

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by the Board President Mike Etchart at 6:03 pm at the District Office.

Present were: Board President Mike Etchart, Board Directors, Mike Krumpschmidt, Diana Engle and Larry Harrold. Staff Present: General Manager Mike Hollebrands. Attorney Lindsay Nielson was also present.

Absent: Board Director Jim Kentosh and Board Secretary, Summer Ward

2. Approval of the minutes

Approval of the May 15, 2018, Regular Meeting minutes:

Mr. Harrold made the motion to approve the May 15, 2018, Regular Meeting minutes. Mr. Krumpschmidt seconded the motion.

Harrold/Krumpschmidt
All Ayes
M/S/C

3. Public Comments

Ms. Von Gunten – Provided a statement of attendance and past participation on the MOWD Board. The Grand Jury Report results are available, and there are recommendations regarding Special District elections processes.

4. Financial Matters

- Approval of Payroll and Payables from May 16th to June 15th, 2018 in the amount of:

Payables -	\$ 341,097.38
Payroll -	\$ 32,997.48
Total -	\$ 374,094.96

Mr. Harrold made the motion to approve the Payroll and Payables from May 16th to June 15th, 2018. Mr. Krumpschmidt seconded the motion.

Mr. Krumpschmidt recommended adding discussion of increasing legal expenses to a future regular meeting agenda.

Ms. Engle noted a typo on the Report of Income – appropriated balance date says “2015” should be “2017.”

Public Comment – Ms. Von Gunten stated that any agenda item moved into closed session would require justification and meet the Brown Act criteria.

Harrold/Krumpschmidt
All Ayes
M/S/C

5. Board Discussion/Actions

- a) Discussion and approval of electrical contractor to perform MCC/VFD upgrades to wells 4 and 7.

Mr. Hollebrands presented the two project bids, from Diener’s Electric and Oil Field Electric. He stated that both have a solid work history with the District, Diener’s came in below Oil Field Electric’s pricing. Mr. Hollebrands to confirm that Diener’s bid includes prevailing wages if bid remains below Oil Field Electric; the District will award the job to Diener’s Electric.

Ms. Engle made the motion to approve the bid from Diener’s Electric to perform the MCC/VFD upgrades to wells 4 and 7 contingent on the final pricing after verification of bid with prevailing wages. Mr. Krumpschmidt seconded the motion.

Public Comment –
Morgan stated that he was happy with the way the bid discussion occurred and the process of awarding the contract.

Engle/Krumpschmidt
All Ayes
M/S/C

- b) Approval of Byrd Electronics proposal to complete all telemetry work for wells 4 and 7.

Mr. Hollebrands presented the bid from Byrd Electronics and shared the long work history between Byrd and the District. The Directors requested that despite the long history, as part of the bid process moving forward that more than one bid proposal be provided for review and comparison. The Board will hold a Special Board meeting to review the additional bids so that work is not unnecessarily delayed on the wells.

Ms. Engle made the motion to approve the bid from Byrd Electric for the telemetry work for wells 4 and 7. Mr. Krumpschmidt seconded the motion.

Public Comment –

Ms. Von Gunten recommended preparing multiple bids further in advance for planning and funding.

Morgan requested clarification if this Diener’s Electric was continuing as approved in 5b; board confirmed yes.

Engle/Krumpschmidt

All Ayes

M/S/C

c) Approval of Op-Ed – Time for State Water in the Ojai Valley

Mr. Krumpschmidt reviewed the drafting of the Op-Ed and the discussions he had with the other stakeholders, including the City of Ojai and Ventura River Water District.

Ms. Engle made the motion to approve the final draft of the Op-Ed Time for State Water in the Ojai Valley for publication through multiple media sources. Mr. Harrold seconded the motion.

Public Comment –

Ms. Von Gunten stated that for state water to reach the Ojai Valley, it will have to cross at least two seismic fault lines and that the Valley is at the end of the pipeline, other districts with prior state allocations will receive priority access to the state water.

Engle/Harrold

All Ayes

M/S/C

d) Discussion of the draft budget for fiscal year 2018-19

Mr. Hollebrands presented the draft budget for fiscal year 2018-2019. He noted that the revenues are based on conservative figures and do not include any over-allocation fees. Water rates are being discussed, and an incremental increase would be implemented, as well as remaining funds in the appropriations for contingencies to a new line item “Water Distribution System.” The final budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 will be presented at the July Regular Board meeting for approval.

Public Comment –

Ms. Von Gunten stated that the last two issues of the Ventura Breeze were related to the events of the Thomas Fire, including one letter from a customer that lost their home for the new Ventura Water GM to respond publicly, she found the articles to be very enlightening.

Morgan commented on the water rates and availability of agricultural water for small farms.

6. General Manager's Report

- **Operations & Maintenance Report – Mr. Hollebrands stated that we are currently running wells 1, 2 and 7 and are keeping up with demand. The O&M report prepared by Justin Martinez outlines some of the operational issues that occurred during the past month. Mr. Hollebrands will be gathering bids for well 1 repair and will bring forward for approval at the next board meeting.**

Public Comment –

Ms. Von Gunten provided a recommendation to investigate the source of the nitrate contamination at well 8.

Morgan commented on the need to keep our waterways clean and clear of debris and waste.

- **Well 4 Update – Mr. Hollebrands reported that the step test and rate test had been completed and the well is running around 400 GPM, and it is anticipated that the well will meet the 1,000 GPM with a full aquifer.**
- **Economic Study Meeting June 1, 2018 Update – Mr. Hollebrands reported that the group has met twice and presented the draft document that would be circulated to the potential economists regarding the impact of stages 4 & 5 on the valley. The intent is for the economists to use the document as a guideline to then submit their proposals for each board's review and approval of the contract to perform the study. Ms. Engle expressed concerns regarding the construct of the RFP and the availability of the data.**

Public Comment –

Ms. Von Gunten expressed concern regarding protection of customer privacy with regards to data provided for the study.

- **Casitas MOU– Mr. Hollebrands stated that Steve would not change the language within the body of the MOU so that it will remain universal. The Stage 1 allocation of 1,019 ac/ft will remain in Exhibit A and could be subject to changes made by the State or Casitas. Mr. Hollebrands will present the final MOU document for board review pending Casitas approval.**

7. Board Committee Reports

- **GSA (6/14/2018) – With respect to SGMA, DWR has updated its prioritization of groundwater basins statewide, with the result that the Lower Ventura River Basin has been reprioritized from “low” to “med/high” – which would result in requirement for another GSA to form and a GSP to be developed. The proposed change is open for public comment.**

8. Old Business

- State Water/MOWD public statement of support - discussed 5c.
- Ojai Valley Water Group – No update
- Matilija Dam Removal – No update
- Cold Water Formation – No update
- Generators – No update

9. Board of Directors' Reports

Mr. Krumpschmidt – The group has been named “Ojai-Ventura Water Partnership.” Russ Baggerly stated he would be writing a resolution regarding the interconnections to state water, as a point of discussion. The Casitas Vertical Drill is moving forward. The Ventura representative stated that the EIR is expected to be completed in late fall or early winter. Calleguas is looking at a direct connection rather than interconnect with Ventura. Regina, Grant Writer, stated the grants that we proposed were part of larger grants. The group will be writing a request to the Governor to declare our area a groundwater disaster, aiding in grant efforts.

Mr. Kentosh – Absent

Mr. Harrold – None.

Ms. Engle – None.

Mr. Etchart – None.

The Board closed the open session at 8:41 p.m.

10. Closed Session: The Board of Directors will hold a closed session to discuss personnel matters or litigation, pursuant to the attorney/client privilege, as authorized by Government Code Sections 54957 & 54956.8, 54956.9 and 54957.

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL and POTENTIAL CO-COUNSEL – Anticipated/threatened Litigation Paragraphs (2,4) subdivision (d) Section 54956.9. District properties and associated water rights.
- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Existing Litigation Paragraph (1) subdivision (d) Section 54956.9. Conference regarding State Case: SBCK vs. SWRCB, San Francisco Superior Court, Case # CPF-14-513875.

11. Meeting Adjournment

At 9:32 p.m. the board closed the closed session and re-opened the open session.

Mr. Nielson reviewed that in closed session were discussions regarding pending and proposed litigation matters and that no decisions were made.

There being no further business to conduct at this time, Board President Mike Etchart adjourned the meeting at 9:36 PM.

President

Secretary