

POLICY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, December 1, 2022 - 3:00 PM

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Farmer called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

B. ESTABLISH QUORUM

A quorum was established.

Committee members present – Harry Farmer, Gordon Heinrichs, Claudia Harmon, Ted Key, Jim Townsend and Debra Scott.

District staff present – Haley Dodson and Ray Dienzo.

C. AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

There was no Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report.

D. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Farmer reported that this will be Member Scott's last Policy Committee meeting since she has been elected to the CCSD Board.

E. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Member Harmon reported that she had attended the East Ranch group meeting, describing some of the ideas that the group discussed. She also reported that she had attended the NCAC meeting and found the new Fire Chief, Justin Vincent, to be very engaging and excited about the possibilities for Cambria. Committee Member Scott reported that she had met with the Interim General Manager, Ray Dienzo and plans to meet with other staff members tomorrow. Their discussion was very helpful in understanding the current CCSD programs and projects.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment: There was no oral public comment, but Chairperson Farmer read a written public comment from Linda Prentiss requesting that the CCSD begin issuing a limited number of water meters or decrease the amount of property taxes by 50% on the empty lots in Cambria.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consideration to Approve the October 27, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Committee member Townsend moved to accept the Consent Agenda which included the October 27, 2022 minutes with one correction.

Committee member Key seconded the motion.

Motion passed – Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

3. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Consideration of 2023 Policy Committee Meeting Dates

Chairperson Farmer discussed this agenda item, requesting feedback from the members about future dates and times for the committee meetings. Some discussion ensued and the committee agreed to continue to have the meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month, with the exception of the November 2023 meeting, which will be held on the fifth Thursday because the fourth Thursday falls on Thanksgiving Day. The time for the meetings will continue to be scheduled for 3:00 p.m. No motion was made.

B. Continue Review, Discussion, and Consideration of CCSD Board Discussion and Consideration of July 14, 2022 Regarding Policy 1030 Code of Ethics (OLD BUSINESS)

Chairperson Farmer requested that Committee Member Scott present this agenda item since she was part of the Ad Hoc committee (along with Committee Members Harmon and Townsend) that had been working on the needs assessment for a CCSD Ethics Policy. She reported that she had contacted Interim GM Dienzo to follow up on the letter that Chairperson Farmer had sent requesting documentation and the application for the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence award presented to the CCSD in January of 2022 by the CSDA. Ms. Dodson responded by sending a copy of the application and the supporting documentation to Chairperson Farmer and Committee Member Scott prior to the meeting. Committee Member Scott requested that Ms. Dodson explain the application process to the committee, including where to find the supporting documentation. Extensive discussion ensued among all of the Committee Members, all of whom agreed that there is a need for the CCSD to have an Ethics Policy in place. Committee Member Townsend offered to draft a Needs Assessment for an Ethics Policy to forward to Chairperson Farmer to present to the Board.

Public Comment was made by C. Heinrichs in support of the need for an Ethics Policy.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chairperson Farmer asked for any future agenda items. Those items included:

1. Policy Handbook Checklist with D. Howell explaining the terms and meanings highlighted on the Checklist at the Policy Committee's next regularly scheduled meeting in December.
2. Whistle Blower Policy

5. ADJOURN

Chairman Farmer adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.