**Orick Community Service District**

**Regular Meeting**

**February 14, 2024**

**OCSD Office**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Ron Barlowcalled the meeting to order

At 6:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ron Barlow, Bob Secor, Marla Zuber, Byron Frick and

Kaitlyn Combs

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Barbara Mitchell, Marcie Allen, Bill Allen, Trevor Avram

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**OTHERS PRESENT:** Belle Ciotti, Larry Doss, Mary Burke, Jessica Carter, Leonel Arguello, Sherri Provolt, Rosie Clayburn, Victor Bjelajac

**PUBLIC (on Agenda):** Mary Burke, Cal-Trout and Jessica Carter, Save the Redwoods League

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Bob Secor made a motion to approve February 14, 2024 Agenda. Marla Zuber seconded the motion; the motion was passed unanimously.

**3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Byron Frick made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Bob Secor seconded the motion; the motion was passed unanimously.

Ron Barlow thanked all who attended on Valentines Day.

**4.** **PUBLIC COMMENT**: Mary Burke with Cal-Trout introduced herself as the lead person on the Mill site restoration project, showing a visual map of the area being restored and explained what has been accomplished in the last 3 years and future plans for the next 2 years. Jessica Carter with Save the Redwoods League followed up by explaining that the “project” is being turned over to the Yurok tribe. Sherry Provolt – Yurok Tribal Rep – discussed their part in this project and said the vision for what this can bring to the Orick area will be exceptional. Rosie Clayburn is more focused with the Yurok heritage of the area, also commenting on the logging in our area. Marla Zuber said she hopes that you do not forget the positive aspects of the logging industry as many of us and our families were in that industry. Ron Barlow asked about a visitors’ center and Rosie Clayburn explained that the plan is to build a cultural visitors center. Marla Zuber asked if the visitors center at the beach location will be relocated to the mill site and if there is a possibility of an RV park? The response was – not sure at this time but doubtful. Bob Secor commented that there may be job opportunities for local residents. Larry Doss asked if in the planning, has anything been discussed about fire/medical emergency response issues that could arise with more visitors to the area. The OVFD is a minimal department and may not be able to handle the “busy season”. Possibly work with the Parks, Tribe, Cal-Fire to come up with a solution. Sherry Provolt said there may also be the possibility of putting in a Tribal Police substation in Orick as the Tribe has purchased several properties in the area. Ron Barlow said thank you the Hufford Sand and Gravel for the immediate response to fix a major water leak in the main line in front of the office.

**5. INFORMATION – DISCUSSION:**

**a. Wastewater Study Grant:** Belle Ciotti handed out progress report.

**b**. **Tank Grant:** Trevor Avram reported that PACE Engineer, Tom Warnock said that Tank 2 is ready to go out for bid by the end of January. Ron asked about the condition of the road up to Tank 1 – Trevor said that any road maintenance or repairs were included in the GRS bid, and will be taken care of by them.

**c.** **Drought Relief Grant/Grant Writer:**

Trevor Avram updated the board on the smart meter replacement project.

**d. Discuss Finance:**

**6. ACTION AGENDA:**

**a.** Bulk Water Rate Increase: After some discussion, the Board agreed to table any action until next meeting. Trevor Avram was asked to research cost comparisons with other districts.

**7. STAFF REPORTS:**

**a. OCSD Office:** All running smoothly. There is not issue to report

**b. Water System:** Trevor Avram went over his report and see attached report.

**c. Fire Hall:** Chief Baker was not in attendance. Bill Allen talked to Steven Baker regarding the water tender and it has stop leaking. Need to be determine why the emergency van needs to be taken into Rogers. Board has told him on several times to do so. Marla Zuber said that anyone can drive in it into repair shop. They just need to put “Out of Services” sign on it. And Kaitlynn Combs recommended a mechanic but he has been ill. Kaitlynn Combs does have his contact information and she will pass it on to Bill Allen for Steven Baker. Bill Allen will meet Steven Baker at the fire hall tomorrow. As radio’s are being programmed.

**d. Community Hall:** Marcie Allen did send in a request for inspection to the Health Department for a commercial kitchen update. There is the possibility of renting it out. As a commercial kitchen for food prep only to a local food truck. Board members had a very positive feed back on the food truck in our location in our area. Marcie Allen will keep in touch with them on progress of the kitchen.

**8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

a**. Levee Report:** Ron Barlow regarding the maintenance of berry vines and the fencing and Hank Seemann said they don’t want remove them as it works as deterrent. Hank Seeman also discussed the trimming of the trees in the creek to help the flow. Marla Zuber said she did send an email to Hank Seeman regarding the levee. Ron said we need to continue writing letters.

b. **Board Members:** Nothing to report.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

**10.** **CLOSED SESSION**

**a. Finances**

**11.** Reconvened from closed session

**12.** Meeting adjournment at 7.18pm

**Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2024**