

## BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

February 20, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities held on the 20th day of February, 2024, was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL presiding and the following COMMISSIONERS present:

COMMISSIONERS BROWN, MOFFITT, SCHNEIDER AND McNEIL

Also Present: SECRETARY SALLIS, CITY MANAGER MARTINEZ, UTILITY MANAGER TORRANCE AND OTHER KEY STAFF

APPROVAL COMMISSIONER McNEIL MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER  
AGENDA SCHNEIDER, to approve the agenda. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONERS BROWN,  
MOFFITT, SCHNEIDER AND McNEIL  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER LeJEUNE

CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL recognized Mayor Janet Jernigan in attendance.

CORSPNDN: None

PBLC APRN: None

CNST CAL: None

REG ITEMS: COMMISSIONER SCHNEIDER MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER  
BROWN, to approve the minutes of the adjourned regular meeting held January  
16, 2024. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

MINUTES  
JAN 16, '24

AYES: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONERS BROWN  
AND SCHNEIDER  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER LeJEUNE  
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS MOFFITT AND McNEIL

FEB 6, '24 COMMISSIONER McNEIL MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER  
MOFFIT, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 6, 2024.  
Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONERS MOFFITT  
AND McNEIL  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER LeJEUNE  
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS BROWN AND SCHNEIDER

RVSD BDGT Utility Manager Torrance briefly explained the proposed revisions to the budget  
2023-24 FY for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 noting that revenues are over 50% in

projections which is good. A brief discussion followed on the revised budget as presented.

COMMISSIONER SCHNEIDER MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER McNEIL, to approve the proposed revised budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 for Needles Public Utility Authority, Water, Wastewater, Electric and All American Canal. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONERS BROWN,  
MOFFITT, SCHNEIDER AND McNEIL  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER LeJEUNE

REPORTS: None

MGR'S RPT: Utility Manager Torrance acknowledged the weekly manager's report for 2-2-24 and reported: 1) the first solar streetlight has been installed in Gates Subdivision; 2) crews assisted with sewer repairs at the recreation center; and 3) finalizing the AMI project.

COMMISSIONER SCHNEIDER questioned putting in a SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) system to which Utility Manager Torrance responded that we're working on getting all systems on SCADA.

COMMISSIONER BROWN asked the progress on the water treatment plant to which Utility Manager Torrance explained the contractor is back in full construction this week and expect to be done by April.

BRD RQSTS: COMMISSIONER McNEIL commended City Manager Martinez on the city manager report format and the exhibits are fabulous and Utility Manager Torrance on the solar light installation.

COMMISSIONER SCHNEIDER spoke on the large amount of vacant property within the cemetery and suggested the Alternative Energy Ad Hoc Committee look at that area for consideration for possible lease for alternative power source.

COMMISSIONER BROWN asked the status of inquiries from solar companies and/or public private partnership. CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL explained a request for proposals (RFP) has been issued and gave a brief update on work done by the Ad Hoc Committee during COMMISSIONER BROWN's leave of absence. COMMISSIONER BROWN will now be back on the Ad Hoc Committee.

CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL declared the regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities held on the 20th day of February, 2024, adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

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Secretary