



**BOMBAY BEACH COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
BOMBAY BEACH, CALIFORNIA**

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**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Board of Directors**

Michael Burnell – Vice Chair  
Louis Knight  
Gloria Town  
Krystal Worden

Date: November 19, 2020  
Time: 06:00 P.M.  
Place: 9590 Ave. C Bombay Beach  
Niland, CA 92257

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Director Burnell. The meeting was assembled outdoors in the patio area in order to accommodate the larger than expected public attendance.

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
Director Knight	Present
Director Town	Present
Director Worden	Present

Four of four Directors present. Quorum met.

Staff Present: Secretary: Augustine Sadorra  
District Counsel – Mitchell Driskill

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** The Board will approve the agenda for November 19, 2020 Special Called Meeting as is or delete/clarify any item on the agenda.

Motion made by Director Knight to approve the agenda for November 19, 2020 Special Called Meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Director Worden. Motion passed by unanimous vote of Board members present. (4-0-0)

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The Board will review and approve the meeting

minutes from the Special Called Meeting on October 19, 2020. Motion made by Director Worden to approve the meeting minutes from the Special Called Meeting on October 19, 2020 as presented by staff. Motion seconded by Director Town. Motion passed by unanimous vote of Board members present. (4-0-0)

4. FINANCIAL REPORT The Board will hear a report on the financial status of the District as of October 31, 2020.

A.	County Auditor Account.	\$ <u>13,062.08</u>
	Positive Balance in County Fund Account	\$ <u>13,062.08</u>
B.	Bank of America Accounts	
	General Checking Account (ending 1946)	\$ 9,022.50
	Savings Account (6398) Bombay North	22,709.79
	Savings Account (5949)	65,728.71
	Savings Account (8163)	91,693.74
	Bank Accounts Total	<u>\$ 189,154.74</u>
	<b>TOTAL CASH ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$202,216.82</u></b>

Motion to approve the financial report was made by Director Knight. Motion seconded by Director Worden. Motion passed by unanimous vote of Board members present. (4-0-0)

5. The Board will act on filling a vacancy on the Board of Directors for applications approved by the Imperial County Board of Elections. Appointment will be made following Gov. Code 1780. Applicants to be publically interviewed for Board Appointment: William McKinley Rohler, Carole Ann Tibbs and Richard Franklin Morse.

The applicants introduced themselves and answered questions from the board.

Motion to open nominations was made by Director Worden. Motion Seconded by Director Burnell. Motion passed by unanimous vote of Board members present. (4-0-0)

Director Town nominated William Rohler. Nominations seconded by Director Worden.

Motion to close nominations was made by Director Knight. Motion Seconded by Director Worden. Motion to close nominations passed by majority vote of Board members present. (4-0-0)

In a Roll Call Vote to appoint William M. Rohler.

Director Worden	Aye
Director Burnell	Aye



Director Knight                      Aye  
Director Town                         Aye

Motion to appoint William Rohler as Director passed by unanimous vote of Board members present. (4-0-0)

William M. Rohler was sworn into office by the Secretary. Director Rohler's term expires December 2021.

6. The Board will Reorganize the Board by selecting a Chairperson and Vice Chair. Motion made by Director Knight to appoint Director Burnell as Chairperson and Director Worden as Vice Chair. Motion seconded by Director Rohler. Motion passed by unanimous vote of Board members present. (5-0-0)

7. Approval to Submit Statement of Facts, Roster of Public Agencies Filing.  
It is recommended that the Board approve submitting a revised Statement of Fact to the Secretary of State, listing the Board Directors and Officers.

Motion to approve the Statement of Fact to the Secretary of State was made by Director Worden. Motion seconded by Director Burnell. Motion passed by unanimous vote of Board members present. (5-0-0)

8. Approval of the Imperial County Auditor/Controller Authorized Signature List. It is recommended that the Board approve the Imperial County Auditor/Controller Authorized Signature List.

Motion to approve the Imperial County Auditor/Controller Authorized Signature List was made by Director Worden. Motion seconded by Director Burnell. Motion passed by unanimous vote of Board members present. (5-0-0)

9. 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, only those public comments electronically received by the secretary will be presented to the Board.

The Board allowed public comment in an outdoor meeting.

Sonia Herbert, Bombay Beach resident, spoke in favor of the art community and how they have been instrumental in bringing world wide attention and travelers to Bombay Beach. She accused the Board of being biased towards the art community and the Board needs to look more favorably to the art community.

Herb, Bombay Beach resident, asked when will the streets on Bombay Beach be fixed. Director Knight responded that it may be a couple of years before the County gets to



Bombay Beach street update. Director Knight stated that the streets have not been repaired since around 1961 – 1962.

Richard Morse, Bombay Beach resident, commented that there are some people that love or hate the art community. The art community have brought world attention to Bombay Beach. Director Knight commented that the art visitors were trashing the town. They had a party last week and the art people were not respecting the community.

10. OLD BUSINESS – DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

- A. Bombay Beach Community Services District (BBCSD) Policies based on CSDA templates and Establish Policies based on CSDA guidelines, and establish procedures to carry out the Board Policies. The Board will take action on the first reading of the new District Policy Manual.

Motion to approve the first reading of the new District Policy Manual was made by Director Worden. Motion seconded by Director Burnell. Motion passed by unanimous vote of Board members present. (5-0-0)

- B. County Roads Department - The Board will hear an update on the results of the request to the County Roads Department for the repair of the public streets on Bombay Beach. (Knight) – As stated in public comment: that it may be a couple of years before the County gets to Bombay Beach street update. Director Knight stated that the streets have not been repaired since around 1961 – 1962.

- C. Beautification of A Street – The Board will discuss ideas and inputs from the public on how to beautify A Street. (Introduced May 16, 2019) (Committee to beautify A Street)

Director Knight wanted to start a plan-a-tree project for Bombay Beach. He recommends planting mesquite trees because they are less maintenance and are more apt to survive the hot summers of Bombay Beach.

Discussion came up on cleaning up the District Park. There is an issue with worker liability. Director Worden recommended that District employees that are covered under workers compensation be given opportunity to work at the park. The secretary was directed to contact the workers compensation insurance company to get guidance on who could be covered to work to clean up the park.

- D. Southern Border Broadband Consortium (SBBC). The Board will receive information on the viability of having a District Board Member attend SBBC meetings to enhance the possibility of bringing Broadband to Bombay Beach (Burnell)

The Board discussed the probability that because of Covid-19 issues, no meetings

are being held for this project. Motion made by Director Burnell to table this issue, motion seconded by Director Worden. Motion passed by unanimous vote of Board members present. (5-0-0)

- E. Training Opportunities for Directors and Staff. Members of the Board are required to receive Sexual Harassment and Ethics Training within one year of assuming the position of Board Member and every two years thereafter. The Board will report their compliance with the training requirements.

In discussion, Directors have not completed mandatory training. The deadline for compliance is December 31, 2020. The secretary was directed to re send the link so Directors can complete training.

- F. The Board will discuss the ongoing communications with AT&T about the cell tower. (Knight)

Director Knight reported that AT&T wanted to reduce their payments on Tower rental. The AT&T representative was told that the Board would not consider any reduction of tower rental payments.

- G. The Board will Act on approving a resolution changing Bombay Beach Community Services District election cycle from odd to even year elections of governing body members. The Resolution will change the election cycle from odd years to even years. The elections will be held on the same day as the statewide general election. This is normally done by extending all Board members term by one year. Approval of this resolution will result in extending all Directors term of service for one year.

Motion to adopt the resolution changing Bombay Beach Community Services District election cycle from odd to even year elections of governing body members was made by Director Burnell. Motion seconded by Director Worden.

Roll Call vote to adopt Resolution 2020-11-01 to change Bombay Beach Community Services District election cycle from odd to even year.

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



Resolution 2020-11-01 Adopted

Ayes 5

Ney's 0

Abstain 0

11. NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

- A. The Board will discuss and act on the issue of continuing insurance coverage for the Bombay Beach Fire Truck that is currently inoperative.

In discussion, Director Knight recommended the District continue coverage on the inoperative Fire Truck because if the insurance is canceled it will be very difficult to start up a new coverage policy for the Truck.

Motion made by Director Burnell to continue insurance coverage. Motion seconded by Director Worden. Motion passed by unanimous vote of Board members present. (5-0-0)

12. COMMUNITY REPORTS:

- A. Fire Department – Director Knight reported that things are still running good. He is still using the loaner Fire Truck from the County. He reported that he and Tom did minor maintenance on the Fire Truck. Director Knight will be ordering fuel for the fire truck in the near future.
- B. Women's Club – Director Town reported that the womens club had a Halloween party for the children, it was a drive by party with goody bags. The will be a Children's Christmas Party and sign-ups are underway for the children, last day to sign up is December 8, 2020. The Christmas part will be held on December 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
- C. Local Activities – No comment heard
- D. Update on Neighborhood Watch Program (Burnell)  
Director Burnell reported that there were no meeting being held at this time due to the Covid-19 problem.

13. DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO ISSUE DEMANDS: It is recommended that the Board approve payment of accounts payable in the form of demands. Copy of list of demands is available upon request.

Motion made by Director Knight to approve accounts payable totaling \$840.55. Motion seconded by Director Burnell. Motion passed by unanimous vote of Board members present. (5-0-0)

14. CLOSED SESSION: Closed session to consider those matters permitted by the Brown Act. § 54956.9;

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (§ 54956.9(d)(3)) – Potential exposure to litigation (one case)

Motion made by Director Knight to go to closed session. Motion seconded by Director Burnell. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Board (5-0-0)

The Board went into closed session at 7:12 p.m.  
The Board returned to open session at 7:30 p.m.

B. Actions from Closed Session. District Counsel provided direction to the Board

15. BOARD DISCUSSION/DIRECTIVES:

The Board directed the Secretary to notify the public for the next meeting that meetings will be held outdoors and they should consider bringing their own lawn chair and that mask and social distancing rules will be enforced.

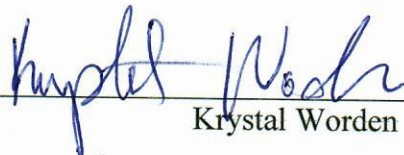
16. DIRECTOR REPORTS:

The next regular meeting of the Bombay Beach Community Services District is planned for **December 17, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.** This is a tentative date based on the progress of COVID-19 recovery.

12. ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Director Burnell to adjourn. Motion seconded by Director Knight. Motion passed by unanimous vote of Board members present. (5-0-0)


Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

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Krystal Worden

  
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Louis Knight

  
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Gloria B. Town

  
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William Rohler

Attested to:

  
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Augustine Sadorra, Secretary to the Board of Directors