

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY LIGHT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
MEETINGS HELD ON  
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025**

A meeting of the Cochise County Light Improvement District was held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Frank Antenori, Chairman; Tom Crosby, Vice-Chairman; Kathleen L. Gomez, Supervisor

Staff Present: Sharon Gilman, Interim County Administrator  
Joe Casey, Interim Deputy County Administrator  
Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Stacy Fenhaus, Budget Manager

Chairman Antenori called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

***CALL TO THE PUBLIC***

Timothy Frazier expressed concern over public spending, inflation, and local policies impacting citizens, emphasizing the need for responsible governance and accountability among officials.

Dan Baker criticized the favoritism shown to corporations over citizens, raising concerns about rising taxes, lack of environmental safety measures, and unequal enforcement of rules, urging officials to prioritize community needs and preserve individual freedoms.

***CONSENT***

**Board of Supervisors**

1. Approve the Light Improvement District meeting Minutes of July 9, 2024, for Bowie Light Improvement District, Golden Acres Light Improvement District, Naco Light Improvement District, Pirtleville Light Improvement District and Sunsites Light Improvement District.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to approve the Light Improvement District meeting Minutes of July 9, 2024, for Bowie Light Improvement District, Golden Acres Light Improvement District, Naco Light Improvement District, Pirtleville Light Improvement District and Sunsites Light Improvement District. Supervisor Gomez seconded the motion.

Chairman Antenori called for the vote and it was approved 3-0.

## **ACTION**

### **Board of Supervisors**

2. BOWIE LIGHT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT: Adopt the Tentative Budget of the Bowie Light Improvement District for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$14,183.

Ms. Gilman, presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Gilman explained that the light improvement district budgets are funded by a secondary property tax paid by residents, covering utility costs for rural streetlights, with adjustments made based on available reserves to avoid overtaxing.

Stacy Fenhaus, Budget Manager, explained that some streetlight districts, like Naco and Pirtleville, will see rate reductions due to healthy cash reserves, while others, like Bowie, have rate increases to cover costs, ensuring tax rates align with actual utility expenses and available carryover.

Chairman Antenori clarified that light improvement districts were established through local voter approval, not by the Board of Supervisors, and exist solely to fund utilities; residents can vote to remove them if desired.

Supervisor Gomez shared concerns from Pirtleville residents about paying increased taxes for non-functioning streetlights and noted that community members had to verify outages themselves. She emphasized the need for APS to regularly inspect and maintain lights and to report issues back to the County. She called for a clear policy requiring APS accountability and biannual checks.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to approve Bowie Light Improvement District to adopt the Tentative Budget of the Bowie Light Improvement District for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$14,183. Supervisor Gomez seconded the motion.

Chairman Antenori called for the vote and it was approved 3-0.

3. GOLDEN ACRES LIGHT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT: Adopt the Tentative Budget of the Golden Acres Light Improvement District for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$8,388.

Supervisor Gomez made a motion to approve Golden Acres Light Improvement District to Adopt the Tentative Budget of the Golden Acres Light Improvement District for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$8,388. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

Chairman Antenori called for the vote and it was approved 3-0.

4. NACO LIGHT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT: Adopt the Tentative Budget of the Naco Light Improvement District for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$9,931.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to approve Naco Light Improvement District to adopt the Tentative Budget of the Naco Light Improvement District for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$9,931. Supervisor Gomez seconded the motion.

Chairman Antenori called for the vote and it was approved 3-0.

5. PIRTLEVILLE LIGHT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT: Adopt the Tentative Budget of the Pirtleville Light Improvement District for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$32,044.

Supervisor Gomez made a motion to approve Pirtleville Light Improvement District to adopt the Tentative Budget of the Pirtleville Light Improvement District for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$32,044. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

Chairman Antenori called for the vote and it was approved 3-0.

6. SUNSITES LIGHT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT: Adopt the Tentative Budget of the Sunsites Light Improvement District for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$33,484.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to approve Sunsites Light Improvement District to adopt the Tentative Budget of the Sunsites Light Improvement District for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$33,484. Supervisor Gomez seconded the motion.

Chairman Antenori called for the vote and it was approved 3-0.

Chairman Antenori adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Frank Antenori, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board