



## **Sun Valley General Improvement District Special Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2015**

### **Board Members Present:**

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| Sandra Ainsworth   | Chair      |
| Susan Severt       | Vice Chair |
| Margaret Reinhardt | Secretary  |
| Joseph Barstow     | Treasurer  |
| Garth Elliott      | Trustee    |

### **Board Members Not Present:**

### **Staff Present:**

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| Darrin Price     | SVGID, General Manager             |
| Mike Ariztia     | SVGID, Public Works Director       |
| Erin Dowling     | SVGID, Customer Service Supervisor |
| Jennifer Merritt | SVGID, Administrative Assistant    |
| Maddy Shipman    | SVGID, Legal Counsel               |

### **Audience Members Present:**

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| Rodney Bloom    | Audience                              |
| Ramona Bouchard | Audience                              |
| Linda Elliott   | Audience                              |
| Leo Horishny    | Audience                              |
| Michael Rider   | Audience                              |
| Glenda Walls    | Audience                              |
| Nancy Eklof     | Nancy Eklof Public Relations          |
| Travis Reed     | Alpine Insurance                      |
| Bonnie Daily    | Sun Valley Cal Ripken Baseball League |
| Jeanne Herman   | Washoe County Commissioner            |

**The meeting of the Sun Valley General Improvement District was called to order by Chairperson Ainsworth at 6:02 pm in the Sun Valley District Administrative Building, 5000 Sun Valley Blvd., Sun Valley, NV.**

#### **Item# 1. Roll call and determination of a quorum.**

Board members present; Chairperson Ainsworth, Vice Chair Severt, Treasurer Barstow, Secretary Reinhardt, and Trustee Elliott. A quorum was present.

#### **Item# 2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

Led by Mr. Ariztia

**Item# 3. Public comments for items not on the agenda.**

Leo Horishny 15 year resident of Sun Valley commented on illegal dumping in his neighborhood. He stated the dumping and shooting behind Llewellyn Rd. and Saguaro Dr. is getting ridiculous. He has expressed his concerns with Ken Urban with Peavine Safety Group and has asked for assistance with the problem. He continues to tell individuals that shooting is prohibited in that area. He also stated he is also very concerned regarding the proposed Regional Transportation Commission Pyramid HWY / US 395 Connector Project. He strongly encourages the District to fight and make a stand against the option 3 design. The option 3 design will impact the quality of life for a lot of residents along the ridgeline. He requested the District and audience members to go publicly on the record not in favor of the option 3 design.

Commissioner Jeanne Herman commented she is available anytime if anyone wants to ask her questions or express their concerns. She stated she is working on trying to bring a Citizens Advisory Board back to Sun Valley and provided applications for those who are interested on being a member of the board.

**Item# 4. Motion to approve the agenda.**

*Trustee Elliott made a motion to approve the agenda. Secretary Reinhardt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item# 5. Certify posting of the agenda.**

Jennifer Merritt certified posting of the agenda.

**Item# 6. Trustee/Manager's announcements, request for information, and statements relating to items not on the agenda.**

Trustee Elliott stated he agrees with audience member Mr. Horishny's concerns regarding the proposed Regional Transportation Commission Pyramid HWY / US 395 Connector Project option 3 design. He believes the District should go on record more than we already have in concern of the alignment. Mr. Elliott stated a lot of people used to go to the pit that was once located on east 9<sup>th</sup> to shoot, since then that particular area was developed with Lifestyle homes and Highland Ranch Parkway. He stated with the various groups trying to control shooting on Peavine is potentially having some affects in Sun Valley regarding illegal shooting. He reminded everyone that Sun Valley still has some safe places for individuals to shoot. He reported a new gun store recently opened in the Sun Valley Shopping Center. He thinks this will be a good asset to the community. Mr. Elliott also stated he thinks Sun Valley is being short changed by not having a Citizen Advisory Board. A Citizen Advisory Board allows the opportunity to confront issues as a unified group.

Secretary Reinhardt requested an update from Ms. Dowling regarding the status of printing consumption data on the monthly billing statements as directed at a prior meeting.

**Item# 7. Discussion and action to approve payables and customer refunds for February 26, 2015.**

Treasurer Barstow gave a brief report of the accounts payable for February 26, 2015.

*Treasurer Barstow made a motion to approve the accounts payable for February 26, 2015 in the total amount of \$510,654.56. Vice Chair Severt seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding Fred Schmidt with Holland and Hart services for the District. After further discussion the motion carried by the following:*

*Ayes: Treasure Barstow, Vice Chair Severt, Chairperson Ainsworth  
Nay: Secretary Reinhardt, Trustee Elliott*

Treasurer Barstow gave a brief report of the customer refunds for February 26, 2015.

*Treasurer Barstow made a motion to approve the customer refunds for February 26, 2015 in the total amount of \$911.42. Vice Chair Severt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item# 8. Discussion and action to approve minutes of February 10, 2015.**

*Treasurer Barstow made a motion to approve the minutes of February 10, 2015 as submitted. Trustee Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item# 9. Discussion and action to approve minutes of February 12, 2015.**

*Treasurer Barstow made a motion to approve the minutes of February 12, 2015 as amended to include public and board comments on the last page of the minutes. Vice Chair Severt seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following:*

*Ayes: Treasurer Barstow, Trustee Elliott, Vice Chair Severt, Chairperson Ainsworth  
Abstain: Secretary Reinhardt (absent from meeting)*

**Item# 10. Discussion and action to adopt Resolution authorizing specified Sun Valley General Improvement District staff to represent the District with U.S. Bank.**

Mr. Price reported US Bank holds the District's financial assets (investments) as part of the contractual agreement, US Bank is requesting the District Board to adopt a resolution authorizing specified District staff to represent the District with US Bank. He stated the resolution does not change any of the District's current practices. Currently the District's accountant is called for authorization of any transactions regarding District's investments and he is the backup. This practice would continue with US Bank with the addition of the Customer Service Supervisor as a third option in case the other designated staff members are unavailable.

Trustee Elliott suggested the District Chairperson should be the third option for authorizations.

Mr. Price responded he does not have a problem with the Chairperson as the third option. He would like to make it so that the "Chairperson" is not specific to the current acting chairperson.

There were no public comments.

*Trustee Elliott made a motion to adopt the Resolution with the third option being the District's chairperson. Secretary Reinhardt seconded the motion.*

During discussion Ms. Shipman reported it could not be generic as the "Chairperson". It would have to be specific to the current chairperson and if the chairperson position ever changes, a new resolution would be required to be adopted each time specifying who the current chairperson is.

*After further discussion the motion did not pass by the following:*

*Ayes: Secretary Reinhardt, Trustee Elliott*

*Nay: Treasure Barstow, Vice Chair Severt, Chairperson Ainsworth*

*Vice Chair Severt made a motion to adopt the Resolution as written. Treasurer Barstow seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following:*

*Ayes: Treasure Barstow, Vice Chair Severt, Chairperson Ainsworth*

*Nay: Secretary Reinhardt, Trustee Elliott*

Chairperson Ainsworth called for a 5 minute break at 6:35 pm

**Item# 11. Presentation by Travis Reed with Alpine Insurance regarding Workers Comp Insurance for District Volunteers, with possible action to purchase additional coverage.**

Mr. Price stated he reported the District's current works comp insurance does not cover volunteers. He stated the Board requested information regarding its options to cover District volunteers.

Travis Reed, Sales Executive with Alpine Insurance stated most standard Workers Comp Insurance does not cover volunteers. He gave a brief overview of a standalone coverage that will cover volunteers for the District while they are performing volunteer work. He stated the Volunteer Accident Insurance Program is designed to provide insurance protection for all volunteers performing volunteer activities for the District. The policy would cover 4 categories; \$100,000.00 per occurrence for accident medical expense benefits, \$50,000.00 for total paralysis benefits, \$50,000.00 for accident dismemberment benefit, and \$25,000.00 for accidental death. The premium would be broken down by the number of volunteers the District has on an annual basis. He stated based on the current volunteer information for the District the annual premium for insurance coverage for District Volunteers would be \$300.00 and that would cover up to 100 volunteers, this would be considered an annual premium. The benefits are payable for injuries that result, directly and independently of all other causes, from a covered accident. He stated if a volunteer who was injured had their own insurance, their insurance coverage would act as the primary insurance and the volunteer insurance would act as the secondary insurance. In the event the volunteer did not have their own insurance, the volunteer insurance will act as the primary insurance. He reported covered expenses include; hospital bills, emergency room and outpatient treatment, medical or surgical treatments, prescription drugs, follow up treatments and ambulance expenses. He reported the policy also includes one-time payouts for severe accidents, they include; Loss of life \$25,000.00, Total paralysis of upper and lower limbs, combination of limbs, eyesight and hearing \$50,000.00, Loss of one hand, or one foot, or one eye, speech or hearing \$25,000, and loss of thumb or index finger of same hand \$10,000.00. The Accidental Death, Dismemberment and Paralysis aggregate limit of liability per accident is \$500,000.00 per year.

Secretary Reinhardt inquired if the volunteer already had insurance, what the volunteer insurance would cover. She also inquired about criminal activity.

Mr. Reed responded the volunteer insurance would cover extensive costs that go beyond what their existing insurance coverage, it will act as a secondary insurance. In the event they don't have insurance, they the volunteer insurance acts as their primary insurance immediately. He reported all criminal activity would be excluded, as an example if a volunteer was driving to an event which they plan on volunteering for and they are intoxicated and get into an accident, they would not be covered. If they are onsite and get injured and they were tested positive for drugs and/or alcohol in their system, they would not be covered.

Treasurer Barstow inquired if an individual had an insurance policy and that particular provider did not accept secondary insurance, how does the volunteer insurance work.

Mr. Reed responded if a volunteer was injured the District would want to make that claim immediately to the Volunteer Insurance carrier. From that point it would be up to the Volunteer carrier and the volunteers primary carrier to determine who is going to cover what and how much. He also reported the first eligible expense must be incurred within 26 weeks after the date of the covered accident.

Mr. Ariztia inquired in a situation when a volunteer waits until the full 26 weeks to report an injury, is there some kind of verification that is needed to prove the injury occurred while they were volunteering.

Mr. Reed responded it might be difficult to prove, but it would have to be determined by a licensed doctor.

Additional discussion ensued regarding safeguards to protect the District from false claims.

Audience member Ramona Bouchard inquired if co-pays or deductibles would be covered by the workers comp insurance.

Mr. Reed responded that the volunteer workers compensation insurance would act as a secondary insurance and cover excess. He could investigate if the workers comp would cover any co-pays or deductibles.

Vice Chair Severt stated most secondary insurances pick up co-pays and deductible, but she does not think all insurances work that way.

*After further discussion Treasurer Barstow made a motion to approve the purchase of Volunteer Workers Comp Insurance as presented in the amount of \$300.00. Trustee Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item# 12. Public Relations update by Nancy Eklof.**

**a) Review and discussion regarding proposed article ideas for upcoming spring newsletter with possible direction to staff.**

Nancy Eklof provided a list of proposed articles for the spring newsletter that will cover April, May and June. The articles include; full front page coverage on the 2015 recreation season, a recap of the Gepford Park Community Building dedication, announcements for the Snapped in Sun Valley Photo Contest and nominations for the Sun Valley Community Service Award, also an article regarding the current drought and water conservation.

Trustee Elliott requested an article regarding gardening if there is room. He also requested an article regarding the District's sewer evaluation process in the fall newsletter.

*Secretary Reinhardt made a motion to approve the articles as presented. Trustee Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**b) Discussion and possible action regarding District's public relation strategy for the 2015 calendar year.**

Mr. Price stated Ms. Eklof provides a recap each year of the work she has done for the District when her contract is up for renewal. Throughout the year, the District receives monthly updates either in person or in a report by Ms. Eklof. He stated Trustee Elliott requested information regarding the District's public relation strategy.

Trustee Elliott stated he would like to be more proactive and help guide Ms. Eklof in the direction that the Board would like to go instead of Ms. Eklof going here and there. He stated if the Board wants something from Ms. Eklof, then the Board needs to tell her.

Ms. Eklof stated she is happy to accept any direction from the Board. She is currently working on a news/press release project notifying residents and agencies of the District's business and activities. She stated she has contacted the Washoe County Public Affairs and they were very helpful and provided Ms. Eklof with their distribution list for public and media outlets. Ms. Eklof inquired if the Board wanted to include the City of Reno and City of Sparks on the distribution list.

Vice Chair Severt stated she would like to have the cities on the distribution list to increase visibility of the District. She also would like to consider using social media as another outlet for press releases.

Ms. Eklof agrees with Vice Chair Severt's comments. She strongly believes now is the time for the District to sign up for a facebook account to help promote the District's events and activities, this is a free marketing tool. Ms. Eklof also stated she would like to discuss the approval process for her articles. She would like to start with using information from the District's meetings for her press releases and prepare additional press releases as needed. She suggested the approval process come from the General Manager first and then from the Board if needed. Issuing press releases may need to be issued immediately and waiting for a board meeting may not be very efficient.

Trustee Elliott inquired if there is a need to have a standing agenda item requesting for news/articles that the Board would like to have Ms. Eklof cover. He stated each board member is involved with different organizations or activities that they might want reported on.

Ms. Shipman stated there is an Open Meeting Law issue regarding having standing agenda items. She reminded them that is the reason why the District couldn't have an open standing agenda item for the County Washoe Commissioners. She recommended if a board member wanted to request a specific item/topic, they could request it under agenda item# 6 "Trustee/Manager's announcements, request for information, and statements relating to items not on the agenda."

*After further discussion Treasurer Barstow made a motion to accept the public relations strategies as presented by Nancy Eklof. Vice Chair Severt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item# 13. Presentation by Customer Service Supervisor, Erin Dowling, of Sun Valley General Improvement District new online account portal.**

Ms. Dowling gave a live presentation of the District's new online account access/payment portal. She stated the District went live with its online access on February 2, 2015. Customers have access to their accounts 24/7 as well as posting a payment in real time. It is free to all customers who want to view their account only, and for those who want to make a payment online are subject to the \$1.97 convenience fee per transaction as approved by the board. Ms. Dowling walked the Board through how to set up an account, each customer will need 3 items to set their account; full account number, last name, and service address. The portal offers various helpful tips to assist with setting up an account. Ms. Dowling went through each of the tabs showing what is available for customers when they view their account online. Each customer will be able to see their consumption history, payment history, and any other adjustments made on the account. She stated all consumption history is available in data format, chart format, or both. The consumption information is based the customer's monthly billings. The payment history information is based on real time; it shows when a customer makes an online payment. She reported the online portal is a secured site and the security symbol is visible for all customers to see. The customer has the opportunity to pay their bill with a credit/debit card or with an e-check. She stated when making a payment the portal offers various helpful tips to assist with finding the information needed from the card or check to make a payment. She reported the District received 9 payments online the first week, 54 payments the second week, and 146 payments the third week. On average 1 to 9 new accounts are being established each day. She also briefly went over account access regarding rental properties. A landowner can set up an account to view the various properties him/her own without being able to access other user(s) personal information. Both the landowner and tenant can set up an account for the same property; again each user(s) will not have access to either personal information. Once an account access has been set up, the customer can select if they want a printed bill, an electronic bill and/or both. She anticipates an increase in payments once everyone receives a copy of the flyer announcing the new feature including and an increase in traffic on the District's website which is a great opportunity to promote District activities. Ms. Dowling stated as of today the feedback that she has received is very positive.

Trustee Elliott would like to see about capturing customer email addresses to send out District notices with their permission. He also stated he likes the idea of electronic billing options; this would be a savings to the District on printing and postage.

Both Ms. Dowling and Mr. Price like the idea of being able to capture customer email address to send out important notices and promote events. Mr. Price stated he is currently tracking a bill regarding email addresses, and they are proposing to include email addresses as private information.

Treasurer Barstow inquired if he had 4 separate accounts, could he make a payment on all 4 accounts with 1 transaction.

Ms. Dowling responded no not with this current version, Springbrook is currently working on a program enhancement that would support multiple payments in 1 transaction and it will be available later this year.

Further discussion ensued regarding the online account feature. The Board all liked the online feature and complimented the user friendly access.

Ms. Dowling responded to Ms. Reinhardt's inquiry earlier regarding printing consumption data on the monthly billing statements. Staff is currently working on a language update to

include online payment feature before the District has BDS make any changes to the bills. Once the language has been updated staff will direct BDS to make all of the appropriate changes to the District's monthly billing statement to save on multiple programming fees. She does not have a definite date when the changes will be made but anticipates the changes will happen soon and will continue to update the Board on its progress.

There were no public comments.

**Item# 14. Discussion and possible action to schedule a Tariff hearing.**

Mr. Price stated as mentioned at the prior tariff hearing another tariff hearing would be needed prior to the recreation season. He suggested 2 dates for consideration, Tuesday, April 21, 2015 or Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 6pm.

Secretary Reinhardt inquired what rules would be considered for review.

Mr. Price responded majority of the amendments would be regarding recreation, there could be other rules for consideration during that time.

There were no public comments.

*Treasure Barstow made a motion to schedule a tariff hearing on April 21, 2015. Chairperson Ainsworth seconded the motion.*

During discussion Trustee Elliott made a point of order and stated that Joseph Barstow is not at this meeting as a Pastor, he is a Trustee of the Board.

Mr. Price apologized for referring to Treasurer Barstow as Pastor Joe.

Treasurer Barstow stated he is very offended because Pastor Joe is his name and that is his title.

*After further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**Item# 15. Discussion and update by General Manager, Darrin Price, with possible direction to staff regarding legislation being tracked by the District pending in the Nevada Legislature.**

Mr. Price stated due to the next agenda item he would respectfully not be answering any questions regarding the session. He will wait to see what the direction of the Board is regarding his role for the legislative session. He stated he continues to track the list of bills that was presented at the last meeting; he has attended the session a few times, and consults with District consultants when needed.

Secretary Reinhardt inquired what Bills and/or BDR's Mr. Price is tracking and advocating for and against on behalf of the District.

Mr. Price stated the list of BDR's and Bills that he is tracking for the District was included in the last packet.

Secretary Reinhardt inquired what Bills is Mr. Price lobbying for.



Mr. Price responded he believes this discussion is appropriate for the next agenda item and requested to move to the next agenda item.

Secretary Reinhardt stated she believes Mr. Price is being reluctant to answer anything.

Mr. Price responded he only has been reluctant to answer his activities because the strategy has been requested to be discussed when he had thought that it had already been established. He stated he has provided a list of BDR's and Bills that he is currently tracking. He has asked the District Board if they wanted to add to the list or subtract from the list. He stated if it is on the list he is advocating for, monitoring, or tracking. Currently the bills have only been heard within committees.

Additional discussion ensued regarding what Bills and/or BDR's Mr. Price is tracking and advocating for and against on behalf of the District.

*After further discussion Secretary Reinhardt made a motion to move to agenda item 16. Chairperson Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Item# 16. Discussion and possible action regarding District representation and strategy for the 2015 Legislative session.**

Mr. Price provided a copy of minutes from March 13, 2014 for informational purposes. He also provided a copy of The Chamber's 2015 Legislative Priorities for informational purposes. He stated the Board took an action to eliminate the District's Lobbyist and place the lobbying in his hands with his medium experience in Carson City. His objective was to create a list of any potential bills that may impact the business of the District, call upon consultants as needed to assist him either for reviews, general questions, for historical information, potentially testify on behalf of the District, or if they have a strong network and may know some of the elected officials so he could potentially get close to a member to speak to them.

Secretary Reinhardt inquired what Bills and/or BDR's Mr. Price is advocating for or against on behalf of the District. She also stated she likes what The Chamber has recommended regarding their legislative priorities.

Trustee Elliott referenced the verbatim minutes from March 13, 2014; he stated they are slightly different from the paraphrased ones. "Margaret commented in the past Darrin has gone down to the legislative session quite a bit and Darrin has been registered as a lobbyist. Darrin has done a pretty good job staying on top of it; I can coast right along with that and feel comfortable." He stated the motion from that meeting was refining what the lobbying duties would be and staff would request for bids for the Board to look at. He stated to his knowledge that has never happened. He inquired if the Board delegated the lobbyist duties to the General Manager, then why the District would request for bids to review.

Mr. Price responded during the meeting when the Board decided to terminate the contract with the current lobbyist at that time, the Board was provided with some options to consider that would potentially cover just the session. He stated that is what the motion from the March 13, 2014 meeting is referring to. He stated the District paid Fred Hillerby \$1,200.00 per month for his lobbying services. Mr. Hillerby's contract was for a full year so he could be a part of the interim committees that took place between sessions. When he solicited bids from other lobbyist, those bids came in considerably higher than \$1,200.00 per month. He stated it didn't make any sense to bring new bids for consideration when the Board originally

chose not to spend \$1,200.00 per month. He proceeded as the District's lead lobbyist based on the funding portion and also based on Secretary Reinhardt's comments from that meeting. He stated the hope is since there is a strong focus on tax reform and education that there wouldn't be any controversial items in this session that would have a huge impact on the District like the prior session.

Trustee Elliott stated he hasn't looked into interim committees, but the insertion that there were interim committees that Mr. Hillerby had to be involved in he is unsure of. He stated looking at what has come out of the sessions and what has affected the District he could not agree with the amount the District was paying Mr. Hillerby. He stated he has some concerns with Mr. Price attending the session, but his main concern is that he wants clear direction from the Board with certain parameters for Mr. Price to act as the District's lobbyist because he is unaware of any direction given to Mr. Price as of yet. He would like to know how much time, resources, and funding Mr. Price is spending towards the session.

Mr. Price responded he has to report each month an expense report as a registered lobbyist. He would be happy to provide a detailed report as requested by Trustee Elliott during his legislative updates.

Vice Chair Severt stated she understands why Mr. Price didn't bring back any bids for the Board to review because the Board eliminated those funds for this fiscal budget.

Secretary Reinhardt inquired if Fred Schmidt is registered as the District's lobbyist.

Mr. Price responded to Secretary Reinhardt's question regarding Mr. Schmidt. He stated if anybody goes to the legislature, they can only talk to their elected officials. An individual must be registered as a paid lobbyist to talk with anybody else that is an elected official who is not their direct elected official per Nevada law. Mr. Schmidt is registered as a Sun Valley General Improvement District paid lobbyist because he cannot go with him and advocate for the District unless he is recognized as a lobbyist for the District.

Secretary Reinhardt inquired if Mr. Schmidt will be billing the District for his services because the District is already paying him every month.

Mr. Price responded yes, the District will be billed for Mr. Schmidt's consulting services during the legislative session if he is asked to help represent the District. He stated for clarification, Mr. Schmidt currently represents the District on the Standing Advisory Committee for Truckee Meadows Water Authority.

Secretary Reinhardt inquired if there is a contract for Mr. Schmidt or if there is a fee for his services.

Mr. Price responded Mr. Schmidt charges an hourly fee for his services just like other attorneys.

Secretary Reinhardt inquired when Mr. Price was directed to hire Mr. Schmidt.

Chairperson Ainsworth responded the Board approved Mr. Schmidt a long time ago.

Secretary Reinhardt requested a copy of the minutes when the Board authorized Mr. Price to hire Mr. Schmidt as the District's lobbyist.

Chairperson Ainsworth inquired how long Mr. Schmidt has been a District lobbyist.

Mr. Ariztia responded Mr. Schmidt represents the District.

Secretary Reinhardt stated she knows Mr. Schmidt represents the District on the Standing Advisory Committee for Truckee Meadows Water Authority; she is talking about the legislature because they are different.

Mr. Price responded as the General Manager, he calls upon consultants as needed. The Board approved the District's budget that includes funds set aside for consultants. He stated as for the strategy portion, he will do whatever the Board wants him to do. He has provided a list of bills that the District is currently tracking, either for or against. Some bills are very vague, some have expanded text, some have been heard and some have not. Staff made the list based on any potential impacts to the District some of those include; PERS, PEBS, water, wastewater, gray water, ethics, and general elections. Mr. Price stated he would be happy to meet with Secretary Reinhardt and review the list.

Chairperson Ainsworth stated she sits on the subcommittee for the Western Regional Water Commission and all the bills they are tracking are so vague. Nobody from the subcommittee is advocating for or against because everything at this moment is so vague.

Mr. Price stated he has provided his current strategy for the District, it does include spending funds, he will rely upon professionals and consultants to assist as needed. He stated if the Board has any further direction on a different strategy or something that they would like to see changed, he requested the Board to make a decision tonight.

Secretary Reinhardt would like to see a standing agenda item on the District's agenda for legislative updates like in years past.

Trustee Elliott stated he still has not seen any evidence from the Board in the form of a motion giving Mr. Price direction to attend the legislative session as the District's lobbyist. He has no problem with Mr. Price lobbying for the District, but he would like the Board to formally vote on it.

Vice Chair Severt inquired with Mr. Price if he has in the past gone down to prior sessions when the District had a paid lobbyist and advocate for or against a bill on behalf of the District as a paid lobbyist himself.

Mr. Price responded yes he has advocated on bills during prior sessions with the District's paid lobbyist. He too was registered as a paid lobbyist because of State law requiring him to be one for lobbying on the behalf of the District as a paid employee.

Treasurer Barstow stated the minutes are what the District goes by for reference purposes to be reminded what has taken place at prior meetings. During the March 13, 2014 minutes it states, "Secretary Reinhardt stated Mr. Price has attended the legislature in the past and has been registered as a lobbyist. She thinks he has done a good job staying on top of the bills and is comfortable continuing having just the General Manager representing the District." He stated that is exactly what Mr. Price is doing right now.

Chairperson Ainsworth stated everyone has had a chance to comment on this item and the big concern is that the Board formally did not vote to have Mr. Price represent the District during the legislative session regardless of Secretary Reinhardt's comments from the March 13, 2014 meeting.

There were no public comments.

*Trustee Severt made a motion to approve General Manager, Darrin Price, to act in the lobbying capacity for the Sun Valley General Improvement District. Chairperson Ainsworth seconded the motion.*

During discussion Trustee Elliott requested the motion include Mr. Price providing report on a routinely basis.

Vice Chair Severt responded she is not clear what part of the motion to amend, the Board would have to list specific things. She is happy with the way the motion is worded because the Board can direct Mr. Price to bring back whatever is needed.

Secretary Reinhardt stated she would like to know what bills the District is advocating for or against.

Mr. Price stated using the current list he will add for or against for each bill and provide a copy of the updated list at each meeting until the session is over.

*After further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**Item# 17. Financial report by William Short.**

None

**Item# 18. Legal report by Maddy Shipman.**

None

**Item# 19. Field report by Mike Ariztia.**

None

**Item# 20. Manager's report by Darrin Price.**

- The field crew continues to work at Gepford Park on the new concession building; railings have been installed for handicap ramp, but still need to be painted. Staff has prepared a punch list that has been provided to Public Restroom Company. The list has minimal items that need to be fixed. He reported there is one major item that also needs to be corrected and that is regarding the material that was used for the countertops in the concession area. There is minimal landscaping needed around the concession building, on the south side we are going to re-sod, the north side will have some plants with DG and on the front side of the building which is the east side will have a retaining wall and some plants. Staff is working on a dedication ceremony for March 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at the park. He also reported the District is retaining a portion of the final payment until the punch list has been completed. He acknowledged field staff for their hard work on the project.

**Item# 21. Public Comments.**

Michael Rider gave an update on the tee ball fields at Gepford Park. He stated Mr. Ariztia was very instrumental getting the permit processed so quickly at Washoe County. Cal Ripken will be able to start the construction of the tee ball fields immediately. The fields should be ready for use in time for this season. He thanked the District for their support with the tee ball fields and for their hard work on the new concession building. He also reported Tholl Fence donated all the materials and labor for the installation of the backstops for the tee ball fields. Cal Ripken is currently working on getting the dirt/soil donated for the infields.

Bonnie Daily, President for Sun Valley Cal Ripken thanked the Board and staff for everything the District does to support the Cal Ripken League. The Cal Ripken League likes working with District staff; she can always depend on staff to address any concerns that the league may have. She invited the entire board and staff to attend the Cal Ripken Open Ceremonies that are scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Gepford Park.

**Item# 22. Board Comments.**

Trustee Elliott encouraged everyone to grab a flyer regarding the District's new online account access/online payment and pass them around to help spread the word.

**Item# 23. Future Agenda Items.**

Mr. Price reported the following items will be on the next agenda;

- Continuation of Mr. Severt's request for a memorial
- Review of the draft newsletter
- Discussion regarding a possible pilot program with Washoe County regarding the removal of junk cars
- Designate an auditor for the District's 2014/2015 audit

**Item# 24. Adjournment.**

*Trustee Elliott made a motion to adjourn at 8:48 pm. Secretary Reinhardt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Approved by the SVGID Board of Trustees on March 12, 2015.

Minutes Prepared by:  
Jennifer Merritt, Administrative Assistant