

Thermalito Water and Sewer District
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
April 18, 2023 – 2:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

1.1 Flag Salute

Attorney Carter led the flag salute.

1.2 Roll Call

Present were President Taggart, Vice President Koch, Directors Hatley and Wristen. Also present were Attorney Carter, Office Manager Padilla, Engineer Heindell and Manager Boucher. Director Clark was absent.

2. PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 21, 2023

3.2 Financial Statement – March 2023

3.3 Water Warrants – Check Number 20129-20189 Total \$1,210,969.23

Water LAIF Deposit - \$7,824.32

Water LAIF Withdrawal - \$869,000.00

Sewer Warrants – Check Number 7407-7411 Total \$204,489.44

Sewer LAIF Deposit - \$20,175.68

Health Reimb Account – Check Number 2938-2945 Total \$2,274.99

Check Number 2935 – Voided (\$250.72)

3.4 Superintendent's Monthly Report of Maintenance and Operations and Solar Power Generation for March 2023

It was moved by Director Hatley, seconded by Director Wristen to approve Consent Agenda Items 3.1 - 3.4. Motion carried.

4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

At this point, it was suggested by President Taggart to move Agenda Item 9.1 forward in the agenda.

9.1 Wyandotte Creek GSA Report

Kamie Loeser, Director of the Butte County Water Resource and Conservation Department gave a presentation on the long-term funding options of the GSA. A consultant has been working with the GSA and the management committee to come up with options ranging from a uniform fee per acre to irrigated vs non-irrigated

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parcels fees based upon use. The funding options will be presented to the Wyandotte Creek GSA board at their board meeting on April 27th, 2023.

At 2:30 pm, the meeting recessed for a short break and reconvened at 2:45 pm.

5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS

5.1 TWSD 2023 Rate Study

Engineer Heindell stated that included in the board packet is a finalized copy of the 2023 Rate Study. He mentioned that the changes that were discussed in the March Board meeting have been incorporated into the document. He pointed out that on Page 14, Table 9, Water Capacity Fee, the 1” capacity fee has been kept the same and is augmented to reflect the same AWWA ratios as the water service fees. On Page 21, Table 4, instead of a uniform annual increase, it will be a 20% increase each year for three years and then a 4% increase each year for two years. He mentioned that on year five it will end at a lower EDU rate as this will frontload and prevent us from dipping down our reserves. He informed the Board that the Prop 218 Hearing Notice will be held on June 20, 2023 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm and will need to be approved so that it can be inserted into the May billing. Motion made by Director Wristen; seconded by Director Taggart and unanimously carried to approve the finalized copy of the 2023 Rate Study and Prop 218 notification.

6. WATER BUSINESS

6.1 Water Treatment Plant Capacity Upgrade

Manager Boucher reported that due to the recent Change Orders submitted by Pall Corporation and Cushman Contracting, staff is requesting to have an additional \$200,000.00 moved from the LAIF Water Transfer Account to the LAIF Treatment Plant Upgrade Account to cover the cost of the Change Orders. Motion made by Director Taggart; seconded by Director Koch and unanimously carried to move \$200,000.00 from the LAIF Water Transfer Account to the LAIF Treatment Plant Upgrade Account to cover outstanding Change Order costs. Roll Call Taken.

6.2 2023 Consumer Confidence Report

Engineer Heindell reported that a copy of the 2023 Consumer Confidence Report is included in the Board Packet. He asked the Board if there were any questions regarding the CCR. The Board responded that there were no questions at this time. He mentioned that a copy of the CCR will be placed on the District’s Website.

7. ATTORNEY REPORT

None

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8. SEWER BUSINESS

8.1 SC-OR Report

Commissioner Wristen reviewed over the March 28, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region.

8.2 Ruddy Creek Purchase and Sale Agreement

Manager Boucher mentioned that included in the Board packet is a copy of a Purchase and Sale Agreement between Dena and Kenneth Hubert and SCOR. He mentioned that this is the Ruddy Creek lift station property that TWSD is partnered with SCOR on. He handed out a newer version of the Purchase and Sale Agreement and reviewed it with the Board. Items in the agreement that pertained to TWSD were in Section 1 – Purchase Terms (i) Establishment of two sewer connections at APN 030-212-046 and a waiver of connection fees from both Buyer and Thermalito Water and Sewer District for the two new sewer connections; (ii) SC-OR will be constructing the two new manholes and associated pipe work as part of the project to be owned by TWSD; (iii) a 6” sewer pipe to stub out to the property boundary for Seller’s use to connect to the TWSD sewer system at some future point will be provided during the construction of the Ruddy Creek Pump Station project; and (iv) compensation does not include monthly sewer service fees, and upon the completion of the construction as part of Seller’s compensation, Seller will pay all monthly sewer services fees for the two additional EDU’s connected.

Manager Boucher mentioned that should the verbiage change in section (iv) to read, “that when the stub out has a potential to be used, monthly service fees will be charged at that time”, he would like to have authorization to be able to move forward with the changes instead of having to bring this back to the Board. Motion made by Director Taggart; seconded by Director Hatley and unanimously carried to approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement with the revised changes as stated.

9. WYANDOTTE CREEK GSA

9.1 Wyandotte Creek GSA Report

This item was moved forward on the agenda and has already been discussed.

10. MANAGER REPORT

Our Crew: Picture of the crew installing a new valve on Plumas Avenue.

Treatment Plant Upgrade Update: Engineer Heindell reported that the two new racks that were installed are about 80% completed.

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Campfire Award: Manager Boucher mentioned that the District received notice in regards to the Campfire Settlement Agreement. Total settlement awarded to the District came to \$9,692,334.60 minus expenses giving it a net of \$8,144,665.00. He stated that the District should receive 60% of the net within 60 days from April 4, 2023. This money will be earmarked for the capacity study of Lake Concow and plans on how to reestablish the full amount of 8200-acre feet back into Lake Concow.

11. HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None


12. BOARD COMMENTS

Everyone wished Attorney Carter a happy Retirement.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 pm.


Secretary of the Board


President of the Board