



SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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Kelly Sheehan, President
Nick Exline, Director

John Thiel, General Manager

Paul Hughes, Chief Financial Officer

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
March 17, 2022
MINUTES

The South Tahoe Public Utility District Board of Directors met in a regular session, 2:00 p.m., at the District Office, located at 1275 Meadow Crest Drive, South Lake Tahoe, California.

ROLL CALL:

Board of Directors: President Sheehan, Directors Peterson, Exline

Absent: Directors Cefalu, Romsos

Staff: John Thiel, Gary Kvistad, Paul Hughes, Melonie Guttry, Julie Ryan, Lynn Nolan, IV Jones, Debbie Henderson, Ryan Lee, Chris Stanley, Jessica Henderson, Tim Bledsoe, Stephen Caswell

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None

3. **CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA OR CONSENT CALENDAR:** None

4. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Moved Peterson/Second Exline/Sheehan Yes/Cefalu Absent/Romsos Absent/Peterson Yes/Exline Yes to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

a. **WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND FIELD STATIONS CONDITION ASSESSMENT**

(Julie Ryan, Engineering Department Manager)

(1) Approved the proposed Scope of Work from Water Systems Consultants to provide supplemental structural support services; and (2) Authorized the General Manager to execute Task Order No. 1C in the amount \$59,939.

b. **VIRTUAL BOARD MEETINGS RELATED TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361 DUE TO COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION** (John Thiel, General Manager)

Approved Resolution No. 3209-22 allowing for South Tahoe Public Utility District to conduct virtual public meetings for 30 days.

c. **CALPERS REQUIRED PAY LISTING BY POSITION**

(Debbie Henderson, Accounting Manager)

Adopted Resolution No. 3210-22 which incorporates the Pay Listing by Position for the pay listing effective February 16, 2022.

d. **PALOMA WELL REHABILITATION**

(Ivo Bergsohn, Hydrogeologist)

Approved Change Order No. 1 to Zim Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$28,565.

5. **CONSENT ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION/ACTION:** None

6. **ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION:**

- a. Changing from Quarterly to Monthly Billing (Tim Bledsoe, Manager of Customer Service) – **Tim Bledsoe** introduced **Jessica Henderson**, who presented information regarding the proposed monthly billing for the District and addressed questions from the Board.

Moved Peterson/Second Exline/Sheehan Yes/Cefalu Absent/Romsos Absent/Peterson

Yes/Exline Yes to authorize staff to convert from a quarterly billing process to a monthly billing process and include the additional associated costs in the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.

- b. Approve Payment of Claims (Debbie Henderson, Accounting Manager)

Moved Sheehan/Second Peterson/Sheehan Yes/Cefalu Absent/Romsos Absent/Peterson

Yes/Exline Yes to approve Payment of Claims in the amount of \$2,490,364.18.

7. **STANDING AND AD-HOC COMMITTEES AND LIAISON REPORTS:**

Director Peterson reported that the Operations Committee met on March 14, 2022, and provided a few details from the meeting. The Finance Committee also met just prior to the Board meeting and reviewed budget adjustments.

8. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:** Nothing to report

9. **EL DORADO WATER AGENCY PURVEYOR REPORT:**

Director Peterson reported the meeting on March 9, 2022, included an interesting presentation by Tahoe City Public Utility District, detailing their historical acquisitions of several small systems. Additionally they received a large sum of grant funding through El Dorado Water Agency (EDWA) and he and **John Thiel** will follow up with EDWA to learn more details. **Ivo Bergsohn** also gave a presentation regarding Groundwater Sustainability and the future approval process.

10. **STAFF/ATTORNEY REPORTS:**

Shelly Thomson provided an update regarding the hazardous fuel's reduction project at various District facilities and addressed questions from the Board.

Ryan Lee provided an Annual Sewer Inspection Update and addressed questions from the Board. **Tim Bledsoe** reported that the District applied for funding from the State Resources Control Board for COVID-19 relief and received approximately \$250,000. These funds will be applied to customer water bills.

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:

John Thiel reported on several items:

- Provided a staffing update
- Provided details regarding an Omnibus spending bill providing funding for projects and activities through the Federal Government, including record funding to the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act. This funding includes water infrastructure for water suppression in and around the Tahoe Basin.
- Provided details regarding a meeting with Assembly Person Dahle on March 15, which was part of the water purveyor partnership.
- Reported that the District continues to work with the County regarding the difference between County and City paving costs.

12. NOTICE OF PAST AND FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

ADJOURNMENT: 2:59 p.m.



Kelly Sheehan, Board President
South Tahoe Public Utility District



Melonie Guttry, Clerk of the Board
South Tahoe Public Utility District