was made by **Gonnella/Brown**,
VOTE: 5-0.

Meeting adjourned 8:20pm.

Ray Lunardi, President
June 8, 2021

Melissa Freeman, Clerk