

Regular Meeting
March 19, 2019

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MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

1. Roll Call

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

Present were: Board President Mike Etchart, Board Directors, James Kentosh (Via Phone), Mike Krumpschmidt, Diana Engle and Larry Harrold. Staff Present: General Manager, Mike Hollebrands, Board Secretary, Summer Ward and Attorney's, Lindsay Nielson and Greg Jones were also present.

Absent: None

2. Approval of the minutes: Approval of March 19, Regular Meeting:

Mr. Krumpschmidt made the motion to approve the March 19, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes. Mr. Harrold seconded the motion.

Director Engle has requested clarification to Director Kentosh's comments on Page 5, item H, the last sentence should read; "Mr. Kentosh added that draft allocations would not be ready in March."

Item 10: "The BOD held a closed session."

Director Krumpschmidt would like to see changes to page 9, item g – Should say "Updates; these include at-will employment, grievance procedures, and more to be determined."

Krumpschmidt/Harrold

All Ayes

M/S/C

3. Public Comments: Ms. Von Gunten - was present.

To keep the continuity of the meeting, item 5 b was heard by the BOD out of its normal order.

The BOD was presented a letter from Ventura River Water District (VRWD) proposing an alternative to adjudication. Bruce Kuebler, a member of VRWD BOD and Bert Rapp, G.M. of VRWD spoke to this proposal and answered questions by the BOD.

4. Financial Matters

- Approval of Payroll and Payables from February 16, to March 15, 2019, in the amount of \$ 86,840.18
Director Krumpschmidt made the motion to approve the payables. Mr. Harrold seconded the motion.

There were some comments and discussion about the provided financial tables and how they could be improved for the next meeting. Further discussion was had about lab services, the expense of that line item, the Order (R-4-2018-0075) from the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) which outlined sampling frequency and recommended testing. After further clarification by the G.M. director Krumpschmidt asked that another letter is sent to the RWQCB asking for an end date to this expensive sample mandate. The G.M. even read the last correspondence from the regional board that was very unclear. It was agreed that the G.M. would write a third letter to the regional board requesting an end date to the expensive required sampling.

Krumpschmidt/Harrold
All Ayes
M/S/C

5. Board Discussion/Actions

- a) CSDA Board of Directors call for nominations Seat B: No directors showed interest in seat b.
- b) Settlement of the Ventura/ChannelKeeper lawsuit, proposed by VRWD and letter of support: The item was discussed, and the BOD agreed that a letter is to be drafted by the G.M. and shared with Directors Engle and Krumpschmidt before submittal.
- c) Approval of Resolution 031919 appointing a Director and Alternate Director for the UVRGSA: Director Krumpschmidt made a motion to approve Resolution 031919 as written, and Director Engle seconded.
Roll Call Vote:
Etchart, aye
Kentosh, aye
Krumpschmidt, aye
Harrold, aye

Engle, aye
M/S/C

6. General Manager's Report

The G.M. briefed the BOD's on the status of well production as it pertains to wells 4 and 7 as well as additional information on wells 1 and 2. The G.M. also let the BOD's know about a leak on Hwy 33 that the district is prohibited from fixing until a Red Shouldered Hawk abandons its nest. Orders from CDFW and Cal -Trans prohibit any work to be done within a 500 - foot radius of the tree where the nest resides.

7. Board Committee Reports

GSA – Director Engle had nothing further to add.

Exec. – The G.M. has completed the first draft of the Employee Manual and sent it to the committee earlier today for comments.

Budget – Director Engle had some comments, questions, and concerns about projecting an approved budget out three years that would run with the adopted rates.

Allocation Program – Director Engle stated that her work continues and that hours upon hours have been spent fixing unique situations. Director Engle hopes to have a template to the Board in the April meeting.

New meter and expansion of service policy – This committee will meet tomorrow at 10 am to discuss this policy further.

8. Old Business

State Water – Director Kentosh stated that the draft EIR is out for public review and comment. Director Kentosh also asked for permission to draft a comment after discussion with a committee and submit it to the City of Ventura. The board agreed that it would be very satisfactory for Director Kentosh to do that.

No further comments were heard on the subject of old business.

9. Board of Director Reports/Comments

There was some discussion about the Land Conservancy's interest in some District property near wells 1 and 2. The Board did not decide on the property in question. Director Harrold wanted to know if any District property was within the wildlife corridor. Director Engle stated that Ventura Watershed proponents were granted a large grant for projects from the California Wildlife Conservation Board.

Director Etchart mentioned the effectiveness of spraying the Arundo in the river basin. Director Kentosh had no comments.

10. Closed Session: The Board of Director's held a closed session; after a briefing from the present attorney's no action was taken by the BOD's.

There being no further business to conduct at this time, Mr. Etchart adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

President

Secretary