

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Thermalito Water and Sewer District
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July 16, 2024 – 2:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Koch at 2:00 pm

1.1 Flag Salute

Director Wristen led the flag salute.

1.2 Roll Call

Present were President Koch, Vice President Hatley, Directors Wristen, Taggart and Clark. Also present were Office Manager Padilla, Attorney McClure, Engineer Heindell and Manager Boucher.

2. PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on June 18, 2024

3.2 May 2024 Financial Statements (June Financial Statements – Delayed)

3.3 Water Warrants – Check Number 21281-21346 Total \$358,536.64

Water LAIF Deposit - \$6,118.23

Water LAIF Withdrawal - \$97,000.00

Sewer Warrants – Check Number 7607-7613 Total \$423,234.07

Sewer LAIF Deposit - \$17,881.77

Sewer LAIF Withdrawal - \$266,000.00

Health Reimb Account – Check Number 3013-3018 Total \$3,864.89

3.4 Superintendent's Monthly Report of Maintenance and Operations and Solar Power Generation for June 2024

It was moved by Director Hatley, seconded by Director Taggart to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS

5.1 Resolution 04-24 – Adding Unpaid Charges to the Annual Assessment

Manager Boucher submitted for Board review the 2024-25 Direct Assessment and Fee Information submitted by the Butte County Auditor-Controller's Office. It was moved by Director Hatley, seconded by Director Koch and carried by a unanimous vote that Resolution 04-24, "Resolution Adding Unpaid Charges to the Annual Assessment" be adopted. Roll call was taken.

6. **WATER BUSINESS**

6.1 **2023 TWSD Consumer Confidence Report**

Engineer Heindell presented to the Board the 2023 TWSD Consumer Confidence Report that is submitted to the State of California each year. No action was taken.

7. **ATTORNEY REPORT**

Attorney McClure reminded the Board that a few months back, there were discussions of adding Thermalito to an environmental document that would allow the District to transfer water to the CVP Contractors up in the Delta. The initial reaction was favorable to that, but they decided not to add new sellers to the document. He explained the decision behind it and mentioned that they don't necessarily agree with it. He suggested that when they issue the document for comments, include a comment such as adding us as an alternative to the project. That might or might not get some traction, but it will be worth putting in just in case it might go forward.

Attorney McClure mentioned that in regard to the Sigma litigation, Tehama County Cattlemen's Association challenged the rate imposed up there which was basically a flat fee. They are going to reconfigure their Sigma charge based on irrigated acreage so people who are irrigating with groundwater are going to pay a higher fee than those who are not using groundwater to irrigate.

8. **SEWER BUSINESS**

8.1 **SC-OR Report**

Commissioner Koch reviewed over the June 25, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region.

- The Board approved the consolidation of Policies 7110, 7200, 7250, 7500, 7501 into one Policy Number 7050 which deals with charges and fees.
- Manager Sturdevant was directed to move forward on the upgrade projects and to look at all costs to see how all projects will be funded.
- The SC-OR Board voted against reimbursing a portion of their connection fees to upgrade the LOAPUD trunk line.

9. **WYANDOTTE CREEK GSA**

9.1 **Wyandotte Creek GSA Report**

Engineer Heindell reviewed over the June 27, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Wyandotte Creek GSA.

- Reviewed over the adopted 2024-25 Fiscal Year Operating Budget.

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10. MANAGER REPORT

Madalyn Nielsen: Madalyn is now on maternity leave. Her due date is in early August and she should be returning back to work at the end of December. We wish Madalyn a safe, easy delivery and a healthy baby.

Austin Lewis: Employee Austin Lewis returned back to work on Wednesday, July 10th. Austin will not be needing surgery but will have to have physical therapy. He is currently doing light duty work. He will return to full duty once he is signed off by the Enloe Ortho Trauma Clinic.

New Backhoe: The new backhoe has arrived and is being put to use.

Lyman Tomlinson: Employee Lyman Tomlinson is currently off work recovering from a hernia operation. Lyman was at work on July 2nd when he became sick and was having severe abdominal pain. He was taken to the hospital where he had surgery later in the day. Lyman hopes to return back to light duty work by the end of the month.

Water Loss Audit Validation: Engineer Heindell reported that all of the reports have been completed and uploaded to the States database.

Concow Public Input Meeting: Manager Boucher attended the Concow Public Input Meeting which was held at Crane Park on Wednesday June 19th. He mentioned that they had a public outreach to see what it is that citizens up there are looking for in regard to recreation.

Employee Appreciation Day: Consensus of the Board is to close the office down on July 26th from 10:00am – 4:00pm for Employee Appreciation Day which will be held at the Bowling Alley in Chico.

Concow Sediment Removal ITB: Engineer Heindell informed the Board that he has sent out an Invitation to Bid to two consultants to create the RFP for the Concow Sediment Project. An expert in how these projects go, is going to draft the RFP for us and the selection process is going to be such that the consultant that drafts the RFP is not going to be prevented from bidding on it.

11. HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

12. BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS

Director Wristen asked if anyone had ever looked into health insurance for retirees. A discussion ensued and it was decided to have Manager Boucher and the Administration Committee look into options and costs of health care for employees who retire from the District.

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13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:37 pm.


Secretary of the Board


President of the Board