

# **Klondike Canyon Geologic Hazard Abatement District**

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## **MINUTES – May 30, 2024**

### **Rescheduled meeting of May 27, 2024 due to Memorial Day Holiday**

The Chairman, Steve Cummins, called the re scheduled Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Klondike Canyon Geologic Hazard Abatement District to order via Zoom on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

#### **Roll Call**

Directors Present - Cummins, Hotchkiss, and Freeman

#### **Approval of Agenda**

The revised agenda was approved by voice vote.

**Oath of Office** – The Oath of Office was administered to Mr. Nic Grillo and the board welcomed him.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the April 22, 2024 minutes were presented. The vote was postponed due to Ms. Hotchkiss not having read the minutes. They will be voted on at the next meeting.

#### **Continued Business**

1. **a Upper Canyon Drain** – Mr. Cummins has met with Scott Kerwin, our geologist, to discuss plans to proceed if we get the city loan. They walked the canyon to discuss grading plans. We need to create a drainage above Seaview and we can use a lot of the removed dirt to fill fissures. We may also have to import more dirt or gravel. We are not able to use heavy equipment in the area..
  
1. **b Beach Drain (Artesian Well)** – We are pumping approximately 200 g/min. with our four wells. Everything is functioning and we are finally getting a lower water table reading. The Chairman has been checking with well drilling companies regarding new well drilling so we can be ready if we get the 1.9 m. loan from the city. We will try to drill two wells with the city funds and the new wells would be in the same area as the existing wells, which are pumping at a good rate. One well could be 100 ft to the east and the next could be 300 ft from that well. One of the well companies might be able to tune up our current wells.

2. **Seaview Report** – There have been more water line breaks this month which is not good. Discussion followed.
3. **Klondike channel Maintenance Plan** – the main thing that the Chairman reported was that the 48” pipe is also having issues with the rising of the beach. This pipe goes under a home at the beach and the front deck received damage from the 48” pipe being pushed up. Mike Drews and the homeowner are checking into this to figure out what we need to do to get it draining properly. The dirt portion of the channel has been opened up so it will drain properly.
4. **Sub Slide Maintenance** – this is the head of the ancient Beach Club slide. The Chairman has been discussing this with a geologist who might have some good ideas they are working on.
5. **Video Presentation for district** – Mr. Freeman is still in need of a person or persons who would do an interview regarding the area. Maybe this could be on YouTube to update people each month. Ms. Hotchkiss would like to see people that are actually doing the work provide these interviews.
6. **P.B. slide dirt removal** – we have already done some of this work but this is an ongoing process that the geologists recommend. We need a grading plan to reduce the lateral forces on the channel that goes to the ocean. The canyons are moving and are now too close together. Mr. Cummins reported that the boring has started for the hydraugers and discussion followed regarding their location.

**New Business** – Review of Resolution 24-7 designating a POC for the Klondike Canyon Geologic Hazard Abatement District Grant Management.

Resolution 24-7 was read and discussion followed. Resolution 24-7 is a resolution of the board of directors of the Klondike Canyon Geologic Hazard Abatement District giving notice that Kelly Ely is the Entity Administrator for the District for the Grant Management Process. This term shall be valid for a year from May 30, 2024.

Ms. Hotchkiss **moved** that we accept Resolution 24-7, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Freeman. The vote on the motion was:

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

**Information items** – there were none at this time

## **Maintenance & Operations Warrant Register – May 30, 2024**

It was **moved** by Ms. Hotchkiss and seconded by Mr. Freeman that the Maintenance and Operations Warrant Register dated May 30, 2024, No. 1 through 9 in the amount of \$35,583.69 as summarized on the warrant register, be approved for payment.

Mr. Cummins clarified the \$1,000 amount for utilities payable to the Portuguese Bend Club. This is the increased amount due from the drilling of the new wells. He also commented that he thought Pump Systems was a good company and that the amount was a good price to put in the pumps. We need a reliable pump person that we can call upon in an emergency and also for regular work. Mr. Grillo commented that he thought this pump company was very experienced and they talk about solutions rather than problems.

1. Sandy Marshall - District Clerk – May 2024 service	1,000.00 (Ck#1559)
2. Portuguese Bend Beach Club –5/11/24 to 6/11/24 + adtl.	1,000.00 (Ck#1560)
3. Christopher Lewis – maintenance \$125 + \$135	260.00 (Ck#1561)
4. Mike Drews Construction – Inv. 2558 recreate the channel	19,875.00 (Ck#1562)
5. Portuguese Bend Club – reimb. envelopes for assessment	57.31 (Ck#1563)
6. Pump Systems -Inv.#Q8741745 wells #1 & #3 pumps	10,659.90 (Ck#1564)
7. Mike Drews Construction Co. – remove old culvert, regrade swale to create drainage	2,575.00 (Ck#1565) *
8. Sandy Marshall – reimb. postage for assessment (96@ \$1.63)	156.48 (Ck#1565)
9. Christopher Lewis – adtl. maintenance	135.00 (Ck#1561)
* ck not printed to Mike Drews for \$2,575.00 wrong amount	
<b>Total Warrants</b>	<b>\$35,583.69</b>

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

**Speaker Items** – a question was asked regarding a catastrophic failure of the pipes. Mr. Grillo reported that Scott Kerwin was not too concerned with this, but we will continue to fill the fissures. We are trying to get a smooth path for alignment of the pipes.

**Audience Items** – Sha Tahmasebi had a question regarding recommendations from the city regarding Seaview. Mr. Cummins does not know about this, but there were several city people out in the area today and they were taking readings and discussing plans. They felt that what is now being demonstrated on the ground fits very closely to what the boundaries of the district are. When the district was formed back in 1981, just based on the borings, they speculated on where the district lines should be. Now the slide is revealing itself and it is almost where they originally thought it was from their calculations.

There was a question regarding terms of the loan. The Chairman responded that it is not going to be a zero-interest loan. It could be a 2.4% interest rate and the payments could be spread out over 12 years instead of 10 years. The first payment would not be until December 2025. We are banking on getting some other loans. We feel that this is a better way to do it. Remember that the city is 60% of our assessments, so that helps a bit. Next year the assessments may go down in some areas, but we need to look into our repayment of the loan. The city loan restricts some of the uses – legal, administration, etc. and these are things we cannot spend the city money on. If we get the FEMA loan, we have to pay 25% of the money that we take, but we would probably buy out the city loan at that point. The county has loan money too, so the Elys are trying anywhere they can go to secure funds, because we are in an emergency disaster zone. A lot of the permit process is not going to be needed to secure these funds, because we are in a disaster area and we are ok to do what it takes to stop this slide.

Mr. Cummins will ask the Elys to put together a report on where they are on various agency requests, who they are with, and how the process is looking. Everyone thought this would be a good idea.

A question was asked about the leaky pipe in Klondike Canyon. Why has this pipe not been a concern? Per Mr. Cummins, it is a concern. There have just been priorities on trying to get the slide stopped, and the most important thing in the last 2 or 3 weeks has been getting set up for the funding, because we had a very narrow window to make it happen. There were engineering reports and countless paperwork to get done. The leaky pipe should be addressed in the next few weeks.

Mr. Grillo reported that all the loan terms are detailed in the city's agenda for their June 4, 2024 regular business meeting, Item #3 and they are also reviewing if they are going to approve or oppose our increase in fees. That is worth \$335,000 to the Klondike district if they approve it and he encourages everyone to support the assessment.

Sha Tahmasebi also asked about the plastic that is behind her house. She knows the original purpose, but her concern is that this plastic is now causing a problem with pooling because the hill has become very steep behind her house and causing a problem with draining water into her property. Mr. Cummins said that the plastic will be removed soon. The issue we had in July and August 2023, was that the vegetation in the canyon was so thick that we were unable to access the area and it took the city a long time to remove this vegetation. It got to the point that the upper canyon was denuded and there was not enough time to properly fill fissures and that is why the sandbags and plastic had to go in. The Chairman has the same concerns for this year. We need to get moving before the next rainy season. We now are in a position, if the loan comes through, where we can sign contracts, do grading and get a swale and berm in instead of sandbags and plastic. Klondike could not have afforded to do all the work done by the city in the canyon.

A question was asked about the sewer line. Discussion followed regarding the location of the line, etc.

Sha Tahmasebi had another question regarding the budget. She would like a breakdown of the \$10,000 for geologist and legal. Mr. Cummins says we need money for professionals. This category has only been used for the geologist. We had no legal fees. We will probably need to get a manager if we get these loans. With any kind of government loan, the paperwork is painful. We possibly would need a CPA to manage these funds.

**Adjournment** – There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Public Hearing will be held at Ladera Linda Community Center on June 17, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Marshall, District Clerk