

RUTH LAKE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
Minutes for November 9, 2021  
Board of Directors Meetings

1. Call to Order:
  - a. Meeting was called to order by Board Member Debra Sellman at 4:00 pm.
  - b. Board members present, Sue Gordan, Debra Sellman, Ed Johnson, and Jordan Emery.
  - c. Board member not present, Brian Nicholson.
  - d. Others present, Adam Jager, HBMWD; Ryan Dmoser, Visitor; Dennis Johnson, Visitor, Clarence Huls, Visitor; Will Burns, RLCSD; Caitlin Canale, RLCSD; and Cynthia Lofthouse, RLCSD.
2. Approval of Agenda:
  - a. Motion was made by Sue Gordon to approve the agenda for the meeting of November 9, 2021. Jordan Emery seconded the motion. Motion carried, Debra Sellman, Ed Johnson, Jordan Emery, and Sue Gordon.
3. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. Motion was made by Ed Johnson to approve the minutes for the October 12, 2021 board meeting. Sue Gordon seconded the motion. Motion carried, Debra Sellman, Jordan Emery, Sue Gordon, and Ed Johnson.
4. Public Comment:

Dennis Johnson commented on how well the marina looked during the season. He complemented Stacie McKitrick on well she was handling the marina.
5. Supervisor's Report: none
6. Correspondence:
  - a. Notification from CA State Parks Division and Waterways in regards to boat registration and mussel fee stickers are now offered separately from the DMV.
  - b. Letter from the USFS about the Region 5 Post Disturbance Hazardous Tree Management. This is for all interested citizens.
  - c. Letter from Harry Shafsky suggesting to have larger trout and a mix the size of other fish planted in the lake. He stated if this was done it might attract more fishing and camping in the area.
7. Update of District Projects:
  - a. Owsley Electric will be out on Friday, November 12, 2021 to work on the gates.
8. Items for Board Action and Investigation:
  - a. Adam Jager from HBMWD discussed the clean-up that is continuing throughout the Ruth Lake area. Hazard trees are still being removed on all the lease lots. Some hold ups are taking place due to CalOES and Cal-Fire requirements of all branches having to be completely removed causing some issues with the State. The most important goal at this time is getting the trees removed. Forty lease lots have been cleared by both the State and County at this time. A fuel reduction grant is to help provide 100 ft of dispensable space around the unburned lease sites and to increase the driveways with a 12 ft clearance on both sides. Westside of the lake will be a problem removing trees.
  - b. Ad Hoc meeting was postponed due to Covid exposures. A future meeting has not been scheduled at this time.
  - c. Consider a letter to the County Board of Supervisors for financial support for STAR. Sue

Gordon would like to see Trinity County help support STAR as much as possible. They are no longer being supported by the medical clinic. STAR is the only emergency service in the area and they are self-supporting. Sue suggested that anyone can write to the county for the support of STAR. STAR is looking for funding through the state.

- d. Motion was made by Sue Gordon to approve the donation of \$15,000.00 to STVFD for the year 2021. Ed Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried, Debra Sellman, Jordan Emery, Sue Gordon, and Ed Johnson.
- e. Motion was made by Jordan Emery to approve the donation of \$15,000.00 to STAR for the year 2021. Sue Gordon seconded the motion. Motion carried, Debra Sellman, Ed Johnson, Sue Gordon, and Jordan Emery.

9. Manager's Report and Update:

- a. Financial-Recognize and Acknowledge Documents.
- b. Community Hall: Community breakfast canceled for the month of November. Lions Club is holding a Fish Fry on November 13, 2021. The bar opens at 4:00 pm and dinner is at 5:00 pm. Also, a private event is taking place on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Light hanging above the marquee needs to be fixed outside of the hall.
- c. Marina: Closed for the season as of October 31<sup>st</sup>. Eric pulled the remaining boats out of the water. Patio boat 18 has been taken into Time and Tide to repair the motor. Travis from Time and Tide has received the check we sent to order the three motors for the fishing boats. Ian McFadden from the CA Water Board came out on October 29, 2021 to check to see if the violations that were written up four years ago have been corrected in regards to the Marina water system. The well lids in the parking lot that need to have gaskets on the lids to prevent water runoff draining into the well area and also a vent on top of the well heads. Some of the food in the marina store is expiring and Jordan was wondering if we could donate it some of it. Parking in the marina is a big problem especially on the weekends. Debra suggested we have signs put up designating parking areas for vehicles only and boats with trailers only.
- d. Campground: Ian also checked out the violations at the campground. A curb needs to be around the wellhead inside the pumphouse. The last violation is needing a certified person overseeing the water readings until Caitlin is able to take her test and become certified. Steve Canale was hired as a part time employee to oversee the water at both locations, the Marina and Ruth Rec as a certified person. The water is shut off at the Rec and picnic tables are removed from the lakeside campsites. Cindy the host at Hobart will be staying through the winter to clean up Hobart and Boy Scout and other projects. Blue Slide Day Use area parking lot was washed out most of the way from the last big storm. There are cones across the area that is unsafe. The dock was pulled out at Ruth Rec on October 31<sup>st</sup> and K-rails were added at the launching area to help improve the parking area at the Campground.
- e. Leases: Hazards trees are still being removed. Waiting for two leases to be transferred after they are cleared from the State and County.
- f. Buffer Strip: Lot of burn piles throughout the buffer strip are being burned. HBMWD is working on removing the Abandoned vehicles on the buffer strip.
- g. Highway 36 project: Going eastbound they are still delaying traffic near the rockslide area.

10. New Matters for Board Consideration:

- a. Open another checking account as a backup for emergency purposes only.

11. Closed Session:

The Board entered into closed session at 5:24 pm. The Board returned to open session at 6:34 pm. Discussion of Marina personnel with nothing to report.

12. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

 12-14-21

Submitted by

Date

Approved by

Date