

Regular Meeting
July 19th, 2016
6:00 p.m.

Meiners Oaks Water District
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MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by the Board President James Kentosh at 6:05 pm at the District Office.

Present were: Board President James Kentosh, Board Vice-President Mike Krumpschmidt, Board Directors Larry Harrold, Diana Engle, and Mike Etchart, via phone. Staff Present: General Manager Mike Hollebrands and Board Secretary Stacey Gilbert. Attorney Lindsay Nielson was also present.

2. Approval of the minutes

Approval of the June 21st, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes:

Mr. Harrold made the motion to approve the June 21st, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes. Mr. Krumpschmidt seconded the motion.

Ms. Engle made the correction to her statement on page 4 asking to restate. The correction will be reflected in the approved minutes.

Harrold/Krumpschmidt
All Ayes
M/S/C

3. Public Comments

Greg Nowland gave some background to the consumption history of his property at 961 & 979 S La Luna. In September of 2013, he received a notice for each property of the average water usage for the July/August/September quarter of the previous 3 years. That worked out to 31 units for 961 and 49 units for 979, so a 25% reduction comes out to 24 units for 961 and 37 for 979. They didn't exceed those units, in fact, they were much less that during the other 9 months of the year. With the stage III reductions,

they expected a 5% cut which works out to 22.4 units for 961 and 34.3 for 979. He was surprised when he went online and found out that MOWD had taken their yearly average to calculate the reduction. That equals 18 units for 961 and 12 units for 979. He states that there is no way they can meet those goals and still keep the orange trees alive during the July/August/September quarter. It seems like he is being penalized for using much less water the other nine months while someone else irrigates the same amount without getting penalized. Now if MOWD waited until the end of the year to he can meet those averages but he can't during the July/August/September quarter. He is here tonight to ask MOWD to be consistent in their calculations of water usage.

Mr. Hollerbrands commented that we are looking into a seasonal average however they vary. The board has not made any decisions on that as of yet, so we are going to stick with what we currently are doing for now. He suggested that he apply for an allocation adjustment that way MOWD has an account of your need, and they will take that into account.

Mr. Kentosh explained how we came to the decision we are at now.

4. General Manager's Report

- **System Status and Production**

Mr. Hollebrands informed the board that as of 7/12/16 all wells had been turned off due to low production and the presence of air. He attended the Water Shed Council meeting on 7/7 to hear Kevin Delano speak and the information received was limited. However, he is to be on a conference call with him on 8/4 at 3 pm. On 6/27 he had a luncheon with the water district managers and met with Shauna to discuss options such as desalinization, state water, and DPR and what they plan to do with those options. There was much discussion in regards to this meeting. The upper Ventura River Basin final draft GPA as been released and submitted to Lindsey for review. Spoke with Brian Bondy who is a hydrogeologist and discussed the feasibility of a cold water well. He wasn't overly enthused but did feel we had a chance to hit cold water sandstone but not sure of the amount we could get. The CC&R has been completed and certified and submitted to the state. He had a meeting with Russ Baggerly in regards to Matilija Dam and dropped off some information. There was much discussion in regards to this issue.

- **Briefing on the instream flow unit assigned by Governer to set instream flows within the Ventura River as well as run parallel with the Upper Ventura Basin GSP**

5. Board Committee Reports

- **Drought Committee met on July 1st and 13th (See Meeting Minutes)**
Ms. Engle went over the minutes that Mr. Kentosh had typed up. In regards to #2 in the minutes, Ms. Von Gunten commented that we need to acknowledge and discuss that 40% of the population in Meiners Oaks are renters and do not ever see a bill. Therefore, the information being sent with the bills will more than likely not be seen by those renters. Ms. Engle further went over the minutes and what was discussed during both meetings
- **Budget and Rate Committee (see item 7b) – had a meeting via email**
There needs to be discussion whether it would be feasible or not to decrease the extra dwelling charge in regards to the MWAC charge – this has been tabled to discuss further with the committee due to the new information received.
Linda McMillian is directly affected by this charge and was present at this meeting – She only has a little over 1200 sqft of property and only one meter but is charged double strictly due to having that second dwelling, and she feels that it isn't quite fair due to the size of her lot. What also could be looked into as well is that if these properties have extra dwellings do they get more of an allocation.

6. Financial Matters

1. **Approval of Payroll and Payables from June 16th, 2015 to July 15th, 2016 in the amount of:**

Payables -	\$ 70,873.74
Payroll -	\$ 28,976.87
Total -	\$ 99,850.61

Mr. Krumpschmidt made the motion to pay the monthly expenses. Mr. Etchart seconded the motion.

Mr. Harrold questioned Evans Excavating – didn't we already do all the paving last month. Mr. Hollebrands stated we finally got the bill.

Mr. Kentosh questioned the Oilfield Electric bill. Mr. Hollebrands stated it was due to Edison losing power in Zone 2 that did a number on 2 of our pumps, motor control center, and SCADA. We had to have them up there to find out what was wrong and ultimately had to replace both motors and do some other troubleshooting.

**Krumpschmidt/Etchart
All Ayes
M/S/C**

7. Board Discussion and/or Action

- a) Discussion of Stage 3 notice to customers, drought plan, and future water use restrictions. – A Notice for Stage 3 has been created, and the board likes the document and feels it is ready to be sent out as the first stuffer with the bill. Mr. Kentosh states that the big issue and question is as a Board are we willing to go beyond Casitas' limits if need be. If we were to do that, we would have to keep our customers thoroughly informed, and we would have to keep in contact with Casitas with what we are doing. After much discussion, it was decided that we should not go outside what Casitas is doing too much and wonder why Casitas isn't more aggressive with restrictions. Putting more restrictions on how the water is used isn't necessarily the answer. It is more about putting restrictions on how much water is used. It was ultimately decided that there must be a conversation with the Board at Casitas and to work with them.

Ms. Von Gunten states we are in a good position to be more aggressive mainly because we are in the position of going dry in our wells and having to go outside of our resources.

- b) Board Discussion and approval of MWAC reduction for extra dwellings only – This item has been tabled for further discussion
- c) Discussion of emergency connection t State water - Other options? Letter to Casitas board – Mr. Hollebrands meets with the managers and discuss this regularly. There is a lot to do before we can receive the necessary water needed. We have let the bigger companies take the reins but give our two cents in on this matter as well as keeping our customers informed. There was much discussion in regards to this topic. It was further decided that the Drought Committee will draft a letter to Casitas requesting that we hook up to state water and be a part of that project on our behalf and be allowed to be included in the future discussions.

Mr. Krumpschmidt wants to keep the option open to a deep water well with reservations and as much knowledge about having said well.

- d) Adopt Resolution 20160711 Request for District elections to be consolidated with the general election.
Mr. Krumpschmidt made the motion to adopt Resolution 20160711 Request for District elections to be consolidated with the general election. Mr. Harrold seconded the motion. Mr. Krumpschmidt brought up the question of which type of term to run for. It was suggested to have Mr. Krumpschmidt run for the long term, and Ms. Engle runs for a short term.

The motion went to a Roll Call vote – Kentosh – Aye, Etchart – Aye, Harrold – Aye, Engle – Aye, Krumpschmidt – Aye, Resolution passes unanimously

- e) **Adopt Resolution 20160719 appointing Diana Engle to fill Dale Carnathan's seat on the board**
Mr. Harrold made the motion to adopt Resolution 20160719 appointing Diana Engle to fill Dale Carnathan's seat on the board. Mr. Etchart seconded the motion.
The motion went to a Roll Call vote – Kentosh – Aye, Etchart – Aye, Harrold – Aye, Krumpschmidt – Aye, Engle – abstained. Resolution passes four ayes, and one abstained.

8. Board of Directors Reports

Mr. Krumpschmidt – Was “Banking water” brought up in the drought committee? As he thought more about this idea, it goes against what we as a district are trying to do. The board seems to agree.

Ms. Engle – informed the Board that as part of the GSP process there is an evaluation that happens at some point where you identify GDE's (groundwater dependent ecosystems) which will happen all over the state. There are committees put together to create a framework on how to identify these GDE's and some of the test areas are Arroyo Las Posas and the Santa Clara River and some in northern California. She will be leading a tour of the Arroyo Las Posas, so she will keep her ears open for any information she may hear. Ms. Engle also informed of Bill 2594 that allows the collection of storm water for future use and the implications of that bill, but it has not yet been passed.

Mr. Kentosh mentioned he gave his talk on steelhead. July 20th Ventura River is having a public meeting at the community center.

9. Closed Session

- **General Managers performance evaluation – Tabled till next month**

10. Meeting Adjournment

There being no further business to conduct at this time, Board President James Kentosh adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

President

Secretary