



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 19, 2021 at 3:00 PM
Via Teleconference – No Live Attendance

CALL TO ORDER

President Wright called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Director Duncan, invocation led by President Wright.

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Nancy Wright, Director Randy Duncan, Director Steve Grasha
Vice President Russ Martin, Director Ivan Sewell

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Wallum, Macy, McCue, Friend, Llort, Petee, Lucas, Santos, Hoffert,
Alzammar, Pelton, Ceja

RULES OF PROCEDURE

Rules of Procedure were ready by General Counsel, John Pinkney.

First all noticed meetings are conducted using Rosenberg's Rules of Order as procedural guidance. Directors should refrain from responding directly to public comment at meetings of the Board. The President of the Board presides at all meetings and decides all points of order and procedure during meetings. The President is responsible for maintenance and decorum at all Board meetings. No persons shall be allowed to speak who is not first been recognized by the President. All questions and remarks should be addressed to the President as the presiding officer. No member of the Board should speak more than once upon any one subject until every other member on the Board, wishing to speak on the subject shall have been given the opportunity to speak. No Board member shall interfere with the orderly progress of a Board meeting. In order to ensure the orderly progress of Board meetings the Board President regulates the amount of time to be dedicated to a particular agenda item."

PUBLIC INPUT

No public comment received.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Brief update provided by Mr. Wallum.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

The Board acknowledged the following employee anniversaries; Don Mathein, Field Operations Supervisor - 25 Years; Manny Rodriguez, Lead Water Production Operator - 20 Years; Lisa Pelton, Customer Service Representative II - 18 Years; Luiz Santos, Associate Engineer - 4 Years.

ACTION ITEMS**PUBLIC HEARING (MONDAY, 4/19/2021) RESOLUTION 2021-05 - TO COLLECT SEWER FEES ON TAX ROLL**

The Board adopted Resolution 2021-05, electing to collect sewer user fees on the tax roll.

President Wright opened the public hearing, secretaries report was given. No public comment received.

Motion made by Director Duncan, Seconded by Director Sewell.

Voting Yea: President Wright, Director Duncan, Director Grasha, Vice President Martin, Director Sewell

SELECTION OF DISTRICT FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDITORS

The Board approved a three-year contract with Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP to provide the financial statement audit for fiscal years ending June 30, 2021, 2022 and 2023 and authorize the General Manager to engage the firm and do all things necessary to complete the audit.

Motion made by Director Duncan, Seconded by Vice President Martin.

Voting Yea: President Wright, Director Duncan, Vice President Martin, Director Sewell

Voting Nay: Director Grasha

CV WATER COUNTS REGIONAL CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM

The Board authorized the General Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the implementation of the CV Water Counts Conservation Grant Program awarded through Proposition 1, Round 1 for MSWD's rebate programs.

Motion made by Director Sewell, Seconded by Director Duncan.

Voting Yea: President Wright, Director Duncan, Director Grasha, Vice President Martin, Director Sewell

ACCEPTANCE OF THE PURCHASE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM PROJECT

The Board accepted the Purchase and Implementation of Advanced Metering Infrastructure System ("AMI") project as complete and authorize the release of retention money held for Ferguson Enterprises, LLC. ("Ferguson"), in the amount of \$41,417.66, thirty-five days after filing the Notice of Completion (NOC).

Motion made by Director Duncan, Seconded by Vice President Martin.

Voting Yea: President Wright, Director Duncan, Director Grasha, Vice President Martin, Director Sewell

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Board provide direction on employee suggestions for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

The direction from the committee was to move forward with the sell back period of accrued compensation time. Employees shall be permitted to sell back compensatory time throughout the year. The Board concurred on this direction.

DISCUSSION ITEMS**ADMIN/CORP YARD BUILDING UPDATE**

Brian Macy presented an update to the Board.

MSWD REGIONAL WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY UPDATE

Timing of bidding and grant funding update provided by Steve Ledbetter.

REGIONAL URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

No further update, update provided at Study Session.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Director Duncan, Seconded by Vice President Martin.

Voting Yea: President Wright, Director Duncan, Vice President Martin, Director Sewell

Voting Nay: Director Grasha

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It is recommended to approve the minutes as follows:

Study Session - March 11, 2021

Board Meeting - March 15, 2021

REGISTER OF DEMANDS

The register of demands totaling \$2,358,279.68.

MAKE THE CONNECTION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPROVAL

The following have submitted an application for a non-transferable lien agreement to connect to the sewer system:

68360 Calle Cerrito - \$3,800.00

BOARD EVENT APPROVAL

It is recommended to authorize Board to attend the following event: The District will reimburse for the cost of the event, no stipend (compensation) will be provided.

- Palm Springs Air Museum 25th Anniversary Celebration.

CORRESPONDENCE -THANK YOU LETTERS**UPCOMING EVENTS & DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Director Duncan reported he attended the following events: 3/16 DWA Board Meeting, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31 ACWA Virtual Conference.

Vice President Martin reported he attended the following events: 3/2 DHS City Council Meeting, 3/4 DVBA Legislative Forum, 3/9 CVWD Board Meeting, 3/16 DHS City Council Meeting, 3/23 RivCo Board of Supervisors Meeting, 3/24 San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance Meeting, 3/30 RivCo Board of Supervisors Meeting.

President Wright reported she attended the following events: 3/17 & 3/31 ACWA Conference.

GENERAL MANAGERS' REPORT

Mr. Wallum advised of an issue that will come before the Board next month for approval. Staff needs to move forward now with the cloth filters for the affluent pumps at the plant.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Nothing further to add, report given at Study Session.

DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT

John Pinkney announced closed session on two items; CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). One Case: Case No. PSC 1600676 (Mission Springs Water District vs. Desert Water Agency) **AND** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) One Case: Case No. RIC 2003782 (George Padilla and Sharon Moreno vs. Mission Springs Water District).

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Grasha briefly commented on the DWA Board meeting he attended. His comment was regarding the California aqueduct.

CLOSED SESSION**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION**

pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

One Case: Case No. PSC 1600676
(Mission Springs Water District vs. Desert Water Agency)

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pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

One Case: Case No. RIC2003782
(George Padilla and Sharon Moreno vs. Mission Springs Water District).

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 (Property: 7.51 acres at 14866 Palm Drive, Desert Hot Springs). Agency Negotiator: General Manager Arden Wallum. Negotiating Parties: MSWD and Lee Woo Keun & Taik Young/Lee Chang Sun. Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action.

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Arden Wallum
Secretary of the Board of Directors