

Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council



Minutes of Meeting – March 16, 2023

1. **Meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.** There were **22** people in attendance.
2. **Flag Salute/Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll call of the Directors and Attendance:** Mackay, Carden, Shoffner and McArdle present, Checkley, Blakely absent, one vacant seat.
4. **Public Comment Period:** -
 - a. **Paul Tondreau**- Teacher at Rosamond High School ("RHS"), spoke about the Color Run, and how it brings together regular students and special education students. The Color Run will be held on March 25, 2023, from 11am-1pm RHS Football field.
5. **Community Leader Reports:**
 - a. **Kern County Sheriff's Office** – Don Bailey- Recruiting for Law Enforcement support, increased area clear out to Boron.
 - b. **Assemblyman Tom Lackey** – Carlo Basail from Lackey's office - Lackey has proposed 12 bills, mostly around public safety. Drew attention to public emergency in Lackey's area.
 - c. **Kern County District-2 Supervisor** – Laura Lynn Wyatt – Gave a quick report to, explain the recently completed training for Board members which included the Brown Act, Roberts Rules of Order, ethics, and planning. She also gave brief update regarding upcoming and ongoing projects.
 - d. **Rosamond Chamber of Commerce** – Jack Miller, VP of the Chamber of Commerce – Had a great luncheon with lots of attendees. Promoting membership growth. Elections are coming up in May, he encouraged everyone to join and run for office. He believes that the Armed Services Parade will be the best one yet.
 - e. **Southern Kern Unified School District**- Superintendent Barbara Gaines stated the girl's soccer team came in 2nd place in CIF, the girls are all honor-roll students. Spoke about groundbreaking at Tropic Middle School, classrooms and bathrooms being added. Cafeteria in RHS will be updated soon. Modernization of TK/Kinder area of old RES. WES has almost 1000 kids, RES 900. Another elementary school may be added. Encouraged people to apply for jobs.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. **Guest Speaker(s):**
Kim Domingo, new GM for Rosamond Community Services District ("RCSD"). Gave a presentation on his background and experience. Gave update on services provided by RCSD. Also explained how the Special District functions. Explained how the board sets policy, and then Staff implements policy. Explained vision for the District and plans to best serve the residents of the District. Explained some recent decisions that have secured water rights for future use. Explained there is a challenge with Water Quality, but the District is working on addressing the issue. Also, growth has been an issue. Accommodating future growth will require more forward thinking. Gave update on conservation mandates that will end next year. Gave drought update and stated that while the current precipitation is historic, the ground water is still very low. Gave update on the wastewater plant which includes producing high quality water, removes nitrates, and is exceeding water quality. Explain there were cost runovers, as well as construction delays. Showed a video about how the RCSD provides service. Went over how the District is taking water security seriously. There is 18 months of water in banks. RCSD has the potential to clean 1200 acre feet of water.
 - b. **Approve RMAC Meeting Minutes from the February 16, 2023 session.**
Shoffner motioned to approve the minutes, McArdle second, all in favor.
7. **Old Business:**
 - a. The discussion related to Board member areas of involvement was tabled to next month.
 - b. The idea of the Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council ("RMAC") hosting a Rosamond Community Job Fair was discussed. Christina Oleson, Deputy County Counsel stated that RMAC is unable to host/sponsor the job fair due to being an advisory commission that lacks the proper insurance requirements. Deputy County Counsel Christina Oleson suggested that the Rosamond Chamber of Commerce could take the lead in hosting the job because of the purpose of its organization. Laura Lynn Wyatt suggested Supervisor Scrivner's office host the job fair and stated that she would look into the issue further.
8. **Director Referrals and Comments:**

- a. Director Shoffner – Encouraged the community to attend the Chamber meeting at Guidos and stated that the featured speaker was from Edwards Air Force Base. The meeting is the same day as the RMAC meetings. Asked Ms. Wyatt to give a brief update on pool. Pool will be open this summer.
- b. Director McArdle – Thanked Mr. Domingo and his staff for a wonderful presentation, and water project update. Asked when the meetings for RCSD are held. 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, open session is 6 pm.
- c. Director Carden – Encouraged community to support our town's events, will be making a statement at Little League Opening Day, informed that there is a community event on April 2, 2023 at Grocery Outlet. County Departments will be represented.
- d. Director MacKay – Requested to have a high school student member sit on the RMAC board and asked Ms. Wyatt if she could arrange it. Deputy County Counsel, Christina Oleson stated that a RMAC high school board member was not permissible according to the RMAC bylaws which were recently amended at the beginning of this year.

9. **Adjournment:** Shoffner motioned to adjourn, McArdle second. All in favor. 7:38 ended.

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Reminder: The next RMAC meeting will be held on April 20, 2023 at Hummel Hall at 6:00 p.m.

California Government Code, Section 31010: The Board of Supervisors of any county may by resolution establish and provide funds for the operation of a municipal advisory council for any unincorporated area in the county to advise the board on such matters which relate to that area as may be designated by the board concerning services which are or may be provided to the area by the county or other local governmental agencies, including but not limited to advice on matters of public health, safety, welfare, public works, and planning. Unless the board of supervisors specifically provides to the contrary, a municipal advisory council may represent the community to any state, county, city, special district or school district, agency or commission, or any other organization on any matter concerning the community. The board may pay from available funds such actual and necessary expenses of travel, lodging, and meals for the members of the council while on such official business as may be approved by the board.

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