



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 21, 2022 at 3:00 PM

Via Teleconference – No Live Attendance

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by President Martin, Invocation led by Vice President Wright

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: April Scott, Bassam Alzammar, Brian Hendry, Danny Friend, Eric Weck, Jeff Nutter, Lee Boyer, Marion Champion, Arden Wallum, Brian Macy, Dori Petee, Chad Finch, Manuel Gomez, Mark Vermeer, Andy Grunnet, Jason Weekley, Tim Owens

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

Ashley Metzger, updated the Board on DWA’s Redistricting process.

Michael Poss (read into the record by Dori Petee) addressed the Board on the new distribution facility, recently approved by the DHS Planning Commission, and questions he had regarding this projects affect on our water table.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

The Board acknowledged the following employees:

NEW HIRES

Chad Finch	Water Production and Maintenance Foreperson
Manuel Gomez	Field Operations Technician I

ANNIVERSARIES

Theresa Murphy	Engineering Technician	14 Years
Carol Morin	Office Specialist II	20 Years
Mark Vermeer	WWTP Operator I	21 Years

PROMOTIONS

Andy Grunnet	Lead Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator (Formerly – Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator II)
Jason Weekley	Lead Field Operations Technician (Formerly – Field Operations Technician II)
Tim Owens	Water Production Operator II (Formerly – Water Production Operator I)

ACTION ITEMS

RESOLUTION 2022-03 - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT, PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY PERSISTS, RE-RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY EXECUTIVE ORDER N-09-21 AND RE-AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 23, 2022 THROUGH APRIL 22, 2022.

The Board approved Resolution 2022-03, continuing teleconference meetings for the period of March 23, 2022 through April 22, 2022.

Motion made by Director Grasha, Seconded by Vice President Wright.

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

PUBLIC HEARING (MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022) ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01 - MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT REDISTRICTING 2022

The Board adopted preferred map Option 2 and corresponding Ordinance No. 2022-01

Motion made by Director Sewell, Seconded by Director Duncan.

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

ACCEPT AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

The Board reviewed and accepted the audited financial statements as presented by Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP.

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

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

Voting Nay: Director Grasha

RESOLUTION 2022-04 - ADOPTION OF THE LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The Board adopted Resolution 2022-04, adopting the Mission Springs Water District Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion made by Vice President Wright, Seconded by Director Sewell.

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

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR OF 150 LINEAR FEET OF EIGHT INCH SEWER LINE AND FIVE SERVICE CONNECTIONS ON ACOMA AVENUE TO TRYCO GENERAL ENGINEERING, INC.

The Board authorized the General Manager to approve a contract agreement to complete the emergency repair of 150 linear feet of eight-inch sewer on Acoma Avenue in the amount of \$77,600.00 plus a 10% contingency for a total of \$85,360.00, to Tryco General Engineering, Inc., and do all things necessary to complete the project.

Motion made by Director Grasha, Seconded by Director Duncan.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

MSWD REGIONAL WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY UPDATE

Nothing further to add

CRITICAL SERVICES CENTER AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING UPDATE

Nothing further to add

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Director Sewell, Seconded by Vice President Wright.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It is recommended to approve the minutes as follows:

February 17, 2022 - Study Session

February 22, 2022 - Board Meeting

REGISTER OF DEMANDS

The register of demands totaling \$1,681,751.21

CORRESPONDENCE

THANK YOU LETTER - BELLA VISTA ELEMENTARY

LETTER OF COMMENDATION - CARRIRI HOMES

REPORTS

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Director Duncan reported he attended the following events: 2/1 DWA Board Meeting, 2/8 CVWD Board Meeting, 2/15 DWA Board Meeting, 2/16-17 Urban Water Institute Conference

Director Grasha reported he attended the following events: 2/1 DWA Board Meeting

President Martin reported he attended the following events: 2/1 DHS City Council Meeting, 2/3 DVBA Legislative Meeting, 2/8 RIVCO Board of Supervisors Meeting, 2/9 DVBA Public Works Webinar, 2/15 DHS City Council Meeting, 2/16-17 Urban Water Institute Conference, 2/23 Tribal Water Authority Meeting, 2/24 DVBA Board Installation

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Marion Champion presented a Public Affairs Update. She updated previously attended events and upcoming events the District is a part of. She also addressed the Board on the drought and possible upcoming restrictions.

COMMENTS

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Vice President Wright mentioned an article in the newspaper that addressed water usage in the Coachella Valley. Although Desert Hot Springs is one of the lowest water users per capita per day, she noted what she thought was an oversight regarding swamp coolers in the Desert Hot Springs area. She stated years ago the Federal Government came in and put in swamp coolers in the home of low-income residents in the District. Swamp cooler can use many, many gallons of water.

Director Grasha echoed the sentiments of Vice President Wright with regards to swamp coolers. He noted his swamp cooler on his trailer can use up to 200 gallons a day of water to operate.

DISTRICT COUNSEL COMMENTS

Mr. Pinkney announced Closed Session on the following items:

CLOSED SESSION

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)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION

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

One Case: (MSWD vs. Master Meter)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING POTENTIAL INITIATION OF LITIGATION

pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

One potential case

REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

The Board met in closed session on the items noted above, there was no reportable action.

ADJOURN

With no further action, President Martin adjourned the meeting at 5:00 PM

Respectfully,

Arden Wallum
Secretary of the Board of Directors