



SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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Nick Exline, Director

John Thiel, General Manager

Paul Hughes, Chief Financial Officer

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT May 4, 2023 MINUTES

The South Tahoe Public Utility District Board of Directors met in a regular session, 2:01 p.m., at the District Office, located at 1275 Meadow Crest Drive, South Lake Tahoe, California.

ROLL CALL: Board of Directors: President Peterson, Directors Haven, Romsos, Sheehan, Exline
Staff: John Thiel, Gary Kvistad, Paul Hughes, Melonie Guttry, Julie Ryan, Trevor Coolidge, Liz Kauffman, Greg Dupree, Ryan Lee, IV Jones, Chris Skelly, Shelly Thomsen, Art Zorio
Guests: Clancy Priest, Jeff Lewis, Government Technology Group; Paula Peterson, *South Tahoe Now*

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

3. CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA OR CONSENT CALENDAR: **Melonie Guttry** announced two changes: Removing Grants Update from Staff Reports and deleting the May 17, 2023 System Efficiency and Sustainability Committee Meeting from Future Meetings.

4. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

Moved Haven/Second Exline/Peterson Yes/Haven Yes/Romsos Yes/Sheehan Yes/Exline Yes to approve the Consent Calendar with changes as presented.

a. ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR WOOLYSTAR MUSIC FESTIVAL SECONDARY EMERGENCY EGRESS ROUTE (Trevor Coolidge, Senior Engineer)

Approved Issuance of a Special Use Permit to Avery Hellman to allow attendees of the Woollystar Music Festival to use an existing unimproved road across a portion of Diamond Valley Ranch in the event of an emergency.

b. AERATION BLOWER SYSTEM EMERGENCY POWER AND SECONDARY CLARIFIERS NOS. 1 AND 2 PROJECT (Brent Goligoski, Associate Engineer)

Approved the Partial Closeout Agreement and Release of Claims for Vinciguerra Construction, Inc. for the Secondary Clarifiers Nos. 1 and 2 portion of the Aeration Blower System Emergency Power and Secondary Clarifiers Nos. 1 and 2 Project Contract.

- c. **RECEIVE AND FILE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS** (Greg Dupree, Accounting Manager)
Received and filed Payment of Claims in the amount of \$1,783,854.07.
- d. **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES: April 20, 2023**
(Melonie Guttry, Executive Services Manager/Clerk of the Board)
Approved April 20, 2023, Minutes
5. **CONSENT ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION/ACTION:** None
6. **PRESENTATION:**
Chris Skelly introduced **Clancy Priest** and **Jeff Lewis** from Government Technology Group who provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the District's Information Technology Strategic Plan Update and addressed questions from the Board.
7. **ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION:**
- a. Winter Storms Emergency Response (John Thiel, General Manager) – **John Thiel** provided details regarding the Winter Storms Emergency Response, outlining the ongoing work being done in response to this emergency and addressed questions from the Board. **Paul Hughes** provided details regarding the expenditures to date and addressed questions from the Board.
- Moved Sheehan/Second Romsos/Peterson Yes/Haven Yes/Romsos Yes/Sheehan Yes/Exline Yes** to 1) Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22050(c), continue the emergency action to respond to the Winter Storms Emergency pursuant to Resolution No. 3242-23; and 2) approve expenditures necessary for emergency response not to exceed \$900,000.
- b. Tallac Creek Sewer Pipeline Protection Project (Julie Ryan, Engineering Department Manager) – **Julie Ryan** provided details regarding the Tallac Creek Sewer Pipeline Protection Project and addressed questions from the Board.
- Moved Exline/Second Haven/Peterson Yes/Haven Yes/Romsos Yes/Sheehan Yes/Exline Yes** to approve Change Order No. 2 to Haen Constructors in the amount of \$150,000.
- c. Keller Heavenly Water System Improvements Project, Phase 3 (Trevor Coolidge, Senior Engineer) – **Trevor Coolidge** provided details regarding the Keller Heavenly Water System Improvements Project, Phase 3 and addressed questions from the Board.
- Moved Sheehan/Second Romsos/Peterson Yes/Haven Yes/Romsos Yes/Sheehan Yes/Exline Yes** to approve Change Order No. 1 to White Rock Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$500,000.
8. **STANDING AND AD-HOC COMMITTEES AND LIAISON REPORTS:**
Director Romsos provided details regarding the Executive Committee Meeting held today at 1 p.m. **President Peterson** announced he will be attending the Association of California Water Agencies Conference May 8 through May 11, 2023.
9. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**
President Peterson provided details regarding a fundraiser he attended for Kevin Kiley and information he shared regarding the Tamarack Fire. He requested additional information from staff to provide as follow-up.

10. EL DORADO WATER AGENCY PURVEYOR REPORT:

President Peterson will attend the next regular meeting on May 17, 2023.

11. STAFF/ATTORNEY REPORTS:

Shelly Thomsen provided details regarding Legislative Affairs and her recent visit to Washington, D.C. and addressed questions from the Board.

12. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:

John Thiel reported on several items:

- Provided a staffing update
- Provided a California Tahoe Conservancy Coordination update
- Provided information regarding a conversation with representatives of the State Water Resources Control Board regarding the potential for District consolidation with Lukins Water Company.

13. NOTICE OF PAST AND FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

14. BREAK AND ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 3:08 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: 5:22 p.m.

- a. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, threat to public services or facilities, consultation with South Tahoe Public Utility District Information Technology Manager, Chris Skelly.

No reportable Board Action

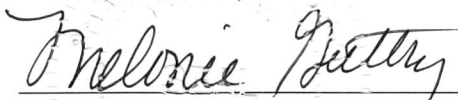
- b. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(a)/Conference with Labor Negotiators re: Memorandum of Understanding with Stationary Engineers, Local 39. Present at this Closed Session will be Agency Negotiators: John Thiel/General Manager; Paul Hughes, Chief Financial Officer; Liz Kauffman, Human Resources Director.

No reportable Board Action


- c. Pursuant to Section 54956.9(d)(1) of the California Government code, Closed Session may be held for conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation: Yolo County Superior Court Case CV 2021-1686, Alpine County vs. South Tahoe Public Utility District; et al.

No reportable Board Action

ADJOURNMENT: 5:23 p.m.



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David Peterson, Board President
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