

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Thermalito Water and Sewer District
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September 20, 2011 – 2:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Thompson at 2:00 pm

1.1 Flag Salute

Director Reynolds led the flag salute

1.2 Roll Call

Present were President Thompson, Vice President Hatley, Directors Taggart, Huston and Reynolds. Also present were Recording Secretary Padilla, Attorney Carter and Manager Boucher.

President Thompson called for a moment of silence in memory of Dan Loomis, retired TWSD Employee.

2. PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 16, 2011 and Special Meeting held on September 7, 2011

3.2 Financial Statements – August 2011

3.3 Water Warrants – Check Number 11930-11989 Total \$255,942.25

Water LAIF Deposit - \$32,740.00

Sewer Warrants – Check Number 6377-6388 Total \$45,726.60

Sewer LAIF Deposit - \$12,260.00

Secretary Revolving – Check Number 2557-2561 Total \$249.82

3.4 Summary of District Operation – August 2011

It was moved by Director Reynolds, and seconded by Director Hatley to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS

5.1 Blue Shield Health Insurance

Manager Boucher reminded the Board that the rates for the Blue Shield HMO Calendar Year 2012 will be increasing by 2.75%. He mentioned that the Board capped the medical insurance last year at 17% and that any amount exceeding the 17% would need to be paid by the employee. Staff contacted Golden State Risk Management for a comparison of rates and reported that

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their rates for the Calendar Year 2012 were higher than CalPers. Dan Berry from Golden State mentioned to staff that CalPers is being very conservative this year by not increasing their rates but plans on a much larger increase for next year. Staff mentioned that the rates for HMO plans are higher in Northern California as there are not many physicians who subscribe to the HMO Plan. Staff suggested that if the District is looking to cut cost, they may want to switch to a PPO plan as those rates are lower. Manager Boucher informed the Board that in order to make any changes to the current health plan with CalPers, changes would need to be made during open enrollment which runs from October 10th to November 4th. Motion made by Director Hatley, seconded by Director Huston and unanimously carried to approve the health coverage increase of 2.75% under CalPers HMO plan for the Calendar Year 2012 and that the District shall pay 100 percent of the increase for the employee and their dependents.

5.2 2012 Delta Dental Plan Increase

Manager Boucher mentioned that the District has received notification from ACWA Health Benefits Authority that the dental rates will be increasing by 4.23% effective January 1, 2012. He mentioned that the District has accounted for this increase in the budget. Motion made by Director Huston, seconded by Director Hatley and unanimously carried to approve the dental increase submitted by ACWA Health Benefits Authority for the Calendar Year 2012.

5.3 Solar Power

Manager Boucher informed the Board that he met with Jamie Sanchez from Elite Solar on September 9th regarding different options for solar power. He mentioned that Elite Solar offers a few options such as a Power Purchase Agreement or Leasing Program. He stated that in order for Elite Solar to be able to make any kind of determination, the District would need to give authorization for PG&E to release 12-months of energy cost information to Elite Solar. Once Elite Solar has that information, they would be able to determine which kind of program would best fit the needs of the District. He mentioned that there is no charge to the District for them to do the research. Consensus of the Board is to give authorization to Elite Solar to be able to retrieve the information they need from PG&E.

5.4 Assistance for Durham Irrigation District

Manager Boucher reported that he, Office Manager Padilla and Mark Adams from NorthStar Engineering met with a Board Member from Durham Irrigation

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to discuss the possibility of assisting Durham Irrigation with their billing and possibly a mutual aid agreement as to where TWSD would assist Durham Irrigation in repairing emergency leaks. He mentioned that staff has checked with the software company and has found that it would be possible to add Durham Irrigation as a separate directory to the system. He reported that Durham Irrigation has one operator who is a sub-contractor that manages the day-to-day operations. They also use West Valley and R&R Horn but it is getting very costly. Durham Irrigation is also checking with Paradise Irrigation and South Feather for assistance.

6. WATER BUSINESS

6.1 ACWA Committee Appointment Nominations for the 2012-2013 Term

The Board declined the offer to serve on the ACWA Committees for the 2012-2013 Term as most meetings are held in Southern California.

7. ATTORNEY REPORT

None

8. SEWER BUSINESS

8.1 SC-OR Report

Commissioner Reynolds reported the following:

- West Interceptor Realignment Project – There is concerns on the timeline; the contractor has just applied for permits. Concerns regarding the tie-in of the old force main to the new force main will take place in October. The concern of the tie-in is that there is limited time to complete the new connection and if not done properly it could lead to a major sewage spill. If there is a spill, all parties would be held accountable and SC-OR would probably receive the fine.
- Resolution 07-11 – Obtaining Authorization to Submit Application for Construction of a Hydro-Electric Generating Facility was approved.

9. MANAGER'S REPORT

10. HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

11. BOARD COMMENTS

Happy Birthday to Director Huston

Director Reynolds mentioned that he was up in Concow yesterday - everything looks good but the scotch broom is growing out of control.

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12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Secretary of the Board

President of the Board