

**MONO COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 1
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
CROWLEY LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER**

June 22, 2021

MINUTES

1. John Connolly called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Board Members Present: John Connolly, Rick Laborde, Denise Perpall
Board Members Absent: Dave Titus, One Board Vacancy
Staff: Marianne O'Connor
Guests: Rhonda Duggan, Stacey Simon, Lorinda Beatty, Gerry LaFrancois, Jon Blackburn

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Connolly publicly recognized Ms. O'Connor for her years of dedication and service to the Mono County Service Area 1 as the Board Secretary and wished her well on her pending retirement. Ms. O'Connor was presented with a card and a gift from the Board.

3. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS – Mr. Connolly reported that he attended a kick off meeting at Shady Rest Park regarding a motorized and multi-use planning project trails for the region between Mammoth Lakes and June Lake. He noted that some motorized trail users were displeased that the trail would be multi-use trail which included non-motorized traffic.

ADDITION TO AGENDA – Authority: Govt. Code SS 54954.2(b)(2). None

4. APPROVE MINUTES – Denise Perpall made a motion to approve the May 25, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Rick Laborde seconded the motion. Connolly, Perpall and Laborde all voted yes. Titus Absent

5. BOARD VACANCIES – No additional interest so far and the Board would consider placing an ad during the summer. Denise Perpall suggested distributing a flyer during the Long Valley Fire Department meetings. Supervisor Duggan reported that the Regional Planning Advisory Committees (RPAC) has reformed and suggested sharing a flyer with Justin Caporusso of Mono County and he could post the flyer to the RPAC website.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT – John Connolly made a motion to approve the May 31, 2021 financial report. Rick Laborde seconded the motion. Connolly, Laborde, and Perpall voted yes. Titus Absent

7. COMMUNITY GARDEN – John Connolly reported that, in spite of the recent cold snap, the gardens are growing well.

8. COMMUNITY / IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

A. HIKING/BIKING TRAILS – John Connolly reported that when Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP) Initiative was announced, he submitted the CSA1 trail system so the whole region could understand that there is an interest. It was vetted and ranked 60 out of approximate 160, which was high on the list of programs. The next step would be to identify a potential funding source, but we would cover the funding so it is more about getting all of the land managers approval. Gerry LaFrancois is willing to help provided it does not interfere with his responsibilities with Mono County. Mr. LaFrancois also suggested meeting with Alpine, Mono County and Inyo County through ESSRP. Mr. LaFrancois also noted that the Eastern Sierra Wildlife Committee that is attempting to reduce wildlife vehicle collisions and they also have funding to help with creek crossings and they may be able to work together for pedestrian trails. Supervisor Duggan reported that the timing is fortuitous as all of these projects could work together when it is time to present the proposal to the County Board of Supervisors.

B. SKATE PARK – Nothing new to report other than it doesn't appear the project completion will be included this summer with the Mono County's project list.

C. COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

- 1) **Hourly Rate Increases for Program Director and Instructors.**
Denise Perpall stated that the increase was approved for the director but has not heard anything else. The challenges that the instructors are facing are insurance requirements, business licenses; which may cost the instructors more than they are making. Director Isabel Connolly is attempting to ascertain if the instructors can be Mono County employees or will they have to be an independent contractor.

11. SITE MAINTENANCE UPDATE – Mr. Connolly moved item 11 ahead of the other items to accommodate presenter Mr. Jon Blackburn. Mr. Connolly stated that the CSA1 has sites in the area with leases for old TV equipment and the CSA1 Board has been considering ways to make the sites usable instead of tearing them down. WIFI and internet are so vital to residents and a lot of residents cannot get fiber. Mr. Blackburn suggested instead of disassembling the towers the CSA1 could install camera's, WIFI repeaters and antennas and resale as an enterprise program. John Connolly asked how the CSA1, as an advisory board, could help move this project forward. Supervisor Duggan will discuss this subject with the County Administrative Officer and if there is something more CSA1 can do to get this project started she will reach out and advise.

D. TENNIS COURTS –Nothing new to report is probably also pushed down the schedule; however, there was no start date. John Connolly will revive and forward the project application to Supervisor Duggan.

E. RESIDENTIAL MAIL BOXES – Mr. Connolly recapped recent events with this project. There was a lot of interest, the CSA1 Board did a survey, then found out from County Counsel that the CSA1 is not allowed to provide funds for mail service and infrastructure. It's a tough situation and he feels it needs to go higher to be resolved. Marianne O'Connor advised that she met with the U.S. Mail postmistress and agrees that the mail delivery is a federal responsibility but they have procured several boxes at the Mammoth Lakes office that would be free to Crowley Lake residents. The post mistress is open to a round table meeting and Supervisor Duggan will contact her.

F. BALLFIELD

1) Maintenance to be playable for adults and children – Dave Titus

Maintenance – John Connolly reported for Dave Titus that the cost to have the field looking nice would be approximately \$15,000-\$20,000. Approximate cost breaks down as follows: \$5,000 to remove the dirt, \$5,000 for new infield, and up to \$5,000 for delivery of material. Supervisor Duggan advised the project will need a work order, but Dave Titus has a contractor willing do it and the County is hiring out contractors. Supervisor Duggan advised that there are a lot of projects that determine the priority of completion. Supervisor Duggan will follow up with the project list.

2) Potential sand volleyball courts at the ballfield – Community

Interest – Rick Laborde, advised that permission needs to be obtained from the Mono County Office of Education prior to implementing the project, utilizing volunteers and identifying expenses to prepare the area for materials.

Denise Perpall made a motion to recommend approval by the Board of Supervisors that the CSA1 spend up to \$20,000 on ball field improvements. Rick Laborde seconded the motion. Connolly, Perpall and Laborde voted yes. Dave Titus was absent. Marianne O'Connor will send a minute order to the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors.

G. YARD SALE – Denise Perpall recommended the yard sale should be held in September, perhaps the weekend after Labor Day. Someone had recommended a roaming yard sale; however, one purpose of the yard sale was to bring the community together to meet each other and if it was a roaming project that goal would be defeated. How do we create more of a community

feel here in Crowley but we don't have very many people interested? A suggestion of a including other activities to draw people into the event.

9. **BILLS TO BE PAID** – John Connolly made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Denise Perpall seconded the motion. Connolly, Perpall and Laborde all voted yes.
10. **BOARD SECRETARY POSITION – UPDATE ON CONTRACTOR VS. EMPLOYEE** – Lorinda Beatty's contract has been authorized to provide Board Secretary services to CSA1 as an independent contractor.
12. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** -None
13. **BUSINESS INITIATED BY BOARD MEMBERS OR SECRETARY OF THE BOARD** - None
14. **SET NEXT MEETING DATE** – Tuesday July 27, 2021 at the Community Center.
15. **ADJOURN THE MEETING** – John Connolly made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Rick Laborde seconded. Conolly, Perpall and Laborde voted yes. Dave Titus absent. Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.