



BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING (WORKSHOP) MINUTES

Wednesday, March 06, 2024 at 9:00 AM

66575 Second St, Desert Hot Springs, CA AND/OR Via Teleconference

CALL TO ORDER

President Sewell called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Ivan Sewell, Vice President Robert Griffith, Director Russ Martin, Director Amber Duff, Director Ted Mayrhofen

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Macy, Marion Champion, Arturo Ceja, Danny Friend, Eric Weck, Kurt Kettenacker, Oriana Hoffert, Danny Friend, April Scott, Dori Petee

PUBLIC INPUT

No public input.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Brian Macy, General Manager, presented a spreadsheet displaying all projects for the Engineering Department. The spreadsheet noted the contract amount, what has been spent, and what is left to spend. The Board briefly discussed various projects listed.

DRAFT AUDIT REPORT

Arturo Ceja, Director of Finance, introduced the District's first Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. In the past, the District had only prepared financial statements. This report will allow us to present more information to the public. Mr. Ceja briefly explained the audit process and reviewed the draft report with the Board.

SOLAR PROJECT DISCUSSION

Brian Macy, General Manager, noted that this discussion presents an opportunity to see the project we discussed from a different perspective. The previous project would have required MSWD to finance the entire project, impacting our borrowing capacity.

Tim Holmes from Kenwood Energy presented to the board. Kenwood Energy is a consulting company for energy management. Kenwood analyzes energy data to help customers with proposal requests and project management. It does not sell products or offer contracting services.

Tim briefly reviewed a summary of the previous project and discussed the advantages and disadvantages of lease options and power purchase agreements.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the RFP process and costs vs benefits.

GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

General Manager, Brian Macy noted the time spent in Washington D.C., met with several Senators and Staff.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Duff stated how grateful she was for the experience of going to Washington D.C. on behalf of the District. She also addressed the Developer Handbook that was recently discussed at a previous Board Meeting and noted she looked at the City's code and addressed the disconnect between the two.

Director Martin commented on the work that goes into preparing for these meetings.

ADJOURN

With no further business, President Sewell adjourned the meeting at 10:21 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dori Petee
Executive Assistant