

Regular Meeting  
January 19th, 2016  
6:00 p.m.

Meiners Oaks Water District  
202 West El Roblar Drive  
Ojai, CA 93023-2211  
Phone 646-2114

## 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 the 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 December 15th, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes:

Mr. Etchart made the motion to approve the December 15th, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes. Mr. Harrold seconded the motion.

Etchart/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."

Ms. Von Gunten requested that her statements following "for the record" be cited in the minutes.

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

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

<b>Payables -</b>	<b>\$ 75,967.44</b>
<b>Payroll -</b>	<b>\$ 31,133.04</b>
<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$ 107,100.48</b>

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

**Kentosh/Etchart  
All Ayes  
M/S/C**

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

**a) Election of Board Member seats – President and Vice-President**

**Mr. Krumpschmidt nominated Mr. Carnathan to continue as Board President. Mr. Etchart seconded the nomination.**

**Krumpschmidt/Etchart  
All Ayes  
M/S/C**

**Mr. Krumpschmidt nominated Mr. Kentosh to continue as the Board Vice-President. Mr. Etchart seconded the nomination.**

**Krumpschmidt/Etchart  
All Ayes  
M/S/C**

**b) Quinn Cat Rental quote for backhoe rental in the amount of \$87.50/day**

**The GM presented the backhoe rental quote from Quinn Cat Rental and explained how having a backhoe on hand during the El Nino season could benefit the district. The GM explained that the rental would be month to month with no long-term commitment.**

**Mr. Kentosh made the motion to rent the backhoe from Quinn Cat Rental. Mr. Etchart seconded the motion.**

**Kentosh/Etchart  
All Ayes**

**M/S/C**

- c) **GSA boundary Modification for the Upper Ventura River Basin (UVRB) additional costs, process and approval to move forward with the boundary modification notification due by March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**The GM and the BOD discussed the proposed GSA boundary modification for the Upper Ventura River Basin (UVRB). The Meiners Oaks Water District Board of Directors all came to a consensus to approve the proposed GSA boundary modification for the Upper Ventura River Basin (UVRB).**

- d) **GSA website proposal from Lorraine Walter, Walter Consulting and Grant Writing in the amount of \$4,730.00/5 agencies \$946.00 per agency.**

**The GM presented the GSA website proposal and explained that the website set up cost would be split with the other GSA members.**

**Mr. Kentosh made the motion to authorize the GM to pay Lorrain Water the \$4730.00 to create the website. Mr. Etchart seconded the motion.**

**Kentosh/Etchart  
All Ayes  
M/S/C**

- e) **Select rate committee members**

**Mr. Kentosh and Mr. Krumpschmidt volunteered to be on the rate committee. Board President Dale Carnathan appointed Mr. Kentosh and Mr. Krumpschmidt to the rate committee.**

## **6. General Manager's Report**

- **The GM reported that there were a couple of leaks that occurred due to the recent cold snap, but that they were quickly resolved.**
- **The GM reported that the district is now able to pump from the wells and is officially off of Casitas Water.**
- **The GM notified the BOD of the AWA breakfast on Thursday.**
- **The GM announced that Mr. Carnathan would be speaking on the potential impact of El Nino at a luncheon open to the board being held on Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm.**

- The GM and Mr. Kentosh discussed the AWA elected seats. Mr. Kentosh is currently an alternate and is interested in continuing. The GM and the BOD decided include this topic on the February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Regular Board Meeting.

### 7. Board of Directors Reports

- The BOD discussed El Nino.
- Mr. Etchart proposed that the BOD consider retaining an HR consultant who would be available to the GM and the District employees on an as needed basis in the event that an HR situation arises. Mr. Etchart explained that the HR consultant would meet with the District employees and the GM once a year to build a relationship. Mr. Etchart presented the resume of a candidate who is interested in filling this role. The GM and the BOD agreed to add this item to the next Regular Board Meeting's agenda.

### 8. Closed Session

- 1) SBCK vs. City of San Buena Ventura (Case No. CPF-14-513875)
  - 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 7:35 PM.

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President

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Secretary