

## 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 April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes:

Mr. Krumpschmidt made the motion to approve the April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes. Mr. Harrold seconded the motion.

Mr. Kentosh wanted to clarify that his report from the committee was a combined effort from the G.M. and Mike K.

Krumpschmidt/Harrold  
All Ayes  
M/S/C

### **3. Public Comments**

Ms. Elizabeth Anne von Gunten was present

#### **4. Financial Matters**

**1. Approval of Payroll and Payables from March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to April 15th, 2016 in the amount of:**

<b>Payables -</b>	<b>\$ 38,581.98</b>
<b>Payroll -</b>	<b>\$ 31,554.74</b>
<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$ 70,136.72</b>

**Mr. Kentosh made the motion to pay the monthly expenses. Mr. Harrold seconded the motion.**

**Kentosh/Harrold**

**All Ayes**

**M/S/C**

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

**a) Approval of Rescinding 2016419 approving the audit for fiscal year 20014-15**

**Jim Kentosh wished to amend to resolution so that it cited the agency that completed the audit. The board agreed and the changes were made.**

**A roll call vote was taken**

**All Ayes**

**M/S/C**

**b) Draft Audit Proposal – From Soars, Sandall, Bernacchi & Petrovich, LLP**

**There was some discussion of past costs and possibly using another agency in the future. However, because of the time it would take to acquire bids and the fact that the rate committee was currently working on the next budget for next year, the board felt it was prudent to authorize Soars, Sandall, Bernacchi & Petrovich, LLP to conduct the audit for next two (2) years in the amount of \$ 11,125.00 for the fiscal years 2015-16 and \$ 11,425.00 for fiscal year 2016-17.**

**Kentosh/Etchart**

**A Roll Call vote was taken, Kentosh aye – Krumpschmidt aye – Harrold aye – Etchart aye – Carnathan Aye**

**M/S/C**

- c) **Discussion of MOWD's participation with the City of Ventura, Ventura River and Casitas MWD in a new desalination plant**

The G.M. informed the Board that the City of Ventura was exploring the idea of a desalination plant. Additionally, the G.M. was seeking permission from the Board to pursue those talks in a very limited fashion and discuss the actual benefits and pitfalls to such an endeavor. The Board felt that it was a good idea to explore all future avenues to new water sources and agreed to let the G.M. continue talks with other agencies.

- d) **Discussion of District's response to previous Board member**

Mr. Kentosh had drawn up a brief phrase that would be in response to the previous Board members comments during a public hearing; The Board President would state "California law requires our directors to be residents of Meiners Oaks. Several years ago there was a disagreement between Elizabeth and a prior board as to whether she really resided here. She sued the MOWD to retain her seat but, without discussing the merits of the case, the court ruled against her case and an appeal".

The Board agreed that it would be a policy statement.

- e) **Discussion for Susan Edlinger to be the District's as needed H.R. consultant**

The Board agreed that Director Etchart and the G.M. would coordinate a meeting with Mrs. Edlinger to discuss her terms and benefits of her services.

The Board agreed to table this item until the interview had been conducted.

- f) **GSA-JPA discussion of decision making process**

The G.M. described to the Board that the GSA formation committee was still working through the articles of the JPA, but that the long discussions came from the decision making process and how that would work. After further discussion the Board agreed that that a Super Majority of 6/7 would be good for budget items, capital expenditures, bonds, GSP planning and ground water rights.

**g) April drought letter**

The G.M. let the Board the Board know that the April drought letter had been sent out to all the customers and that the response from that letter was all positive and appreciated.

**h) Allocation letter to Casitas MWD**

The G.M. let the Board know that a letter has been sent to Steve Wickstum regarding our allocation and why we felt it was better for the District to have a 700 Ac./Ft. allocation rather than 500. The G.M. went on to explain that he felt the letter was well received by Mr. Wickstrum and that in brief conversation with Steve there were no glaring issues that Steve had upon first look. The G.M. stated that he hoped to meet with Casitas later that month to further discuss letter and that he would report back to the Board after that happened.

**i) Approval draft Prop 218 notice**

The G.M. presented the Prop 218 notice to the Board and confirmed the public hearing date for June 6, 2016. The G.M. confirmed that he would secure the room at Meiners Oaks School and try and expedite getting the list from County and get the notices out by that Friday.

Kentosh/Etchart  
All ayes  
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**j) Discussion and approval of proposed rates**

Carnathan suggested that if we can avoid using the word "Tier" we should. The G.M. explains that it would be easier to use it once so that the customers have something to relate it to. Mike k. agreed that it is good to keep it in there to retain some continuity. After further discussion the Board agreed to omit the word "tier" from the power point all together and that the G.M. would present in the May meeting.

**k) Approval of Resolution 2016419-1 Thanking Dale Carnathan for his service as Board member**

The G.M. read the resolution aloud and the rest of the Board thanked Mr. Carnathan for his many years of service. The G.M. then went on to explain the District's obligations with regard to the appointment of another Board member that would the seat until the November elections this year.

**Kentosh/Harrold**

**Roll call vote was taken – Kentosh aye – Krumpschmidt aye – Harrold aye – Etchart aye**

**M/S/C**

**I) Selection of new Board V.P.**

**Harrold made a motion to nominate Mike K. Jim K. seconded, after some discussion it was agreed that Mike K. would be the best Board member for the job.**

**All ayes**

**M/S/C**

**6. General Manager's Report**

**A. System status – Production Report**

**The GM reported that MOWD is currently meeting demand but also that well levels continue to drop due to another dry season. Also reported was a power outage on Meiners Rd that affected our pump station on the hill and some electronics. The problem has since been fixed and system is up and running.**

**7. Board of Directors Reports**

- Dale Carnathan submitted his resignation from the Board of Meiners Oaks Water District, effective 4/19/2016. Dale explained that his process of leaving the County have been going since November but could not get anything confirmed from his new job until recently. Dale will be working in Lake County as their new Emergency Services Manager.**
- Jim presented water section 31020-31035.1, the district's enabling legislation, describing our authority as a water district and how we are able to restrict water use to our customers.**

**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 7:40 PM.

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President

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Secretary