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Minutes of February 10, 2020

Special Meeting was called to order by Vice President Hauck at 9:00 a.m. at the Mendocino City Community Service District's office at 10500 Kelly Street, in Mendocino. Present were Directors Hauck, Arnold and Rice. District Superintendent Mike Kelley and Secretary(s) Jodi Mitchell and Jeannée Christ were present.

- 1. Agenda Comments Regarding Items not on Agenda None
- 2. <u>Communications</u> None
- 3. <u>Public Comment</u> Ed O'Brien Stated that this would be District Secretary Jodi Mitchell's last Board meeting as she is retiring. Jodi Mitchell has been employed by the District since October 3, 1981. Vice President Hauck said that her support for the district has been stellar and thanked her for her many years of service.
- 4. Public Hearing and Board Action

a) Vice President Hauck introduced Resolution 2020-265, stating that we had three applicants for the position of Director for the Board. Vice President Hauck stated that they were very good candidates and asked if each, based on receipt of their application, would make their own introductions; after which, there would be a vote for that individual.

Director Rice said that he had brought another a 4thr application but that the individual was not able to be in attendance. Director Rice said he wanted to adjourn the meeting until all could be present. District Superintendent Kelley stated, "Mr. Lemos is not a registered voter". Vice President Hauck stated that the individual did not meet the qualifications to serve on the Board since he was not a registered voter in the County of Mendocino.

Director Rice said he was unaware of the requirement that a candidate be a registered voter.

Vice President Hauck asked Ed O'Brien to begin the introduction of his qualifications and experience. Ed O'Brien said that in the interest of the Board, he was rescinding his application in favor of Christina Aranguren, stating that she would be an excellent fit for the Board.

Christina Aranguren then presented her qualifications and experience which would qualify her for the Board.

Jim Sullivan then went over his qualifications for the Board position.

Vice President Hauck read the application from Derek Lemos who was not in attendance.

Director Rice stated that Lemos was very qualified since he had a business degree.

Vice President Hauck discussed the vast experience several of the applicants had for the position and said that we needed someone with experience.

Director Rice did not want to appoint any of the applicants saying that we needed diversity while transitioning with a new District Superintendent.

Director Arnold said either Christina Aranguren or Jim Sullivan would be excellent and The District would be fortunate to have either with their knowledge on the Board.

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There was a discussion about the qualifications of those that submitted applications who were registered to vote in Mendocino County.

Director Rice said he posted the Director position on social media.

Vice President Hauck wanted the Directors to proceed with the vote. Vice President Hauck stated that Derek Lemos could run in the November election. This would give him time to familiarize himself with the Board by attending Board Meetings.

Director Arnold stated that all of the current committees were understaffed due to the lack of Board Members.

Motion Hauck/Arnold

To approve appointment of Christina Aranguren to the Board

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES:

Director Hauck and Arnold

NOES:

Director Rice

ABSENT:

None

Motion Rice/Arnold ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES:

To approve appointment of Derek Lemos to the Board

NOES:

Director Rice

Directors Hauck and Arnold

ABSENT:

None

Vice President Hauck said it would be a violation of law to vote someone into a position that is not registered to vote in Mendocino County.

Motion Hauck/Arnold

To approve appointment of Jim Sullivan to the Board

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES:

Directors Hauck and Arnold

NOES:

Director Rice

ABSENT:

None

Director Arnold asked Director Rice if he would have voted the same if Lemos were not an applicant. Director Rice responded "No".

Vice President Hauck said if the Board could not make a decision within 60 days, the County Board of Supervisors of Mendocino's Election Board would be asked to make the appointment. The County has an additional 30 days (90 days total), for the Mendocino Board and the Board of Supervisors to appoint a director.

Vice President Hauck said that Director Rice has a preference for his candidate and will not vote for anyone

Director Rice said that he values his candidate's roots in the community and his experience in business management.

Vice President Hauck stated that we have others on the Board that have business management skills, that he had a Business Degree. Hauck went on to say that we have some very skilled individuals that have submitted applications and he asked Director Rice to think of the overall benefit to the community and the in-depth knowledge these individuals would bring to the position.

Director Arnold said that we would have the same situation in March. Vice President Hauck responded that we would have no quorum if something came up while any of the three Directors were unavailable to attend a meeting. Director Rice said he didn't agree.

Jim Sullivan stated that we were coming into a drought and that he felt it was a disgrace what was being done to the Board.

February 10, 2020 Page 2 of 3 b) Rental of Office Trailer in March due to remodeling and need for temporary space for operators and office staff. Construction is being done to bring us into compliance with the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA).

MOTION Arnold/Rice

To approve Rental of Trailer

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES:

Directors Hauk, Arnold and Rice

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

Director Arnold suggested that we have name plates for the Directors during the Board Meetings.

Vice President Hauck said the Board needs to look into groundwater management programs for the district. Director Rice said he wanted he and Vice President Hauck to look at the issues and have others in the community look at the issues as well. Director Rice said he wants the Board to look at the District's existing programs and see if there are things that could be improved upon and Director Rick suggested a committee be formed.

Vice President Hauck said the Board Meeting for February was cancelled, since we would only have two Board Members that could attend. Vice President Hauck will be out of the county. Director Rice wanted to have the February Board Meeting with Vice President Hauck in attendance via a conference call. District Superintendent Mike Kelley explained that it was not legal to have a Board Meeting unless others in the community could have the opportunity to be in attendance at the location where the absentee director was participating.

The February meeting was cancelled as Vice President Hauck will be unavailable. The next Board Meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2020.

The closed session adjourned and the special meeting was called to order.

4. (continued) Return to Public Hearing and Board Action

Superintendent Kelley had a discussion about renting a temporary space at the Mendocino Community Center or using a trailer on the lot for temporary work space while construction continues.

Director Arnold prompted a discussion regarding the rules for Board Members regarding communications between other Board Members.

There was a discussion as to whom would be available to sign checks over the next few weeks. Director Arnold will be available the first week, Director Rice will be available the two weeks following.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannée Christ District Secretary