

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting for the  
Scotia Community Services District  
Thursday, June 8th, 2023 at 5:30 P.M.

**A. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE at 5:31 PM**

Paul Newmaker, President– Present

Diane Black, Vice President – Present

Delia Ansted, Director – Present

Susan Pryor, Director – Present

Nina Sellen, Director – Present

Julie Hawkins, Board Clerk; Amber Sandum, SCSD Administrative Assistant; Scott MacLeran,  
District Legal Counsel; Jeff Laikam, District Engineer

**B. SETTING OF THE AGENDA**

Move Closed Session until after New Business

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT & WRITTEN COMMUNICATION –**

Written public comment received prior to the meeting – full text attached to these minutes. No public comment received for this item. Public comment reserved for the discussion of a specific agenzized item.

**D. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION at 6:52 PM: GC §54957 Public Employment – Matter involving public employment.**

1.Call to Order

2.Roll Call

Paul Newmaker, President– Present

Diane Black, Vice President – Present

Delia Ansted, Director – Present

Susan Pryor, Director – Present

Nina Sellen, Director – Present

3. Government Code **GC §54957 Public Employment** –Personnel discussion and direction to staff

4. Closed Session Discussion

**E. ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION at 7:25 PM**

a. Report out of closed session:

Public Comment: None

Direction was given to staff w/ regard to GM recruitment.

**F. BUSINESS**

**New Business –**

## 1. New Business -

- a. Adopt Resolution 2023-6: A Resolution of the Scotia Community Services District Adopting a Consumer Price Index Rate Increase for FY 2023-2024

President Newmaker introduced. Ms. Sandum reviewed the staff report. Board entertained a motion by Director Ansted to begin discussion. VP Black seconded. Board Discussed. Following Discussion Director Ansted withdrew the motion.

Public Comment:

Nicholas Lyvers: District anticipated being in a deficit and that water rates would never go down. What will rates look like in ten years? How do the unsold houses impact rates? There have to be another way to lower these rates. High rates will cause people to move away.

Kimberly Schiebehut: If the board has no other choice than increasing rates there should be a community give back. Hard to deal with the constant price increase. There needs to be a give and take.

Todd Sanborn, can we table this issue until there is a general manager in place that has the tools to navigate these issues? Ferndale was in debt until their new facilities were installed.

Chere Sanborn: Asked the board to consider a lower rate increase if the rate needs to increase. Lawns cannot be watered if rates go up and this will be a detriment to the community.

Allison Isaacson: There was a high water bill when she moved but when compared it with other communities she was appalled because the rates are extremely high. Stated that an interim general manager is not qualified the general manager needs to be experienced. Being charged for parks and rec that she cannot use. Stated that in her opinion, it will make more people want to sell. Agrees it should be tabled.

Desiree Espinoza: requests this be tabled until at least next month. Stated that per the law, if 50% of residents are against the rate increase the community can stop this from happening. Would like the opportunity to do that. Stated that rates are ¼ of her mortgage payments. Compared rates to those of other counties board members stated that Scotia is different than Orange County and should not be compared as such. Would like to build community support to oppose the rates to come before the board.

Chere Sanborn: If all of the houses were sold, would that be able to fund the systems in Scotia?

Board discussed throughout with commenters.

**Motion:** Table Resolution 2023-6: A Resolution of the Scotia Community Services District Adopting a Consumer Price Index Rate Increase for FY 2023-2024.

**Motion:** Ansted Second: Black

**Motion Vote:** Ayes: Ansted, Black, Newmaker, Pryor, Sellen **Opposed:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

G. **REPORTS – None**

H. **BOARD TRAINING:**

I. **ADJOURNMENT at 7:25 PM**

Approved:

Paul Newmaker

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Paul Newmaker, President  
Board of Directors  
Scotia Community Services District

Date 6/15/23

Attest:

Amber Sandum  
Board Clerk for Julie Hawkins  
Scotia Community Services District

6/15/23  
Date

