

MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
Preserving and Protecting Parks and Open Space



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Kelly Sorenson** - Marina, East Garrison/Fort Ord, north Seaside (**Ward 1**)
Shane Anderson – East Seaside (**Ward 2**)
Kevin Raskoff – Sand City, Del Rey Oaks, west Seaside, central Monterey (**Ward 3**)
Kathleen Lee - Pacific Grove, Pebble Beach west Monterey (**Ward 4**)
Monta Potter - Carmel, Carmel Valley, Big Sur, south Monterey (**Ward 5**)

**Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District
Board Meeting**

**April 3, 2024
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

- 1) **6:30 p.m. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:34.
- 2) **Roll Call** – Roll call was taken.
PRESENT: Directors Anderson, Potter, Raskoff and Sorenson
ABSENT: Director Lee (arrived at 6:41)
- 3) **Approval of Agenda** – Upon motion by Director Potter, seconded by Director Anderson, the agenda was unanimously approved (Vote: 4-0)
- 4) **Public Comments** – Meredith Nole spoke about light pollution progress and the “Dark Sky” project.
 - Michael Anderson spoke about the issue of dogs at Garland Park and encouraged the District to develop a canine policy.
- 5) **Consent Items** – Upon motion by Director Sorenson, seconded by Director Anderson, Items A-C were unanimously approved (Vote: 5-0) and after questions, and upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Anderson, Items D and E were unanimously approved (Vote: 5-0)
 - A. Approval of February 10, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes (*S. Parker*)
 - B. Approval of March 6, 2024 Minutes (*S. Parker*)
 - C. Approval of Summary of Payments (*K. McCullough*)
 - D. Approval of Request for Proposals for the Purchase of a Tractor (*C. Camarillo*)
 - E. Approval of Request for Proposals for Administrative Fleet Vehicle (*K. McCullough*)
 - The attachment will be corrected to reflect that the District is seeking proposals for the purchase of an Administrative fleet vehicle (not tractor).
- 6) **Identification of Closed Session Items** – President Raskoff announced that the Board would be going into Closed Session to discuss the noted items and solicited public comments.

- A. Instructions to Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 A.P.N. 157-131-011-000, 157-131-012-000, 157-121-002-000 (Negotiators: Payan and Wisdom-Stack) (Under negotiation: terms and conditions)
- B. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) (Two potential cases)
- C. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1), the Board will Provide a Performance Evaluation for the General Manager

7) **Public Comment on Closed Session** – None

8) **Adjourn to Closed Session** – The Board convened to Closed Session at 6:53 and returned to the Regular Meeting at 7:17, then went back at 8:22 and ended at 9:43.

9) **Report on Return from Closed Session** – Nothing to report.

10) **Discussion/Action Items**

- A. Consideration of Option to Renew Grazing Lease Paddock Land & Cattle (*J. Smith*)
 - Planning and Conservation Program Manager Jake Smith introduced the item and answered Director questions.
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Anderson, the item was unanimously approved. The Board reiterated that no additional amendments will be approved for this lease.
- B. Consideration of Employment Contract Extension with Rafael Payan, PhD for General Manager Position (*T. Wisdom-Stack*)
 - The District's Legal Counsel Tucker Wisdom-Stack introduced the item and answered Board member questions.
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Potter, seconded by Director Anderson, the item was approved. (Vote: 4-1; Ayes: Anderson, Potter, Raskoff and Sorenson; No: Lee)
- C. Consideration of Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement Project Long Term Management MOU (*J. Smith*)
 - Jake Smith, along with Shandy Carroll from the County of Monterey and Rachel Saunders of the Big Sur Land Trust introduced the item and answered Board member questions.
 - After discussion, the Board commended the working group and the Big Sur Land Trust for taking on the large project. Upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Anderson, the item was unanimously approved.
- D. Consideration of Candidates for Election as Special District Representative to Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of Monterey County (*S. Parker*)
 - Administrative Services Manager Shuran Parker introduced the item and asked for Board direction.

- Mary Ann Leffel, a commissioner on the LAFCO Board spoke on the importance of fire agencies in our area and recommended that the District consider casting its ballot for Chad Lindley.
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Sorenson, seconded by Director Lee, the Board agreed to cast its ballot for Chad Lindley. (Vote: 4-1; Ayes: Anderson, Lee, Potter, and Sorenson; No: Raskoff)
- E. Consideration of 2024 Board Appointments (*T. Wisdom-Stack*)
- Tucker Wisdom-Stack introduced the item and solicited Board feedback.
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Anderson, the Board unanimously amended the Personnel Committee membership to include Directors Potter and Sorenson.

11) Division Reports – All Division reports are informational only and may be written or oral.

A. Monthly Financial Report (*K. McCullough*)

B. Monthly Staff Report (*R. Payan*)

12) Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:43.

Shuran Parker, Recording Secretary