

Special Meeting
May 9, 2022
5:00 pm

Meiners Oaks Water District
202 W. El Roblar Drive
Ojai, CA 93023-2211

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mike Etchart, at 5:00 pm via teleconference.

2. Roll Call

Present: Board President, Mike Etchart, Board Directors: James Kentosh, Loni Anderson and Christian Oakland. Staff Present: General Manager, Justin Martinez; Board Secretary, Summer Ward. Attorney: Stuart Nielson.

Absent: None. (1 open Director seat)

3. Approval of the Minutes

No minutes to approve.

4. Public Comments

No comments.

5. Board Discussion and/or Action

a) Discuss Director Candidate interviews, nominate and vote to appoint the new MOWD Board Director to fill vacancy. (Etchart)

Director Etchart expressed gratitude on behalf of the District, and stated what a treat it is to have so many great candidates. Director Etchart thanked each candidate for their interest and time, encouraged candidates that are not selected to stay involved and there will be more opportunities to join the board.

Director Anderson shared her thoughts on the impressive slate of candidates. Director Anderson stated that the District would be well-served by any of the candidates, for her it came down to the District's need for expertise in grants and projects.

Director Oakland agreed with Directors Etchart and Anderson, all of the candidates had different skill sets and experience. Based on the existing skill sets on the board, Ms. Cooper would fit within our needs very well.

Director Kentosh was impressed with the depth of the field and wanted to recognize all of the candidates abilities. Mr. Starkweather is an attorney that could give perspective on the adjudication lawsuit and new regulations; Mr. Coeler is a pilot and a good team player; Mr.

Tumamait has worked for the District as an employee with construction experience; Mr. Haas is a fighter pilot, geologist and project management; Dr. Hess is a clinical psychologist and academic; Ms. Cooper has experience with engineering and administrative grant projects, data management, and strategic planning.

Director Anderson made the motion to appoint Christy Cooper to the MOWD Board of Directors, to fill the vacancy. Director Oakland seconded the motion.

Ms. Ward stated that she will follow-up with each candidate and will assist Director Cooper with onboarding activities. The Oath of Office will be performed at the beginning of the May 17, 2022, regular meeting.

No Public Comment.

Anderson/Oakland

Roll Call Vote:

Etchart – Y Kentosh - Y Oakland – Y Anderson - Y

(4) Ayes – M/S/C

6. **Closed Session**

a) No closed session held.

7. **Meeting Adjournment**

There being no further business to conduct at this time, Board President, Mike Etchart adjourned the meeting at 5:13 pm.

Board Secretary

Board President