

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

May 2, 2023

Wrightwood Community Building  
1275 State Highway 2  
Wrightwood, CA

### MINUTES

**Board Members:**

Natalie Lopiccolo, President  
Chuck Franklin, Vice President  
Sadie Albers, Member  
Alexis Claiborne, Member  
Kristy Gerardo, Member

**Staff Present:**

Steven Kennedy, Attorney  
Tamara Keen, General Manager  
Angela Rovida, Administrative Assistant

**Call to Order:** President Lopiccolo called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance:** Steve Rinek led the Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Roll Call:** Counsel Kennedy present via phone.
- 3. Agenda Approval:** Vice President Franklin motioned to approve the agenda with Director Claiborne seconding the motion. All in favor, motion carries.
- 4. Public Comment:** Andrea Valdez from the California Department of Insurance informed the public of the newly launched Safer From Wildfires framework. She offered to come back at a later time and present the full information for the program. She announced her attendance at the upcoming Wildfire and Disaster Awareness Day. She also shared that the Twin Peaks Recreation Complex disaster recovery center will be open from 9am to 7pm. FEMA will be there providing assistance for anyone who was adversely affected by the recent snowstorms.
- 5. Agency Reports:** CJ Porter from Supervisor Cook's office reported that the Knob Fire is at 73% containment and is expected to be fully contained soon. FEMA designated the Wrightwood area a disaster area and is providing individual assistance. For more information visit [fema.gov/assistance/individual](http://fema.gov/assistance/individual). Anyone having issues with the county snow removal reimbursement program can contact Supervisor Cook's office to get those issues resolved. The county is offering a mountain small business grant program. Businesses with 50 or fewer employees are eligible for a one-time \$5,000 grant and businesses that have more than 50 but fewer than 500 employees are eligible for a one-time \$15,000 grant. More information can be found at [snowinfo.sbcounty.gov](http://snowinfo.sbcounty.gov). In March the Board of Supervisors approved a million-dollar state grant for firefighting equipment for Wrightwood that includes a brush engine and a water tender. Regarding utility reimbursements, the Community Action Partnership was responsible for that program, their website is [www.capsbc.org](http://www.capsbc.org).

6. **Consent Calendar:** Director Gerardo motioned to approve the consent calendar. Director Claiborne seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carries.
7. **General Manager's Report:** Hollis Stewart Children's Park was opened to the public and the Wrightwood Elementary School kids on April 6<sup>th</sup>, on May 6<sup>th</sup> the official park ribbon cutting will take place at 10am. There will be a few speakers and refreshments will be served. Dump card supplies have been ordered and volunteers for stuffing envelopes are needed. Winter porta pots were picked up and the community building septic was pumped on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Opening day for Adult Softball was April 16<sup>th</sup> with nine teams playing. Plans to add cornhole and dance classes for adults and children are underway. WCSD website hosting will be transferred from UIA to a local web host offering more control over the WCSD website. The WCSD staff will be attending the annual Wildfire and Disaster Awareness Day event on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> and the Wrightwood Arts and Wine Festival on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Deputy District Director Mathew Lyons met with General Manager Keen last week. They spoke about various topics including the downtown area of Wrightwood. He shared information regarding federal grants that the WCSD may qualify for.
8. **March 2023 Financials:** Director Albers motioned to approve March 2023 financials and Director Claiborne seconded. Vice President Franklin abstained, all others in favor. Motion carries.
9. **Star Equality Theatricals Variance Request:** Tabled for next month's agenda in order to speak with organization representative.
10. **CR&R Annual Rate Adjustment:** CR&R annual adjustment will increase pick up service cost by 8%.
11. **FY2023-2024 Budget:** Tabled for next month in order to provide actuals to the Board from previous three years.
12. **Recess to Closed Session:** 6:44pm
13. **Return to Open Session:** 8:03pm. The Board has advised GM Keen to stop pursuing real property negotiations for office space.
14. **Directors Comments:** Director Claiborne and Director Gerardo thanked the community for their participation and input. Director Albers is looking forward to the Wine and Arts Festival on May 20<sup>th</sup>, the WCSD will have a booth at the event. President Lopiccolo encouraged the public to attend the Children's Park ribbon cutting on May 13<sup>th</sup>. She also mentioned that adult softball is going well and thanked the WCSD staff for all their hard work.
15. **Future Board Meeting:** Tuesday June 6, 2023, at 5:30pm
16. **Adjournment:** President Lopiccolo adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm

Minutes approved: \_\_\_\_\_

  
President Natalie Lopiccolo

Date: 6/6/2023