

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

1.1 Flag Salute

Director Hatley led the flag salute.

1.2 Roll Call

Present were President Koch, Vice President Hatley, Directors Taggart, Wristen and Clark. Also present were Attorney McClure, Office Manager Padilla, 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 April 16, 2024

3.2 Financial Statements – March 2024 and April 2024

3.3 Water Warrants – Check Number 20957-20999 Total \$100,605.48

Water LAIF Deposit - \$96,312.70

Water LAIF Withdrawal - \$195,000.00

Sewer Warrants – Check Number 7473-7475 Total \$1,189.25

Sewer LAIF Deposit - \$23,687.30

Health Reimb Account – Check Number 3000-3006 Total \$4,626.61

3.4 Superintendent’s Monthly Report of Maintenance and Operations and Solar Power Generation for April 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. 5.1 Review of Fiscal Year 2024/25 Draft Budget

Manager Boucher mentioned that a draft copy of the FY2024/25 budget was included in the Board Packet. He mentioned that a final copy will be presented at the June Board Meeting. He asked if the Board had any questions regarding the proposed budget. There were no questions asked by the Board. No action was taken.

6. WATER BUSINESS

6.1 Amend Policy 3.130 – Construction Meter Deposit and Construction Water Rates

Manager Boucher informed the Board that he would like to amend Policy 3.130 to reflect the true cost to replace the meter, hose and spanner wrench. Currently, the District requires a \$1,850.00 deposit when checking out the equipment. He mentioned that the equipment cost has gone up and in receiving a price quote from Ferguson, the true cost to replace the items comes to \$2,338.00. Motion made by Director Wristen; seconded by Director Hatley and unanimously carried to amend Policy 3.130 – Construction Meter Deposit and Construction Water Rates to reflect the new deposit amount of \$2,338.00 required for checking out a construction meter, hose and wrench.

7. ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney McClure reported that his colleague was contacted by the San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority, which is a group of 23 CVP Contractors, South of the Delta. He mentioned that these are Districts with federal contracts. They have a 10-year environmental document for long term transfers which is expiring soon, and they are in the process of issuing a new 20-year document. Dustin Cooper was contacted to see if there were any clients who would be willing to participate in the environmental review process. He mentioned that he met with Engineer Heindell and Manager Boucher and that the District would be interested in that process. He mentioned that there is no obligation to pay for the study or enter into a contract. The federal contractors pay all costs of litigation and preparing the documents.

8. SEWER BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING - President Koch opened the Public Hearing at 2:11 pm.

8.1 Proposition 218 – Proposed Sewer Rates – Resolution and Ordinance No. 02-24

Michael DeGroot from Bartle Wells presented a power point presentation detailing the needs for the sewer rate increase. He mentioned that the reason for the sewer increase is that:

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- Current rates do not reflect the full cost necessary to provide wastewater service due to an increase in staffing costs and projected future inflation in operating cost.
- District is projected to incur \$250,000 per year for wastewater enterprise collection system capital improvement projects.
- Pass through for treatment costs – SCOR treatment plant upgrade project.

President Koch then opened Item 8.1 up for questions from the audience.

Mae Oelke-Demund stood before the Board and mentioned that there are a lot of customers who are on a fixed income. She mentioned that a lot of people in this area have good size yards. They love to have gardens which helps in their overall cost of living. She asked for all agencies to consider cutting back cost wherever they can and to pass those cost on to the average residential owner who is struggling.

This item will be adjourned until 7:00pm at which time, final protest will be counted and the Board will take action on any Resolution at that time.

President Koch closed the Public Hearing at 2:26 pm.

8.2 SC-OR Report

Commissioner Koch reviewed over the April 23, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region.

- Board approved the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget.
- Manager was directed to move forward with the roof replacement on the main control building.
- Manager was directed to move forward with replacing the flow meter at the Feather River Pump Station.

9. WYANDOTTE CREEK GSA

9.1 Wyandotte Creek GSA Report

Engineer Heindell reported that the Wyandotte Creek GSA will be meeting on Thursday, May 23rd, 2024. He stated that he will give an update at the next Board meeting.

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10. MANAGER REPORT

iPad's: Engineer Heindell will be collecting all iPad's after the Board meeting so that he can update the software program.

Plumas Avenue Pipeline Project: Leadman Joel Hutcheson and crew started working on this project back on April 22nd. A temporary two-inch line was installed so that none of the customers would be affected for the duration of the project. Approximately sixty feet of 12-inch steel line was removed and replaced with 12-inch c900. Also, a 12-inch by 8-inch tee was installed for a future fire hydrant. Heading down Plumas Avenue, approximately two hundred and twenty feet of eight-inch steel main was removed and replaced with 8-inch c900.

As of May, the underground portion of this project has been completed. The final step is to asphalt the church driveway and the two service crossings. The District requested bids and will probably outsource to D & S Asphalt.

Nelson & 4th Street Pipeline Project Update: Engineer Heindell reported that the Nelson & 4th Street Pipeline Project is now completed. In the next few weeks, the City of Oroville will be coming through and grinding down and redoing that intersection.

Concow Sediment Project Update: Engineer Heindell reported that at last month's meeting, he submitted a proposal from KSN for the removal of sedimentation. He stated that he has engaged with another consultant, Jacobs Engineering. Jacobs Engineering was unable to provide a proposal without a more defined scope. He mentioned that he is going to create an RFP aimed specifically at data collection where they would do it with metric survey, topographic survey and soil classification and figuring out how much sediment is up there, where it's at and what it's made of. The first phase would be just data collection.

11. HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

12. BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS

Happy Birthday to Directors Taggart and Hatley
Happy Anniversary to Director Wristen

At 2:42 pm, the meeting recessed to go into Closed Session and reconvened at 2:46 pm.

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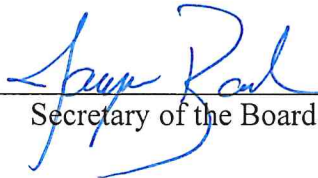
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13. CLOSED SESSION

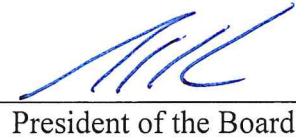
President Koch reported that during Closed Session, the Board agreed to the 3.5% Cost of Living across the board for Unrepresented Mid-Management Employees, Customer Service and Operations & Maintenance Department also including the General Manager.

14. RECESS AND RECONVENE AT 7:00 P.M.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was recessed at 2:47 pm and will reconvene at 7:00 pm.



Secretary of the Board



President of the Board