

Klondike Canyon Geologic Hazard Abatement District

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MINUTES – September 23, 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 via Zoom.

Roll Call

Directors Present - Cummins, Hotchkiss, Freeman and Grillo

The meeting was paused to go to Executive Session – 4:30 p.m.

After the executive session, the Chairman reconvened the special meeting, and the members were invited into the zoom meeting.

Roll Call – Directors present - Cummins, Hotchkiss, Freeman and Grillo

Mr. Cummins informed the board that there have been 5 new tort claims filed against the Klondike board and the board considered the claims and that the board has rejected each and every claim. They are claiming damages caused by Klondike. In order to sue a public agency, you have to first file a claim. The district has 45 days to accept or reject the claim. Then 99% of the time, the claimant files suit. Mr. Cummins read the names of the additional people in the claim. They are as follows and the board has voted to reject them all.

1. Rehabber Financial, Inc. Joel Hoffman 7 Carrel Hoffman, managers – Cummins, Hotchkiss, Freeman, Grillo -reject all
2. Karen Pyle Miller - Cummins, Hotchkiss, Freeman, Grillo -reject all
3. Andree C. Derr & Stacey F. Derr - Cummins, Hotchkiss, Freeman, Grillo - reject all
4. Raul Podesta & Tami Podesta – Cummins, Hotchkiss, Freeman, Grillo – reject all
5. Steven P. Barker 7 Christina Soris Barker- Cummins, Hotchkiss, Freeman, Grillo – reject all

After discussion and due consideration, each of the members of the board have voted to reject the claims of each and every claimant. The clerk of the district is instructed to mail a notice to each claimant and their attorney of record that their claim has been rejected by the district.

As a side note, the city loan and the FEMA loan if we get it, will not cover any of the legal expenses. Funds for legal will all come out of assessment funds. If we are not released from those claims it will be on the backs of the assessment district.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by voice vote.

Secretarial matters – Colleen Miller was appointed as the new clerk to take over the job in November 2024 after the election

Mr. Cummins introduced Colleen Miller as the new clerk for the district. Ms. Miller gave a brief description of her qualifications. She has lived in Portuguese Bend for 38 years. She is dealing with the same things as Klondike and is joining the meeting with her new Starlink internet and her solar generator. She has two dewatering wells on her property and is familiar with all the ACLAD wells. She is currently on the ACLAD board until she becomes the official clerk of both districts. She is looking forward to working with the entire Klondike board. Per the current clerk, she will go a great job and we are glad to have her.

Approval of Corrected Minutes – August 26, 2024

On page three, #4. sub slide maintenance Ms. Hotchkiss did not understand the wording regarding Cal Water. Remove “to the beach”.

The corrected minutes of the August 26, 2024 meeting were presented. It was moved by Mr. Grillo seconded by Ms. Hotchkiss that the corrected minutes of August 26, 2024 be approved as presented.

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

Continued Business

1. **a Upper Canyon Drain** – the drain from the gabion wall down to the 48” pipe, the 16” flex pipe that will connect and go down to the headwall at the entry to the 48” pipe will be done in connection with the fissure, grading and filling at the top. More later.

1. **b Beach Drain (Artesian Well)** – we have 4 working wells now They are pumping around 385 gpm in total. The new 5th well will be ready very soon. There was a 500 gal diesel tank installed for the generator we rented to drive the pumps. The artesian well is probably very responsible for the deceleration of the Klondike slide. All of the wells are pumping as well as the city is also pumping some wells down at the beach. This is helping decelerate. The heat we have been having lately is also helped a great deal.

2. **Seaview Area Report** - in the Seaview area the fissure filling and grading will begin in October. It will include a swale along the top of the ridge on the slope above Seaview. There will also be a berm cut into the side so the water going out of the swale will go into the berm to protect from water coming into Seaview.

3. **Klondike Channel Maintenance Plan** – now that we have the wells going, we are planning another video of the 48” pipe. A little over a year ago we did a video from the top to the bottom. There was some minor cracking, but no real issues. They are working on a repair plan with contractors to try to get this worked out.
4. **Sub Slide Maintenance** – This is the head of the ancient Beach Club slide. Work is still ongoing until the county sanitation district finishes their work in under grounding their force mains. Also Cal Water is currently working up there running a separate connection from the top.
5. **Video Presentation for district** – the Chairman inquired if there was any new information on this. Mr. Grillo says that he is putting new information together. He thinks that we need something more dynamic, so he created an Instagram page for Klondike. He hasn’t started it live yet, but feels this will be a better medium to get information out more quickly. If the board agrees, he thinks this is a better way to go. All the board was in favor of this. Mr. Grillo will have it up and going this weekend and the Chairman thanked him.
6. **P.B. slide dirt** – Mr. Cummins reports that we are continuing with the grading and drainage at the base of the slide where the uplift continues to block drainage. So we are doing grading as needed to be ready for positive drainage out of that area and also the maintenance of the 48” pipe to get that working before November which is the goal.
7. **Loan from the city** – we have now engaged G Services to act as project managers for all the engineering work that is coming up on the 48” pipe and grading plans for filling the fissures, etc. Also, we need a manager of the grants and loans because that has become a difficult job of actually getting the FEMA and then managing the FEMA loan after we get it. We need to get documentation ready to pay receipts so that we can ask for reimbursement. We would like to get reimbursed for the rental of the generator and the fuel We are burning an average of \$150 per day on fuel to keep the pumps going. The monthly rental is about to run out and we need to look at a purchase or reimbursement for this. All the wells and drilling costs and electrical costs grading and everything that goes into putting wells in can be reimbursed thru the grants, so we need to stay on top of this. Remember that we are seeking \$5.4m of FEMA funds and the city has already granted us \$1.9m. which we have not tapped into yet. We are just using our assessments. In December 2025 we will have to start paying the city back, but hopefully we will have FEMA grants by then and it will all balance out. This is definitely expensive, but we are getting closer with the deceleration of 20% or so of the landslide Hopefully it slows down at a greater rate as long as we don’t have heavy rains. We just need to monitor and pump more water, which is the only way where we can get it back to a situation of where it was before.

8 . Re-new Declaration of State of Emergency for the Klondike Canyon District

It is understood that the Klondike district needs to re-declare a State of Emergency for the District every 60 days. The Chairman asked for any discussion.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Cummins and seconded by Ms. Hotchkiss that the Klondike Canyon district renew its Declaration of a State of Emergency regarding the district boundaries.

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

New Business – Election Cancellation – Resolution 24-12

The clerk read Resolution 24-12 which is a resolution canceling the scheduled election of November 5, 2024 due to lack of candidates applying. Drew Freeman, current board member will be re-appointed and a new member can also be appointed within 90 days.

Mr. Cummins **moved** and Ms. Hotchkiss seconded the motion to pass Resolution 24-12 to cancel the scheduled general district election of Nov. 5, 2024.

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

Mr. Cummins would love to have a new board member, preferably from Seaview. Please consider this request and let us know.

Maintenance & Operations Warrant Register -September 23, 2024

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1. Sandy Marshall - District Clerk – September 2024 service	1,000.00
2. Portuguese Bend Beach Club –9/11/24 to 10/11/24 electricity	0
3. Christopher Lewis – maintenance	125.00
4. Mike Drews Construction - Inv #2612 troubleshoot well#1electrical	1,881.00
5. Mike Drews Construction - Inv. #2614 concrete vault	2,540.00
6. Mike Drews Construction – Inv. #2619 Deep well #3	3,518.90
7. Pump Systems – Inv. # Q8741759 pump installation	13,052.43
8. Pump Systems – Inv. # Q8743441 deposit new well	14,926.54
9. Sandy Marshall – reimb. postage, notary, etc. June-Aug. 024	319.57
10. Mike Drews Construction - #2624 – Installation of transfer switch	4,727.58
11. Portuguese Bend Beach Club – rental (\$8,416.85) + fuel thru 9/17/24	11,101.47
12. Mike Drews Construction - #2627 manual transfer switch	3,623.58
13. Colleen Miller – assistant clerk	1,000.00
14. Christopher Lewis – addl maintenance & parts	64.78
15. J & D Drilling – final invoice #6 well drilling – bal. due	30,300.00

\$88,180.85

It was **moved** by Ms. Hotchkiss and seconded by Mr. Freenan that the (Amended) Maintenance and Operations Warrant Register dated September 23, 2024, No. 1 through 15 in the amount of \$88,180.85 as summarized on the warrant register, be approved for payment.

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

Information items – none at this time.

Speaker Items

Audience Items – Denny Jaconi had a question about the 48” drain pipe under the Muller ***** house. He has been helping with the removal of the deck. There is a pretty sizable fissure under the house. Discussions regarding this with the rainy season approaching. Probably remove an entire section from under the deck out to the channel. The channel is again up 2 or 3 feet and needs to be regraded again. Land is still moving up and out, showing no signs of stopping. There was a question regarding water levels and wondered if we had updated information. Steve Hinchcliff is doing a whole new charting of our wells. We will try to have each individual well with a data record, what pump in, how deep, when drilled, lost the pump, what kind We tried the first run on the inclinometer our 1” pvc pipe on the side of well #5 with a tape on an 18” rebar to see if there is creep anywhere, it may be pulled up above the creep. We have had problems with the flow meters and are working on this tomorrow. FYI, we have drilled a new well, #6. and the pump will be going in soon. The two wells #5 and #6 set up the same, pumping approximately 250 -300 g/pm.

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

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held via Zoom on October 28, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Marshall, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion regarding cancelling of the election and who might join our board by appointment. There are 15 vacant houses in Seaview. Probably will not have anyone from Seaview

We have 5 more tort claims and we are rejecting them. Mr Cummins got a call from our attorney asking if we had been served with a claim. Someone erroneously said that Steve Cummings had been served in Orange County. Wrong Steve Cummins.