

President's Report

Board Meeting of January 17th, 2019

The Board held a very productive meeting on January 17th at the Vet's Hall. We honored and recognized Robert "Bob" Gresens for his eighteen plus years of service to the Service District. Bob worked diligently for the betterment of our community and we all wish him the best in his retirement years.

We made a change in the Board meeting dates. The Board will now meet twice a month on the 2nd and 3rd Thursdays from 2PM to 5PM. There will be one agenda that will be addressed at the meetings with the business not completed during the first meeting carried over to the second. In my service on the Board of just over one year the Board has rarely finished a meeting in less than 5 hours and often had to schedule additional meetings to finish the business that needed to be done. Having two scheduled meetings will make us more productive and allow us to consider all the business with the same attention and detail.

Our Standing Committees for Policy, Finance, and Resources and Infrastructure have now been filled with volunteers from the community. A big thank you to all who applied. These committees will be key to fostering transparency in our deliberations and will help us with our goal of Public Outreach. The rosters for the committees are posted on the CCSD website. Meeting dates and times will be set in the next week.

Taking the recommendation of the PROS commission, we voted to permit the Historical Society to begin their due diligence on obtaining a permit to place the old schoolhouse at the Pocket Park. We tabled the discussion on affordable housing because we felt we did not have all the information needed to decide on this complex issue. We will revisit this in February.

The Board will convene for another Special Meeting on January 30th at 5:30 PM. This meeting will be to get public input on the hiring of a new General Manager. We are seeking your thoughts on what qualities the General Manager should have and how the hiring process should take place. I hope to see you there.

Finally, I want to clarify a comment I made near the close of the meeting. The Board has received a letter from our auditor telling us that he will need more time to finish his work. He has been able to initiate preliminary audit steps but cannot proceed into the full audit until the District completes its year-end accounting closing procedures for June 30, 2018. Current District staff is working through the closing processes that are required but were not performed as needed last year as a result of turnover and vacancies in key positions. District staff has been working diligently to complete the accounting closing procedures and will be providing the Board with updates at each of our regular meetings until we receive the audit report. The auditor has NOT indicated that there have been any improprieties in the past just that the proper accounting procedures have not been completed. We are targeting completion of his full report at the end of March.