



BOMBAY BEACH COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

BOMBAY BEACH, CALIFORNIA

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Special Called Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors

Michael Burnell - Chairperson

Krystal Worden – Vice Chair

Louis Knight

Gloria Town

William Rohler

Date: March 4, 2021

Time: Noon - 12:00 P.M.

Place: 9590 Ave. C Bombay Beach

Niland, CA 92257

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Director Worden.

A. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Secretary Sadorra.

B. Roll Call

Director Burnell	Present – Appeared by Phone
Director Worden	Present
Director Knight	Present
Director Town	Present
Director Rohler	Present

Five of five Directors present. Quorum met.

Staff Present: Secretary: Augustine Sadorra

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** The Board will approve the agenda for March 4, 2021 Special Called Meeting as is or delete/clarify any item on the agenda.

Motion made by Director Town to approve the agenda for March 4, 2021 Special Called Meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Director Knight. Motion passed by

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unanimous vote of Board members present. (5-0-0)

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The Board will review and approve the meeting minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 17, 2020. Motion made by Director Town to approve the meeting minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 17, 2020 as presented by staff. Motion seconded by Director Knight. Motion passed by unanimous vote of Board members present. (5-0-0)

4. OPEN FORUM /PUBLIC COMMENT: This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on any subject matter within the Board's jurisdiction, but not an item on the Agenda announced in the published agenda.

- Sonia Herbert asked what the decision was for installing the art display on Bombay Beach North. Director Knight explained why the request was disapproved by the Board
- Stephanie Giuffre commented on problems local residents have with her use of service animals. She has been trying to establish a functional library and is looking to get more books donated.

5. BUSINESS – DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

a. The Board will consider approval of a request from Crown Castle to make alterations to the existing area currently leased by Crown Castle at the Cell Tower site at 2189 2nd St. Bombay Beach. (Knight)

Motion made by Director Knight to approve the request from Crown Castle. Motion seconded by Director Worden. In discussion a member of the assembly disagreed with the Boards approval of the Crown Castle request and offered to help in interpreting technical request. Mr. Wilson stated that he had technical knowledge of the communications field and would be able to help the District benefit from agreements. Mr. Wilson requested to see a copy of the contract with ATT. Director Knight said he could see a copy. The Board made a unanimous vote to approve the Crown Castle request. Motion passed by unanimous vote of members present. (5-0-0)

b. The Board will discuss how to get approval to get professional help for the Bombay Beach Board to strengthen the Boards power and authority to protect our residents by making and enforcing regulations for what is happening in our community. (Town)

Discussion was opened with Director Town explaining that she has been receiving many complaints of situations happening at Bombay Beach so she asked Melva Keays to look for a solution. Director Town invited Melva Keays to make an introductory presentation on the problem that she saw as needing to have fixed at Bombay Beach. Melva talked to an attorney with experience in helping

special districts protect the public. Melva had a petition signed by 60 people from Bombay Beach, there was a lot of push back from many members of the audience that did not know that a petition was being circulated. Melva mentioned that the Board needed to update its bylaws to protect the public. Members of the public requested clarification on some of the terms being used by Melva, such as community, protect. Melva requested that the Board approve the services of the outside attorney in order to give the Board more power in making rules and ordinances to help the town.

Sonia asked for clarification on “what is the problem”? Director Town gave an example of heavy trucks on the streets at night. A comment was made that if you see something illegal going down, call 911.

Sonia requested the Board to approach the County Board of Supervisors and request that a resident Sheriff Deputy be assigned to Bombay Beach.

There were many comments on the bad thing that have gone down in Bombay Beach and the need to establish a community watch program. Steve Johnson explained how the originating charter that established the Bombay Beach Community Services District should be revisited by the Board to understand what the District can and can not do.

Recommendation made by Patricia Monroe to establish a Committee to improve Community Relations. The Committee would be made up of representatives of the Bombay Beach Community.

Motion made by Director Burnell to not allow a vote to hire an outside attorney. Motion seconded by Director Knight. In a majority decision, the roll call vote was a follows:

Director Burnell	Aye
Director Worden	Aye
Director Knight	Aye
Director Town	Ney
Director Rohler	Ney

Motion carried by majority of (3-2-0)

Motion made by Director Burnell to establish an ad hoc Committee to improve Community Relations with no Board Members on the committee but the committee would report to the Board. Motion seconded by Director Knight. In a majority decision, the roll call vote was a follows:

Director Burnell	Aye
Director Worden	Aye
Director Knight	Aye
Director Town	Ney

