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Haley,
Please read this as my public input to the CCSD Board for selection of the PROS commission at the appropriate time.
Thanks.
Kermit

To: CCSD Board
RE: Opinion on Selection of PROS Commissioner
FR: Kermit Johansson - PROS Commissioner

I recommend Shannon Sutherland for the PROS Commissioner. First, the Equity Consideration, 4 males are currently on the Board, she would be replacing the previous representative which was the only woman. Second, and more important, Shannon has current computer, communication, organization, and management skills. She has been a mother, and has strong family ties with her grand children, which is important in consideration of balanced recreation facilities. (The mother thing may not seem like much but I know at least one of us on board has not even raised a dog/cat/goldfish.)

I do not recommend John Nixon primarily because he is currently a director and the President on the FFRP. PROS and FFRP do not necessary have the same goals for recreation. PROS is interested in the development of community recreation on the Cambria Community Park and implementation of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space of 1994 (still valid because nothing has been accomplished yet) which addresses the total Cambria community while FFRP is interested in preservation and environmental health of the Fiscalini Ranch. PROS currently has the FFRP manager Kitty Connolly and the Ranch Manager (Carlos Mendoza) which represent the FFRP position. If closer coordination is considered necessary, Mr. Nixon can attend our meetings to give his opinion. Or, the CCSD Board can combine the boards if lock step is considered necessary.

Nor do I recommend Mr. Nixon is an PROS alternate because it is better to use that as a training position for better transition to Commissioner.

End of Statement

On Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 08:36:34 AM PDT, Steve Kniffen [REDACTED] wrote:

We received a total of two applications so far for the PROS Commissioner vacancy.
See attached.

Thank you,

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Haley Dodson

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**PROS COMMISSION & PROS COMMISSION ALTERNATE
APPLICATION FORM**

Deadline: May 10, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

If you are interested in serving the community as a PROS Commissioner or PROS Commissioner Alternate, please complete this application form and return it to:

- CCSD drop boxes located at 1316 Tamsen Street, Suite 201, Cambria, CA 93428
- Mail to CCSD, Attention: Haley Dodson, PO Box 65 Cambria, CA 93428
- Haley Dodson at hdodson@cambriacsd.org

For more information about the PROS Commission, please refer to the [CCSD website](#). The Political Reform Act (Government Code Section 82000, etc. Seq.) requires most state and local government officials and employees to publicly disclose their personal assets and income. Individuals must also disqualify themselves from participating in decisions which may affect their personal financial interests. PROS Commissioners and PROS Commissioner Alternates are required by law to file a [Statement of Economic Interest form](#).

Name: John S. Nixon

Home Address:

City: Cambria

State: CA

Zip Code: 93428

Email:

Home Telephone:

Cell Telephone:

Are you a registered voter in Cambria? Yes

I have been a registered voter at the address listed above since: 2011

If less than 6 months, what is the address and date of your last voter registration?

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PROS Commission

PROS Commission Alternate

BACKGROUND (RELATED EXPERIENCE, SKILLS OR QUALIFICATIONS)

I currently serve as President of the Board of Directors, Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve (FFRP), and I believe that the PROS Commission and FFRP have common interest in developing portions of the East Ranch for community recreation. My experience in local organizations also includes Board of Directors rolls with the Cambria Lions Club, Cambria Scarecrow Festival, and Cambria Center for the Arts. I also have served on the North Coast Advisory Council and the CCSD Policy Committee.

Signature:

Date: April 19, 2023



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Name: Shannon Sutherland

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State: CA

Zip Code: 93428

Email:

Home Telephone:

Cell Telephone:

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I am a 3rd generation Cambrian, I raised my children here, and now they are raising their children. I am out on the trails every day and have volunteered in many of the organizations in town. I was the Project Manager for the restoration of the Bianchini house on the Historical Society, Ways & Means Chair for the University Women of Cambria, a founding member of the Cambria Education Foundation, and a Bronco Booster board member. I am the Senior Technical writer for a technology company and have over 18 years of experience in writing, editing, and information systems, with extensive research, data compilation, and management skills. Collaborative, detail-oriented with experience authoring high-quality documentation, templates, user guides, manuals, proposals, and white papers that clearly and efficiently explain highly complex systems and processes.

SKILLS: Microsoft 365, Adobe Suite, Zen Desk, Frame Maker, Google Workspace, HTML5, CSS, XML / CERTIFICATIONS: Part 107 Drone Pilot, TRAINER Google Tools / CTE Teaching Credential Information & Communication Technologies / API Documentation.

Signature:

Shannon Sutherland

Date: 4/26/2023

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Written comment
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2023 11:00:21 AM

I plan to attend today's meeting but may be a bit late. If I miss the items, please read these for me. Thank you.

Item 4 Public Comment

Thank you for this opportunity to welcome Mr. McElhenie, the district's new general manager. He is poised here, the board's choice to lead Cambria in these exciting times. Welcome.

Mr. McElhenie's background as an Emergency Medical Technician and paramedic equips him well for the moment. Cambria is indeed facing emergencies on several fronts. Ding Ding ding! The Engineering Chart on pages 33 through 35 of today's agenda sets out important and sometimes urgent projects that a leader responsive to emergency will want to tackle right away.

Cambria's infrastructure has bogged down, unable to accomplish even straightforward projects. Please, take this list and let's get started.

Cambria's **permanent main water line** from the San Simeon field broke in December 2021. It was replaced with a temporary line, running parallel to an effluent line. This risks Cambria's access to water, a situation I don't even want to think about. Recently Cambria had to help out our sister community San Simeon because their water did not meet acceptable standards. Cambria's access to water must be protected. There is no more pressing problem before the board today.

Rather than proceeding with an appropriate sense of urgency, the district delayed getting a Request for Proposals out until February 2023, more than a year later. The engineering Chart indicates that those proposals will come before the board in May, but that's not happening. They are not on today's agenda. Ding ding ding! Start here, Mr. McElhenie. Get those proposals to the board and get this project done.

The Stuart Street tank project ought to be straightforward to put in the Accomplished column. The money is already allocated. Get that sorted out and get this project done.

Replacing the **water meters**. This project has been hanging around for years. The board rejected the single bid brought before them, asking for competitive bids, the usual procedure for public projects. The engineering chart now cites "Staff and legal counsel are reviewing the contracting approach." What legal issues have come up, years into the project? Resolve them and get this project moving.

The **Skatepark** is another long running project. Few projects have as much passionate public support as the Skatepark. Today's item involved a grant that doesn't pay out until 2025. Emergency for Cambria's young people and recreation! Pretend it's a bleeding person and bring this project to life.

The **community restroom project** is drowning in excess bureaucracy and costs. Show us how you can get a lower cost, efficient project built.

Cambria's centerpiece of fumbling and delay is the **Coastal Development Permit** for the Emergency Water Supply project, which became the Sustainable Water Project, and is now the Water Reclamation Facility. That permit has been unresolved for nine years. The district pondered for six years before submitting an incomplete application. That got the process

started, and the county clearly told the district what the application would need to be complete and begin the review process. Three years later, the district has been unable to provide those answers.

Over the years, the district hired contractors to do work to provide answers, but reports always turned out not to provide what was required. Most recently, Merk Associates, hired to complete biological reports not completed by the previous contractor, committed to completing the work by last September. No word on those reports eight months later.

You would be pardoned for thinking, as I do, that the district does not want to complete this application. But Mr. McElhenie, as general manager, will take direction from the board. I hope it will be to get this work done and move this permit application forward.

As someone new to the process, Mr. McElhenie is in a position to press for answers on this expensive exercise. Every month more money is spent on this project and its permitting. Cambria deserves to get something for this steep investment.

Now comes the \$12.1 Sustainable Solutions Projects to upgrade the wastewater Treatment Plant. After five years of discussion, Cambria went into debt last October to pay for these improvements. The projects had been put out to bid, which then expired. Now, the Engineering Chart says that design work needs to be done on the projects, delaying them until August. Again, rather than being prepared, the district is stumbling.

Interest on that \$12.1 million is running at \$750,000 a year. The ten months it took for design work were expensive for Cambria. Since the project began in 2018, I am disappointed that staff waited until interest was incurring to perform this design work.

Even a small project, the **EV charging station**, has been mishandled since it was proposed in 2020. First, it was installed in the wrong location. General Manager Weigold pled ignorance of that debacle, and no other supervisors accepted any accountability. Three years later, the Engineering Chart now seeks a contractor to help them decide where to put it.

Cambria is under a spotlight now. The West Coast Floating Offshore Wind project, due west of Cambria, is a Wind Shot, a project comparable to the Moon Shot. Like it or not, Cambria will be discussed in the highest government chambers in the state and in the nation.

Cambria can be a model community. Cambria can solve hard problems and come out the better for it.

Previous boards have bequeathed inaction and petty controversy to Cambria. I sense a change in this board. With the hiring of Mr. McElhenie, the board is indicating its readiness to embrace Cambria's future as a Central Coast leader.

Mr. McElhenie can make his mark by taking this Engineering Chart To Do List and getting it done. Welcome.

Item 5A General Manager's Report

Thank you for applying to the \$300,000 to write a comprehensive Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Plan. But no need to wait for a decision on this funding.

The Policy Committee proposed a Climate Crisis plan last year. Rather than assigning it to the Policy Committee, where members originated it and are well-informed and eager to write this policy, the board referred it to the R&I Committee, where it went to die. Please reconsider this referral and send it back to the Policy Committee, where it belongs and members are ready to get to work on it.

Christine Heinrichs