



**SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**C. V. Starr Community Center**  
**300 S Lincoln St**  
**Fort Bragg CA, 95437**  
**Wednesday, January 5, 2019**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**MINUTES**

**1.0. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order: 10:00 a.m. by Bushansky, Board Chair  
Board Members Present: Marshall, Bushansky, Huff  
Board Members Not Present: All present

**2.0 APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- M/S/C: Huff/Marshall/Unanimous

**3.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-NON AGENDA ITEMS**

- None

**4.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION**

**4.1 MCRPD Board of Director Vacancies**

- Bob Bushansky opened the meeting by stating the purpose for which the meeting was called and verbally went over the anticipate appointment process. He asked the two candidates in the room which one of them would like to go first to present their statement of qualifications. Keith Stiver gave the floor to Leslie Bates.
- Leslie Bates introduced herself and informed the Board that she has ten and half years of experience on the Gualala School Board. She stated that she has much experience in areas of business and finance. She said the MCRPD Board of Directors appeals to her more than other Board vacancies that she is aware of because she would like to see more MCRPD programs in the Gualala area.
- Kirk Marshall asked the candidate why if there were three open seats on the MCRPD Board of Directors during the election in November that she didn't run for a position at that time?
- Leslie Bates responded by saying that at the time she was still on the school board.
- Bob Bushansky expressed concerns about her travel schedule to attend meetings.
- Leslie Bates said she was very committed and would request to be on committees that met less frequently.
- Bob Bushansky asked her about what she knew of MCRPD?
- Leslie Bates said MCRPD offers a wonderful swimming program and she believes Natalie Cottrell does a great job. Her granddaughter has worked for the program in the past and would very much like for a pool to be built in her area. Leslie went on to briefly discuss the current planned uses of the RCRC property in Gualala.

- Bob Bushansky discussed the boundaries of the District and a brief history.
- John Huff was happy to see an applicant from the south coast and asked what programs would like to see.
- Leslie Bates responded with questions of her own in regards to funding in general and informed the Board that she feels keeping kids busy is very important to her.
- John Huff supports working with RCRC for the construction of a future swimming pool, as opposed to MCRPD trying to build another site such as the CV Starr Community Center somewhere else.
- Bob Bushansky talked about strategic planning in Gualala and will be sharing the worksheets derived from all of the strategic planning sessions to identify preferred programs.
- Keith Stiver informed the Board that due to his past attendance, he has become familiar with the MCRPD Board of Directors. He referenced his resume but spoke to projects that he has worked on such as the MS Support Group. He talked about his career in law enforcement and had a history of working with children. He believes his experience enables him to work well with a variety of groups.
- Kirk Marshall asked Keith why he didn't run for the office during the election in November.
- Keith Stiver responded by telling the Board that he had considered running for the office but at the time was facing financial obligations.
- John Huff cited past experiences with contentious groups associated with the Regional Park property and made it very clear that the obligations of the Board are far greater than just the property.
- Keith Stiver informed the Board that upon his arrival into the Fort Bragg area, he had gone to the City of Fort Bragg Police Department to seek volunteer opportunities and was not successful. He had also checked with the Chapel by the Sea and is now involved. Considers opportunities such as this public service. He denied rumors being done with public service when the Regional Park issues are settled. Keith still feels that MCRPD has an optics problem but one that has changed in his opinion from what he first thought it was. Believes he can help bridge this gap.
- Kirk Marshall asked Dan Keyes about further communication from the candidates who were unable to make the meeting today.
- Dan Keyes reported Barbara Burkey had called in, while Bill Hayes did not.
- Bob Bushansky spoke to Bill Hayes and Barbara Burkey's qualifications and history.
- Bob Bushansky verbally reiterated the appointment process.
- John Huff made a motion to appoint Leslie Taylor Bates to the MCRPD Board of Directors.
- Kirk Marshall provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> on the motion.
- No further discussion.
- Leslie Taylor Bates was appointed with all ayes.
- Kirk Marshall asked Keith Stiver if he could serve on the Board in a manner that is unbiased.

- Keith Stiver responded by saying yes and that resolutions should be developed using data.
- Kirk Marshall made a motion to appoint Keith Stiver to the MCRPD Board of Directors.
- Motion died for a lack of second.
- Kirk Marshall made a motion to appoint Barbara Burkey to the MCRPD Board of Directors.
- John Huff provided the second.
- No further discussion.
- Barbara Burkey was appointed with all ayes.
- Bob Bushansky informed the new Board of Directors that an information binder would be provided to them at their next meeting.

## **5.0 ADJOURNMENT**

M/S/C: Marshall/Huff/Unanimous

- Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.