

# Klondike Canyon Geologic Hazard Abatement District

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## MINUTES – March 25, 2024

The Chairman, Steve Cummins, called the regularly scheduled Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Klondike Canyon Geologic Hazard Abatement District to order by Zoom on Monday, March 25, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

### Roll Call

Directors Present - Cummins, Hotchkiss, and Freeman

### Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by voice vote.

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 22, 2024 minutes were presented. It was moved by Ms. Hotchkiss and seconded by Mr. Freeman that the minutes of the January 22, 2024, meeting be approved. There was no meeting in February 2024.

The vote was: Ayes: Cummins, Hotchkiss and Freeman

The motion passed by the above vote.

### Continued Business

- 1. a Upper Canyon Drain** – Mr. Cummins reports that we may have more rain this weekend. The city will be checking the sandbags and making sure the fissures are filled.

We are pumping a combined total of approx. 200 g/min. Not too long ago the water table stopped going down, then it came up a little and has now gone down. Unless the rain is significant over the weekend it should keep dropping. He has noticed a short dry spell where the land movement has stopped at his house, it is obvious that things are moving less. It has always been our goal to get the drainage systems on top working, get the fissures filled, get the drain down the canyon, and the water not going into the land. Hopefully things will smooth out when we are pumping all the water out that does get into the ground. We have made progress from the first part of 2023.

We are doing better all the time and he thinks we will make it through this and will be back where we were before.

- 1. b Beach Drain (Artesian Well)** – All four wells are pumping very efficiently. Today we put in a new force main system, connected all the pumps together and put it in a main out to the main 12” headwall. The drains coming back to the beach are emptied out and the water is not flowing out of the 30” pipe. The artesian well drain, with the cracked casing, one of the actual short pumps is working. The purpose of the short pump is to try and get the water level down below where the broken casing bump is and it is coming down fairly well. Both of the areas are doing well. Fissures at the top are covered. He took a walk today with Ara and Ramzi up to the Beach Club slide and also down to the beach. The contractor is working on the broken casing tomorrow.

2. **Seaview Report** – not a lot to report. It was publicly announced that Cal Water is going to replace all of the water lines on westerly Seaview.
3. **Klondike channel Maintenance Plan** – The rising water of the ocean floor and the beach is destroying the gravity outlets as we have mentioned and that is why we did the force main joined together to go back out through the headwall at the ocean and that seems to be doing a good job already. One of the next projects is to work on the channel itself because the gravity pipes are no longer working.
4. **Sub Slide Maintenance** – this is basically the head of the Beach Club slide and it was part of the walking tour today with Ara and Ramzi. It included the entire beach club slide from top to bottom from PV Dr S down to the beach. Everyone was amazed at how much the beach and the sea floor have risen. The continuing issue is to repair the storm drains and the channel itself. We may have to cut a new channel to make it drain properly.
5. **Video Presentation for district** – Mr. Freeman reported on information he received. Now is a great time to put this web site together. We can limit our expenses by using the current media. We just need to figure out what everyone wants to do. There are a lot of geologists that are familiar with recent events who would be good for interviews.
6. **P.B. slide dirt removal** – part of Mr. Cummin’s walk this afternoon was with regard to dirt removal along the Portuguese Bend slide. This dirt is putting pressure on the earth between the Portuguese Bend slide and the Klondike slide. We need dirt removal to stop the possibility of the Portuguese Bend slide hooking up with the Klondike slide. This is a continuing problem and hopefully the city understands a little more about the dirt and the need to remove it.
7. **Special Election** – April 9, 2024

The clerk reported that she is getting the mail out ballots ready to mail out to all residents. We have 3 members running for the 2 seats so we must have a mail in ballot. The members running are Nic Grillo, Denny Jaconi and Sha Tahmasebi. The ballots will go out in the next few days, and you will have until the next meeting to return them. I will open and count them at the meeting. Ara presented Ladera Linda as a place to publicly count the ballots. Nikki Noushkam suggested that the city clerk be present for the counting. Mr. Cummins asked the member candidates if they wanted to say a few words. Mr. Jaconi introduced himself and said a few words regarding slowing down the slide. Mr. Grillo also said a few words about his experience regarding landslide movement in the district. Ms. Tahmasebi also said a few words regarding her desire to save their homes in the district.

**New Business** – Budget Schedule presented to the board. Review, Modification & Preliminary Approval of Proposed Budget, Resolution 24-1 Resolution of Intention Setting Public Hearing.

The Proposed Maintenance and Operations Budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year was reviewed.

The proposed budget was e mailed to members of the district. Clerk expressed that she was sorry it was sent so late. Mr. Cummins would like members to review the proposed budget and make comments. You will notice that we will have to raise assessments considerably. Assessments have not been changed in many years. We have accumulated a fairly good reserve which was really needed, but now it is time to up the ante and do the projects we have talked about. We have put together a 5 step program and we have used that to start applications for government funding. A lot of the things that were included in the budget are the debt that we may incur with the loan and well drilling costs. Insurance is going up. General related costs are headed up and so the assessments for the next year are going to be significantly more than the assessments have been in the past.

Andrew Ely had a question regarding how Klondike has communicated with residents in the past regarding any increase in the assessments. The assessments have remained the same at \$86,440 for twenty or more years, so no one was really was concerned about the assessments. We have a landslide now and we now have a plan to mitigate or slow the landslide. It is reasonable plan that has been endorsed by our geologist and others and he says this is the time that the public needs to be aware of what is happening and why they would care about spending the money. We need a marketing campaign saying that this is why you should care about the landslide and trying to save your homes. The clerk inquired if anyone got the budget and there were no responses. It is important that we get a web site going so neighbors can learn more.

Mr. Cummins answered a question as to where the budget numbers came from. We do not have a crystal ball as to what will happen with the funding. But thank you to Andrew and Kelly Ely for all their work on the funding requests. The numbers we are using are some from the past with the office and the electricity. The cost for electricity is higher because of having more pumps. Others are for replacement reserves. We have gone through approximately \$400,000 in reserves and we need to start thinking about this on a 5 year schedule. Channel maintenance projects will cover the repairs we know of right now. We don't know about additional costs. We need to make sure that the wells and pipelines will be maintained. Discussion followed.

Ms. Hotchkiss **moved** that we accept the Proposed Maintenance & Operations Budget for 2024-2025 showing the Final Budget Total of \$570,570.00 with assessments to be spread the same as the Proposed Budget. Mr. Freeman seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Ayes: Cummins, Hotchkiss and Freeman

The motion passed by the above vote.

The clerk introduced and read by title only, Resolution 24-1 which is a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Klondike Canyon Geologic Hazard Abatement District declaring its intention to order that the cost and expense of maintaining and operating improvements shall be assessed against the property within the district benefited thereby pursuant to Division 17 of the California Public Resources Code.

It was **moved** by Ms. Hotchkiss and seconded by Mr. Freeman that reading in full of Resolution No. 24-1 be waived; and that Resolution No. 24-1 be adopted. The vote on the motion was:

Ayes: Cummins, Hotchkiss and Freeman  
The motion passed by the above vote.

The Public Hearing will be held April 22, 2024  
5:00 p.m.  
Via Zoom meeting

**Information items** – none at this time.

### **Maintenance & Operations Warrant Register – February 26, 2024**

It was **moved** by Ms. Hotchkiss and seconded by Mr. Freeman that the Maintenance and Operations Warrant Register dated February 26, 2024, No. 1 through 6 in the amount of \$173,254.49 as summarized on the warrant register, be approved for payment.

The vote was: Ayes: Cummins, Hotchkiss and Freeman  
The motion passed by the above vote.

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| 1. Sandy Marshall - District Clerk – Feb. 2024 service  | 1,000.00 Ck#1535)    |
| 2. Portuguese Bend Club – Electric – 2/11/24 – 3/11/24<br>+ \$150 extra utilities from January 2024 | 590.00 Ck#1536)      |
| 3. Christopher Lewis – maintenance  | 125.00 (Ck#1537)     |
| 4. Mike Drews Construction - #2531 removal of rocks & debris  | 2,050.00 (Ck#1538)   |
| 5. Mike Drews Construction - #2535 removal of large boulders  | 4,400.00 (Ck#1539)   |
| 6. WSP USA Environment - #S79100424 well drilling   | 165,089.49 (Ck#1540) |
| <b>Total Warrants</b>   | <b>\$ 173,254.49</b> |

The vote was: Ayes: Cummins, Hotchkiss and Freeman  
The motion passed by the above vote.

### **(Amended) -Maintenance & Operations Warrant Register – March 25, 2024**

It was **moved** by Ms. Hotchkiss and seconded by Mr. Freeman that the Amended - Maintenance and Operations Warrant Register dated March 25, 2024, No. 1 through 9 in the amount of \$23,474.70 as summarized on the warrant register, be approved for payment.

The vote was: Ayes: Cummins, Hotchkiss and Freeman  
The motion passed by the above vote.

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| 1. Christopher Lewis – additional for Feb. 2024 -              | 61.93(Ck#1541)   |
| 3. Portuguese Bend Club – Electric – 3/11/24 – 4/11/24         | 440.00 (Ck#1542) |
| 4. Christopher Lewis – maintenance - \$125 + \$61.93 from Feb. | 125.00 (Ck#1543) |

