



**MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

RUSH PARK  
3021 Blume Drive  
Rossmoor, California

**Tuesday, April 7, 2011**

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**A. ORGANIZATION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:35 P.M.**

**2. ROLL CALL: Directors Kahlert, Casey, Hough, Coletta,  
President Jeffrey Rips**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**B. PUBLIC FORUM-None**

*Any person may address the Board of Directors at this time upon any subject within the jurisdiction of the Rossmoor Community Services District; however, any matter that requires action may be referred to Staff at the discretion of the Board for a report and action at a subsequent Board meeting.*

**C. REGULAR AGENDA**

**1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE: POLL RESULTS.**

President Rips thanked the public for coming and opened up the public forum. No comments were forthcoming. President Rips closed the public forum and stated that there would be an opportunity for the public to speak after the General Manager's Report to the Board.

The General Manager gave a brief synopsis of recent Governance workshops held by the Board and stated that the Probolsky Research Poll provided the Board with broader community input than the District had previously been able to obtain. Based on the poll results he felt it was appropriate for the Board to go forward with the Latent Powers application to LAFCO. The General Manager cited various figures from the poll. He stated that the Board needed to discuss the matter amongst them and hear from the public.

Recommendation to direct the General Manager to publish a hearing notice, indicating that the District intended to go forward with its application for Latent Powers. The

hearing would take place at the next regular meeting of the Board on May 10, 2011. President Rips opened the item up for public comment. Speakers were as follows:

- Anne McConaughy
- Don Broun
- John Hunt
- Joann Miller
- Tom Fitzgerald
- Richard Butterfield
- Jim Alexander
- Brad Artukovich
- Paul Carter
- Jim Bailey
- Irvin Miller
- Shirley Bailey
- Dorothy Fitzgerald
- Doug McConaughy

The consensus of the speakers seemed to be in favor of demanding factual revenue data from the County in order to dispute their claim that Rossmoor was a financial drain on the County. The majority of the public were disappointed in what they viewed as a lack of representation and responsiveness on the part of County Supervisor Moorlach. Many people spoke out vehemently against the 11% UUT proposed by Supervisor Moorlach and wanted to know the true dollar impact per resident if it was implemented. Some residents felt it was important to maintain a cooperative relationship with Los Alamitos.

President Rips opened the item up for Board Member comments:

Director Kahlert stated that the comments from the public were interesting; thanked the Los Alamitos guests who were present; opined that the poll provided the Board with guidance in many areas, but was not perfect. He stated that wanted to absorb the input from tonight's meeting and reserve any further comments for the April 12, 2011 Regular Board meeting.

Director Casey thanked the public and stated he was pleased with the turnout. He stated that he had been in favor of Latent Powers for some time but needed some further clarification on the poll data and the process in order to move forward with the application to LAFCO. He added that according to the poll, 12% of the community stated that it was in Rossmoor's best interest to let go of the Rossmoor Village retail corner—he couldn't understand their rationale. He wanted to be sure that the Board acted according to the community's wishes.

Director Hough stated that she was extremely satisfied with the quality and results of the poll and was confident that the Board had the community's support for Latent Powers. She also stated that she appreciates the public's concern regarding Supervisor Moorlach's proposed imposition of an 11% Utility Tax in exchange for granting Latent Powers. She opined that the Board should continue moving forward and fighting for the community.

Director Coletta thanked the public for their interest. He encouraged everyone to attend the April 12<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting and to spread the word about the event which would be highlighting the poll results. He announced that according to the poll 69% of the public was in favor of applying for Latent Powers as long as it didn't cost them any more money. He concluded that it was important that the community attend next Tuesday's meeting and broadcast their opinions to a wide audience.

President Rips stressed that it was important that Rossmoor residents have as much information as possible about any proposed Latent Powers Utility Taxes and the true financial impact on each resident. He agreed with the public in that the District should write a demand letter to the County requesting factual numbers on how much it actually costs them to provide services to Rossmoor. He requested that the General Manager begin the process.

The General Manager stated that Supervisor Moorlach did request said data some time ago and was still waiting to receive it. He added that the County was having IT system difficulties and that he would need to speak with a data specialist at the County prior to taking action on a demand letter.

Motion by President Rips, seconded by Director Coletta to adjourn the meeting to a Closed Session pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(c). Motion passed 5-0.

AT 5:53 P.M. THE BOARD ADJOURNED TO A CLOSED SESSION

#### **D. CLOSED SESSION**

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c). One potential case.

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 7:30 p.m. with no reportable action. The Board directed the General Manager to secure additional information.

#### **L. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by President Rips, seconded by Director Coletta to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

#### **SUBMITTED BY:**

**Henry Taboada**  
**Consulting General Manager**