



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 3:00 PM
Via Teleconference – No Live Attendance

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Director Ivan Sewell

STAFF PRESENT: Arden Wallum, Brian Macy, Dori Petee, Theresa Murphy, Bassam Alzammar, Oriana Hoffert, April Scott, Lisa Pelton

LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT: Lena Wade

RULES OF PROCEDURE

Rules of Procedure were ready by General Counsel, Lena Wade

"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 general public input

COVID-19 UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

Mr. Wallum gave a brief COVID-19 update.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

This item will be fully acknowledged on Monday.

ACTION ITEMS

ORDINANCE 2021-01 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2014-01, AND SECTION 15 OF ORDINANCE NO. 93-3, AND REPLACING THE SAME BY ADOPTING THE 2021 WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN.

It is recommended to waive the reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2021-01, adopting and implementing the 2021 Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

Mr. Wallum noted this is primarily an administrative process. The WSCP (Water Shortage Contingency Plan) was adopted last month, this ordinance reflects the changes and updates.

Mr. Ledbetter elaborated that in order to enact the WSCP and make it part of the Districts policy, we needed to take this step to get it adopted through Ordinance. Through a question from President Wright, Mr. Ledbetter noted that the District has control over what they implement in the event of a drought order. Although this was a collaborative effort with other valley water districts, we do not all have to implement the same actions as other districts, as long as the end point is the same.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN UPDATE

Mission Creek Subbasin and San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin

Mr. Wallum noted that in 2014 the legislature passed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). It first establishes groundwater sustainability agencies (GSA's) that must individually or together adopt Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP's).

Mr. Ledbetter presented to the Board a 2022 Sustainable Groundwater Management Update.

MSWD REGIONAL WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY UPDATE

Mr. Ledbetter updated the Board. The treatment plant went to bid in May and through the course of June, staff conducted the pre-construction bid conference and field walk with all perspective bidders. Staff is also working through all the information in the RFI (Request for Information) process. This process closed on June 30th with 370 RFI's. The Bid process was set to open today, but has been pushed to Thursday, July 22nd.

CRITICAL SERVICES CENTER AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING UPDATE

Contract awarded on July 1st, since then they have been working with staff on the locations selected.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda items are expected to be routine and non-controversial, to be acted upon by the Board at one time, without discussion. If a member would like an item to be handled separately, it will be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate action.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It is recommended to approve the minutes as follows:

Vice President Martin asked for clarification on the Bill of Sale for the Desert Hot Springs Library.

June 9, 2021 - Special Meeting/Workshop
June 17, 2021 - Study Session
June 21, 2021 - Board Meeting

REGISTER OF DEMANDS

The register of demands totaling \$1,962,330.00

ACCEPTANCE OF BILL OF SALE FOR THE DESERT HOT SPRINGS LIBRARY

It is recommended to authorize the General Manager to execute the Bill of Sale for the Water and Sewer Infrastructure for the DHS Library project located at the northeast corner of Palm Drive and Park Lane, Desert Hot Springs as contributed assets.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**UPCOMING EVENTS AND DIRECTOR REPORTS**

Reports will be given on Monday.

REPORTS**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Nothing to add, written report available in the Board packet. Public Relations report and Financial report will be given on Monday.

DISTRICT COUNSEL COMMENTS

No comments

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Grasha commented on the location for the new Administration building, noting President Wright promised to consider more than one location. He also noted fines created by our political structure and fines from other districts wastewater treatment plants. He noted he would like the District headquarters to be closer to the treatment plant so staff could keep a closer eye on operations and the community could keep a closer eye on the District. Mr. Grasha wonders if the District could be required to use land located on or near the treatment plant. President Wright suggested Mr. Grasha reach out to the General Manager to answer his questions.

ADJOURN

President Wright adjourned the meeting at 3:54 PM

Respectfully,

Arden Wallum
Secretary of the Board of Directors