



COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 6, 2021

ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER: Spanish Valley Special Service District Board Recommendation
Appointment Approval, Mack McDonald, Chief Administrative Officer

RECOMMENDATION: Make a Motion Appointing Frank Darcy, Lloyd Wilson and David Focardi
to the Spanish Valley Special Service District

Make a Motion Recommending a Joint Meeting with the Special Service
District for personal interviews with the candidates

SUMMARY

On March 10, 2021, The Special Service District held their monthly Board Meeting in which they voted to not recommend any of the suggestions that the Commission recommends. They stand by their original recommendation of renewing the terms for Frank Darcy, Lloyd Wilson, and Mike Bynum. During that meeting, I had proposed a joint meeting with the Commission and the Special Service District to hold interviews of all candidates. In that meeting, there was discussion regarding the appointment of one of the two that the Commission recommended but, in the end, they recommended keeping their original recommendation.

In reviewing the candidates:

Frank Darcy is retired from the Forest Service where he performed maintenance and has been an active member on the Board since 2006. Frank is the current Chair of the Board and signature on all bond documents.

Lloyd Wilson has been on the Board since 2012 and is currently the Water Operator. He is also contracted to perform bookkeeping and daily operations. He is also managing the close out of the water and sewer project. Lloyd was selected as the Board Member due to his knowledge in the project for the arbitration of claims with contractors. Lloyd is the owner of his own construction company in San Juan County.

Mike Bynum has been on the Board since 2016. He is a former Attorney, a successful business owner in Spanish Valley, and a developer in the area.

Monette Clark has owned property in the area since 2005 and was raised in the area. She is detail oriented and a technical writer. She is a 4th-generation descendant of La Sal and Moab pioneer families. She also served on the County Planning Commission.

David Focardi has lived in the area since 2006. He is a Field Biologist and has been a Geologist with 25 years of experience in Oil and Gas exploration.

When I look at the overall needs of the Special Service District, the experience that David Focardi would bring to the district would be most useful. We are currently pivoting out of the construction projects and now moving into a Water Management role. His experience will aid us in making future water management and planning decisions for future water availability.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

In the February 16th Commission Meeting, the Commission voted to reject the Special Service Districts recommendation and suggested the Special Service District recommend who the third appointment would be.

In the Policies and Procedures of the San Juan County Commission Adopted June 4, 2019, Section C. Commissioners' Participation on County Boards, Commissions & Committees and Local & Special Service District Boards, Item #5 states: Special Service District Boards: In accordance with (UCA 17D, Chapter 1) the Commission may establish Special Service District ("District") Boards. These Boards are independent of the County except that the Commission shall, pursuant to UCA Section 17D-1-303, make all appointments to such Administrative Control Boards except for District Boards elected by the public and where otherwise established in the organization's bylaws or enabling documents. Each District Board shall include one Commissioner representative as appointed or assigned by the Commission to serve the term established by the District bylaws. All business conducted by the District Board shall be independent of the County. Joint meetings of the Commission Membership and the District Boards are encouraged for the purpose of establishing common goals and objectives. However, the County Commission will not direct or attempt to direct the decisions of the Special District Boards

In the January 19th Commission Meeting, Commissioner Maryboy made the motion to pull this item from the Consent Agenda and table the recommendation until Commissioner Grayeyes could be in attendance to discuss this item.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A