

## MINUTES

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

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### 1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Board President Dale Carnathan at 6:00 pm at the District Office.

Present were: Board President Dale Carnathan, Board Vice-President James Kentosh, Board Directors Larry Harrold, Mike Krumpschmidt, and Mike Etchart. Staff present: General Manager Mike Hollebrands and Board Secretary Alyssa Munger. Attorney Lindsay Nielson was also present.

### 2. Approval of the minutes

Approval of the February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes:

Mr. Kentosh made the motion to approve the February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes. Mr. Harrold seconded the motion.

Kentosh/Harrold  
All Ayes  
M/S/C

### 3. Public Comments

Ms. Elizabeth Anne von Gunten was present and stated for the record, "I am Elizabeth Von Gunten, first elected to this board in 2006 by popular vote; reelected without opposition in 2010, and wrongly removed not long thereafter."

#### 4. Financial Matters

1. Approval of Payroll and Payables from December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to January 15th, 2016 in the amount of:

Payables -	\$ 31,726.66
Payroll -	\$ 28,229.32
Total -	\$ 59,955.98

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

Harrold/Krumpschmidt  
All Ayes  
M/S/C

#### 5. Board Discussion and/or Action

- a) Approval of Rescinding Ordinance 101805-1 with Resolution 2016216  
Distribution of new services

A roll call vote was taken  
All Ayes  
M/S/C

- b) Discussion and approval of Draft Audit 2014-2015 – Presentation by Raj Acharya with Soars, Sandall, Bernacchi & Petrovich, LLP

Raj Acharya and Mitchell Thomas with Soars, Sandall, Bernacchi & Petrovich, LLP, presented the BOD with their Independent Auditor Report from the 2014-2015 Audit and explained their analysis of the District's Financial Statements.

A Roll Call vote was taken  
All Ayes  
M/S/C

- c) Discussion of Susan Edlinger's resume for Human Resources services

The BOD discussed the benefits that contracting an HR Consultant could have for the District. The GM recommended that if the Board were to contract an HR Consultant, that it would be best to have a separate line

item for it built into the 2016-2017 budget and have the Consultant start July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 in order to coincide with the new budget.

Mr. Etchart agreed to coordinate setting up an interview with Susan Edlinger, as well as to request a contractual agreement for the Board to review.

d) **GSA Distribution system lead testing in light of Flint Michigan crisis/Results from FGL**

The GM presented the results of the lead testing of samples taken from 5 of the district's testing locations. The GM reported that samples from Zone 1, the Tank Farm, and Besant Road all came back with non-detectable traces of lead, while Zone 2 had 1.2 traces compared to the allowable limit of 15, and the sample from the HUD housing area was 1 compared to the allowable limit of 15.

The GM also reported that the CCR from Casitas Municipal Water District shows lead levels are non-detectable.

The GM explained that the results of the lead testing and the CCR from CMWD should alleviate any concern regarding harmful lead contamination in the District.

Mr. Krumpschmidt requested that when the District starts using water from CMWD that the GM conduct another lead test. The GM acknowledged that while he did not feel it was necessary, he agreed that doing further testing when the District starts using CMWD water would ensure peace of mind regarding the issue.

Mr. Krumpschmidt, Mr. Etchart and Mr. Kentosh responded that they would like the GM to go ahead and do the testing. Mr. Kentosh reminded the BOD that Flint was also using surface water, and while the water being used by MOWD, even when it is from Casitas, is probably fine, they might as well do the testing so that the District can reassure its customers that the water is okay and that the District did all the necessary testing to make sure there was no lead contamination.

The GM agreed to test the water again when it comes from Casitas and to post the results on the MOWD website.

e) **GSA – JPA discussion, process and decisions**

The GM and the BOD discussed the progress, the processes, and the decisions of the GSA and JPA.

- f) Policy/Rate Committee seeks Board consensus to write a letter or conduct face to face with Casitas regarding size of water allocation/Update on progress of the rate committee including minutes

The BOD and the GM discussed concerns regarding the potential water allocation amount from Casitas and the 30% deduction that will be required. The BOD decided that it would be best for the GM to speak to Casitas about the water allocation amount and to report back.

The GM reported to the BOD on the Rate Committee's progress and the potential ways in which the rates may be increased to be most effective. The GM announced that he hopes to give a presentation to the BOD in the April meeting.

Mr. Kentosh emphasized the need for the District to get a letter out to their customers to provide an update on the drought as well as the upcoming rate increases. Mr. Kentosh presented the BOD with a draft letter to the customer that he had composed. The GM suggested having the amended letter included with the March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 billing.

- g) Discussion – Districts response to previous board member

The BOD discussed how best to respond to previous board member. Mr. Krumpschmidt moved to have the BOD ponder this issue and discuss it at the next meeting. Mr. Kentosh seconded the motion.

Krumpschmidt/Kentosh

Mr. Carnathan & Mr. Harrold responded "No"

Mr. Krumpschmidt, Mr. Kentosh & Mr. Etchart responded "Yes"

3 yes's/2 no's

M/S/C

## 6. General Manager's Report

### A. System status – Production Report

The GM reported that MOWD is currently meeting demand.

### B. Hit fire hydrant on S. La Luna

The GM informed the BOD that a hydrant on S. La Luna was knocked out by a pumper truck resulting in \$4,200 worth of damages. The GM explained that the company at fault did pay for the damages thanks to a bystander who witnessed the accident, reported it and wrote a statement for the District.

## 7. Board of Directors Reports

- The BOD discussed El Nino and weather predictions.

## 8. Closed Session

- ❖ No closed session items were discussed.

## 9. Meeting Adjournment

There being no further business to conduct at this time, Board President Dale Carnathan adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM.

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President

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Secretary