

NEWBERRY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Established 1958

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on February 24, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

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After invocation by Paul Deel, the meeting was called to order at **6:07 P.M.**
The pledge of allegiance was led by Director Deel

Present were: Directors Deel, Director Matson, Director Roberts, Director Unger, and Director Springer.

Also present: General Manager Vanek , Fire Chief Lanier, District Secretary Plascencia, and members of the public.

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion by **Director Deel** to revise the Agenda based on Director Unger's request. According to The Brown Act, Agenda items must have a description, due to this Items 5C, 5E, 5F, 5G, and 5H must be removed. 2nd by **Director Roberts**.

No Vote Taken- After Reviewing the Brown Act Section 54954.2 the Motion was revised.

Motion by **Director Deel** to revise Agenda Item 5G to Discussion only and to approve the agenda as Amended 2nd by **Director Matson**.

Vote: Ayes: 4 Directors Deel, Matson, Springer, Roberts

Noes: 1 Director Unger

Absent: 0

2. Approval of Minutes

Director Deel- Item 7 Correction of Carlos name spelling

Motion by **Director Deel** and 2nd by **Director Roberts** to approve the regular meeting draft minutes from January 27th 2026 as revised.

Vote: Ayes: 5 Directors Deel, Matson, Unger, Springer, Roberts

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

3. Public Comments: *Anyone wishing to address any matter pertaining to District business listed on the agenda or not, may do so at this time. However, the Board of Directors may not take action on items that are not on the agenda. The public comment period may be limited to three (3) minutes per person. Any member may speak on any agenda item at the time the agenda item is discussed by the Board of Directors. (Comments will be included in the Supporting Documents if written Reports are submitted to the GM or Secretary by meeting time).*

A. General Public

Martha Bootsma- In supporting Documents.

Rose Beardshear- Revisit TCC grant for improvements for the community.

Ted Stmpfel- In supporting Documents.

B. Agency Reports (Included in the Supporting Documents)

1. Sheriff Captain Ron Markegard
2. Lieutenant Eric Mellow

4. NCSD Reports (Included in the Supporting Documents)

- A. General Manager – GM Vanek
- B. Fire Department - Chief Lanier
- C. Financial Reports – GM/Treasurer Vanek - Balance Sheet, Budget vs Actuals
- D. Cadiz Water Project Committee - Director Springer
- E. Directors Comments (1 min.)

Director's Comments:

Director Unger- See supporting documents.

Director Roberts- Agrees with Ted Stipfels response to Director Unger's accusations and Believes the new property purchase was a good decision.

Director Springer- Encourages everyone to be safe and speaks on weather change.

Director Matson- To help with the Theft and crime we can ask the county to adopt an ordinance to increase the punishment. Directs General Manager and staff to write to Mojave trails about repairing any damages made while using the building to keep it in good condition for the people that rent the building.

Director Deel- See in supporting documents.

5. Agenda Items-

A. Sunrun Solar Presentation; Discussion/Possible Action; Submitted By Ton Forbes and Kc Carson

Motion by Director Deel to have Ton and Kc present the proposed later 2nd by Director Matson.

Motion Passed Unanimously

B. Agenda Item Proposed New Policy 5021 Committees of the Board of Directors; Discussion/Action; Submitted by Director Deel

From the California Special Districts Association's Sample Policies, This explains the different committees and how they function. We have been increasing our use of committees and I thought it would help us.

C. Tabled for next Meeting

C. Agenda Item Proposed New Policy 2180 Employee Records; Discussion/Possible Action; Submitted by Director Deel

From the California Special Districts Association's Sample Policies

Tabled for next Meeting March 24 2026

Break- 7:24pm to celebrate Fire Chief's Birthday

Resumed Meeting at 7:39pm

D. Upcoming Webinars; Discussion/Possible Action; Submitted by Director Deel

A list of upcoming Webinars from CSDA. Some are required training for Directors and Staff; some are needed to help our CSD function better. Register with CSDA. If Directors and/or Staff are interested; maybe set up at the NCSD to view.

Discussion Only

E. Draft a letter to Yermo CSD for offer of Assistance with Fire Protection; Discussion/Possible Action; Submitted by Director Springer

Motion by Director Deel to send Yermo CSD the proposed letter. 2nd by Director Roberts.

Vote: Ayes: 4 Directors Deel, Matson, Springer, Roberts

Noes: 1 Director Unger

Absent: 0

F. CSD Kitchen Inspection by the Health Department ; Discussion/Possible Action; Submitted by Director Roberts

Tabled until we get more information on grants

G. Ballfield Lights and Park update; Discussion; Submitted by Director Matson

Tabled until next meeting

H. Consideration of Cadiz Water Committee draft MOU; Discussion/Possible Action; Submitted by Director Springer

Motion by Director Deel to discuss, edit, or approve. 2nd by Director Springer.

Passed Unanimously

1. Legal review of Draft MOU to accept water of 3,750 acre feet per year.
2. Condense the MOU to the following aspects.
 - A) Accept the water offer.
 - B) Elect to utilize grant writing.
3. Administrative services.

Amended motion by **Director Springer** to send Draft MOU from Fenner Gap with supporting documents for information to review 2nd by **Director Matson**.

Vote: Ayes 5 Directors Deel, Matson, Springer, Roberts, Unger
Noes 0
Absent 0

**6. Approve Bills Paid and Presented; Discussion/Possible Action;
GM/Treasurer Vanek.**

Motion by **Director Roberts** to approve Bills paid and presented.
2nd by **Director Matson**.

Vote: Ayes 5 Directors Deel, Matson, Springer, Roberts, Unger
Noes 0
Absent 0

7. Unfinished and New Business

Meeting of the North Property Pre-Planning Meeting

Meeting of the Parkland Committee Meeting
(Pending Parkland results).

March – GM Evaluation (Closed Session)

Cadiz Water Project Committee Meeting is 3/17/26

Regular NCSD Meeting is 3/24/2026

Lafco- water provider information/ annexation

-Closed Session-

**Public Employee Performance Evaluation – General Manager
Gov. Sec. Code 54954.5(e) per Policy 2175 (in Supporting
Documents) Discussion/Possible
Action; Submitted by Director Deel
Tabled until next meeting**

8. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Director Roberts 2nd by Director Unger.

Vote: Ayes 5 Directors Deel, Matson, Springer, Roberts, Unger

Noes 0

Absent 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for March 24th 2026

Paula Deel
President Deel

4-8-26
Date

Lillian Plascencia
District Secretary Plascencia

3/27/26
Date