

SONORA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of  
**September 14, 2017 7:00 p.m.**  
Sonora Union High School District – District Conference Room, FL-1  
100 School St., Sonora, California

**Members Present:** Gretchen Birtwhistle, Ricky Canepa, Kirsti Dyer, Dick Gaiser, Stacy Ingalls, Connie O'Connor, Chet White, Connie Williams, and Ty Wivell

**Members Absent:** None

Also present were SUHSD Alt Ed Principal Roy Morlan, Board Member Jeanie Smith, and members of the public.

**1.0 Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum**

- Connie Williams established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

- Connie Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3.0 Approve Agenda**

- ✓ Motion by Ricky Canepa, second by Ty Wivell to approve the agenda as presented.
- ✓ Vote: Ayes: Unanimous

**4.0 Approve Minutes from August 30, 2017**

- ✓ Motion by Ty Wivell, second by Dick Gaiser to approve the minutes with the following amendments: Change item 8 on Aug 30 to Kirsti Dyer approving the motion to move the meeting to Sept 14, and Gretchen Birtwhistle voting no to changing the meeting to Sept 14.
- ✓ Vote: Ayes: Unanimous

**5.0 Public Comment Period** for non-agendized items

Any member of the public attending this meeting may directly address the Committee.

The Chairperson will ask if any members of the public wish to address the Committee, and if so, the member of the public shall raise his/her hand and when called upon, give his/her statement. Members of the public will be given up to 5 minutes to address the Committee.

- Public Comment: None
- Connie Williams read a statement from Pat Chabot regarding SUHSD legal counsel stating there is no conflict of interest with Connie O'Connor or Stacy Ingalls being

on the committee because neither of them have any personal financial interest in either property.

## **6.0 Discussion of Wildcat Ranch**

- Connie Williams read the statement from Patrick Chabot regarding the sale of the previous Ag property in Jamestown.
- Dick Gaiser brought additional information about the Ag program prior to the Jamestown site selling.

### **6.1 Vote on Wildcat Ranch**

#### **6.1.1 Parcel off part of property and sell**

##### **Board Comment:**

- There were many opinions shared as to what should be the next steps for the Wildcat Ranch property.

##### **Public Comment:**

- The public urged the committee to remember they are representing the public to the Board of Trustees, and many opinions were shared as to what should be the future for the Wildcat Ranch property.
- ✓ No motion, option to approve parceling off part of the Wildcat Ranch property to sell failed.

#### **6.1.2 Parcel off part of property and lease**

- ✓ No motion, option to approve parceling off part of the Wildcat Ranch property to lease failed.

#### **6.1.3 Keep all of the property**

- ✓ Motion by Stacy Ingalls, second by Ty Wivell to approve keeping all of the Wildcat Ranch property and not declare it as surplus.

- ✓ Vote:

Ayes: 6 (Kirsti Dyer, Stacy Ingalls, Dick Gaiser, Ty Wivell, Gretchen Birtwhistle,  
Ricky Canepa)

Noes: 0

Abstain: 3 (Connie O'Connor, Chet White, Connie Williams)

**6.1.4 Other**

- ✓ No other motion was made, option for any other motion failed.

**7.0 Discussion of Dome**

**7.1 Vote on Dome**

**Board Comment:**

- Committee members discussed the options of parceling off a portion of or not parceling off any of the Dome property.

**Public Comment:**

- Many opinions were shared as to the future of this historical landmark.

**7.1.1 Parcel off part of property and sell**

- ✓ Motion by Ty Wivell, second by Dick Gaiser to approve parceling off the surplus portions of the property which includes the Dome and two buildings currently leased by the Arts Alliance. These portions should be parceled off to sell/donate to a non-profit organization to use for cultural/art/historical purposes with the stipulation that the dome shall not be demolished.

- ✓ Vote:

Ayes: 8 (Stacy Ingalls, Dick Gaiser, Ty Wivell, Connie O'Connor, Chet White, Gretchen Birtwhistle, Ricky Canepa, Connie Williams)

Noes: 0

Abstain: 1 (Kirsti Dyer)

**7.1.2 Parcel off part of property and lease**

- ✓ No motion, option to approve parceling off part of the Dome property to lease failed.

**7.1.3 Keep all of the property**

- ✓ No motion, option approve keeping all of the Dome property failed.

**7.1.4 Other**

- ✓ No motion was made, option for any other motion failed.

**8.0 Schedule presentation to District Board**

The next Board of Trustees meetings are September 19, 2017, and October 3, 2017.

- The committee agreed for Connie Williams to present the report to the Board of Trustees at their September 19 meeting.

**9.0 Adjourn**

- Connie Williams adjourned the meeting at 9:43 pm.

(Note: As required pursuant to Education Code Section 15280, the minutes of this meeting will be posted on the District's web site.)