

Ponderosa Community Services District

RESPONSIBLY PROVIDING PURE MOUNTAIN WATER AND EFFECTIVE SNOW REMOVAL

Minutes of meeting
Saturday March 22, 2025

Present:

Directors: G. O'Neill, F. Ohnesorgen, R. Cope

Staff: K. Klemcke

Guests: none

Comments from the Public

None

Acceptance of Minutes Move to accept minutes, moved by Frank and seconded by Robbie. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports

Contracted water operator – Klemcke

Kirk report- tri-annual ph & lab testing

General Manager – Griesbach, not present to report

Secretary: Kirk read Jennifer's report

Communications

Due to email issues minimal communications were received.

1. Various emails from the state water board regarding updates and reminders for reports due
2. Fwd email to O'Neill about a climate bond survey
3. Replied to CSDA questions about possible Brown Act requirements to publish agenda in both English and Spanish
4. Email with various staff and directors
5. From CSDA:

The new state representative for district 32 (Kern and Tulare counties) is Stan Ellis
There will be a new area code 357 – existing phone numbers will keep their current area code, new phone numbers will get the new area code, everyone will have to dial the whole 10 digit phone number now

- As I let the directors know, we were unable to have the March meeting on the regularly scheduled day because the PCSD website was unavailable for updating and posting the agenda. Our webhost migrated our website to a different server.

That server did not correctly route our email for several days, and made the control panel unavailable to me. I emailed technical support, and after several days of back and forth, I was finally able to access both the email and website control panel.

Unfortunately, the version of the application I use to update the website was not available in the new server. There is a newer version of the app, but it required me to rebuild the PCSD website.

- Created new website

The PCSD website (www.ponderosacsd.com) is now running. Most of the hyperlinks work correctly. Some do not, and the additional pages are not completed. In the meantime, I no

longer have access to the former site, nor the documents I had stored on that server.

- Created a hiring flyer for snow removal workers. Sent to Bill and Tom (see attached). Changed Dolmovic's contact number from his office phone to his cell phone. The flyer can be printed and posted in the mountain communities in addition to being shared online.

Please remember that ALL new hires MUST complete employee paperwork in order to be paid!

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Snow Removal Drivers needed!

Now hiring individuals for part-time, on-call, as needed driving snow removal equipment in the Ponderosa subdivision.

Payrate: \$25.00 per hour/4-hour minimum guaranteed

Residency within Ponderosa is not required.

Must have your own reliable transportation

Experience preferred

Application is not a guarantee of being hired

Ponderosa CSD is a drug-free workplace

Contact:

Bill Dolmovic, Operations Manager 559-542-8000, or

Tom Griesbach, General Manager 559-656-4011

- Created rough draft of snow removal guidelines/procedures (see attached)

When PCSD resumed snow removal services instead of contracting out those services, no policies or procedures were formally written. There were specific requirements within previous snow removal contracts for Mountain Valley, Grimstad, and High Sierra. I have written a rough draft of specifications for review by the operations manager and general manager. Once this draft is finalized, it will be available for posting and/or distribution to property owners. This is an operations matter and does not require board action or approval to be implemented. However, if any board members wish to provide input, please email comments or suggestions to the board secretary.

Snow Removal procedure

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Removing snow from community roadways

Snowfall accumulates to 3 inches
Operations Manager calls out snow removal drivers

Driver(s)	first	clear(s) snow at least one vehicle width within 24 hours from the end of storm
Driver(s)	then	complete(s) clearing full width of roadways within 48 hours from the end of storm

Routine operations:

1. Snow may not be removed at night
2. 1-2 inches of snow on roadways is normal winter conditions, public must prepare for winter road conditions
3. The snow removal route opens all main roadways first, followed by side roads and cul-de-sacs
4. No vehicles may park on community roadways during winter conditions

Water Operations report – Kirk read Bill's report. Bill not present.

This past month or so has been fairly average for the continued monitoring of our water supply equipment. The only issue that has come about was the leak at a residence near Aspen Dr and Tamarack Dr. A service line break occurred near an existing service meter and valve. We were able to locate the service valve and turn it off. Coincidentally this valve and meter was lost.

This week our community lost power from an SCE main line break between Pierpoint and Springville. Since the repair was going to take an extended time, SCE installed temporary Generators at the Camp Nelson Fire station to provide temporary electricity to us. Unfortunately the “Three Phase” electricity wasn’t balanced enough for our Holby well site Three Phase transfer pump to run. We therefor are using out Three Phase generator to power the pump when we need to transfer water from Holby to the Summit storage tank. “Where there is a will there is a way”.

Snow Removal Operations report – Kirk read Bill's report. Bill not present.

Since February we experienced another mini miracle March again, heavy snow has fallen in a short amount of time throughout the month of March. Even with mechanical issues the snow removal staff performed fabulously. Tim, Toro and Myself cleared the roads in reasonably time. We did hear about a couple of complaints of excess snow pushed in residential driveways and roads not cleared down to asphalt because of residents two wheel drive vehicle being stuck. After I heard about the issues by way of the “Grapevine”, I took care of the issues immediately. I’d like the board of directors to explain to our residents in a reminder memo that the districts snow clearing rules is 3-4” minimum before we start removing the snow. We actually try to remove the snow before that amount is measured. I would like a memo sent to our residents to call, text or knock on my door about any issues. I will take care of them within 24hrs, if I can. I’d like to have the Board of directors remind our residents about the winter restrictions on leaving vehicles or equipment parked in the community roads during the winter. Having to clear roads with vehicles or equipment parked in the road makes it difficult to plow and blow passed these parked vehicles. It’s rare but possible that while plowing snow passed these vehicles, damage to the vehicle or equipment can happen. Our snow in Ponderosa is called Sierra Concrete. That means it’s very heavy with moisture and when pushed against a vehicles side, it can crush doors, fenders etc. The driver of the snow removal equipment wouldn’t even know he damaged the parked vehicle while trying to clear the road. During white out conditions it’s hard to see exactly where obstacles, vehicles, equipment trailers in the road right away. There may be special cases that require the vehicles or equipment to be parked on the street. I would like that request given to the PCSD and inform the PCSD they or the snow equipment operator would not be held responsible for any damage that might occur during the process of working around the parked vehicle during snow removal conditions or that the vehicle owner may be liable for any damage to the snow removal equipment.

All in all, all of our equipment held up reasonably well and is 100% ready for future snow events. One more issue occurred and was repaired. A hydraulic hose blew. A new line was made by Precision Brake and Wheel. Our resident Dave Stone took the line to Porterville and had it repaired. Dave paid for it to help the community. Frank transported the line to me, and I installed the line with the help of Toro.

Respectfully: Bill Dolmovic(PCSD Water/Snow Manager)

Treasurer – Landers – not present to report
Insurance payment is due- Julie to address

Additional Reports - none

PPOA Liaison

Director's Comments

Robbie- meter near house, Del White house, water has been shut off. It needs other be fixed and for the meter to be left where it is as opposed to moving the meter back to the street. Tim to fix the leak and turn water back on.

Should the PCSD put signs on the roads saying no parking during snow? Plow issues with cars in street.

Legality of damage to plow caused by parked cars?

Need to work on building grant as it has now been deemed a priority- Robbie and Frank to get with Bill to discuss plans - need estimates from builders.

Business items:

Reminder: All must sign conflict of interest form

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 10, 2025 at 12:30 pm in the district building.
Rescheduled to April 17, 2025

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned

Minutes provided by G. O'Neill

Prepared by J. Robertson, secretary