

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Thermalito Water and Sewer District
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September 18, 2018 – 2:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

1.1 Flag Salute

Director Taggart led the flag salute

1.2 Roll Call

Present were President Pulley, Directors Latulippe, Taggart and Reynolds. Also present were Recording Secretary Padilla, Attorney Carter, Manager Boucher and Engineer Heindell. Vice President Hatley was absent.

2. PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 21, 2018

3.2 Financial Statements – August 2018

3.3 Water Warrants – Check Number 16787-16842 Total \$336,408.88

Water LAIF Deposit - \$57,453.93

Health Reimb Arrangement – Check Number 2708-2711 Total \$2,834.63

Sewer Warrants – Check Number 7103-7105 Total \$23,795.61

Sewer LAIF Deposit - \$17,546.07

3.4 Summary of District Operation and Solar Power Generation – August 2018

It was moved by Director Reynolds, and seconded by Director Taggart 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 Pulley to move Item 6.1 forward in the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING

President Pulley opened the Public Hearing at 2:02 pm.

6.1 Agreement with the City of Oroville and the County of Butte Establishing the Joint Exercise of Powers for the Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)

Paul Gosselin from The County of Butte mentioned that this Joint Powers Agreement was many months of development and planning with the Thermalito Water and Sewer District and the City of Oroville. He mentioned that it is a really

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good process for all to work together to develop one groundwater sustainability plan and to be in compliance. He mentioned that the Board of Supervisors took up this same Agreement last Tuesday and adopted it unanimously and the Agreement is on the City of Oroville's agenda for tonight. Engineer Heindell mentioned that the County went after the Grant funding that is going to be utilized to create and implement the GSA. He mentioned that we have been relying a lot on the County's resources and will continue to do so with their groundwater modeling and engaging in our well monitoring and implementing it within our service area. Motion made by Director Reynolds; seconded by Director Latulippe and unanimously approved to adopt the JPA Agreement with the City of Oroville and the County of Butte and to formally rescind the District as a GSA in the Wyandotte Creek Sub-basin.

President Pulley closed the Public Hearing at 2:10 pm.

5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS

5.1 Request to Nominate Director Latulippe to Division 3

Office Manager Padilla mentioned that both Division 3 and 5 are up for election this year. She mentioned that the candidates that currently hold these positions should have filed the Declaration of Candidacy no later than August 10th. Director Latulippe who currently holds the position for Division 3 was not aware that she needed to file the Declaration of Candidacy with the Elections Office. At this time, we are asking the Board to make the decision to nominate Director Latulippe to serve on the Thermalito Water and Sewer District Board, Division 3 and for staff to proceed to inform the Butte County Supervisors of this decision. Motion made by Director Reynolds; seconded by Director Taggart and unanimously carried to nominate Director Latulippe for the Thermalito Water and Sewer District Board of Directors, Division 3.

6. WATER BUSINESS

6.1 Agreement with the City of Oroville and the County of Butte Establishing the Joint Exercise of Powers for the Wyandotte Creek Groundwater Sustainability Agreement (GSA)

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

6.2 Community Choice Aggregation

Engineer Heindell reported that he attended a Community Choice Aggregation meeting last Thursday with Casey Hatcher from Butte County. Also attending the meeting was SFWP, Cal Water, Del Oro and Paradise Irrigation District. He

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mentioned that in 2002, Assembly Bill 117 allowed for municipalities within the State of California to form CCA's. He explained that a Community Choice Aggregation is a standalone agency made up of all municipalities, Butte County, City of Oroville, City of Chico, and they can form a JPA that purchases power through PG&E which is then sold to the end user. Once a CCA is formed, all customers within that service area are automatically placed into the CCA or they can choose to opt out of it and remain with PG&E. In order to form the CCA, the JPA has to be able to offer power at a lower rate than PG&E. He stated that he is requesting from the Board to be able to continue engaging and moving forward with the other agencies to decide whether this is something to commit to. They need to have a certain amount of usage commitment to be able to form the CCA and to be able to start entering into contracts with buying power. Consensus of the Board is to allow Engineer Heindell to attend the CCA meetings to determine if this would be of some benefit.

7. ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Carter reported that the District has received another subpoena for business records relating to a person that the District has already provided documents for. Paul Washeleski and his Attorney are suing for personal injury caused by asbestos. He mentioned that the person requesting these documents from us is the Attorney for Ferguson Materials. This request is very specifically tailored to just five categories of request and we have none of them so a declaration will have to be prepared for a staff member to sign stating that we have reviewed our records and that we do not have any records. He mentioned that the reason we do not have any of the records that dates back to the early 60's as our public records retention policy basically allows us to destroy records of this nature beyond 7 years.

8. SEWER BUSINESS

8.1 SC-OR Report

Commissioner Taggart reviewed over the draft minutes of the August 22, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region.

9. MANAGER'S REPORT

Algae reported in Lake Concow: Manager Boucher reported that Foreman McIntosh received a call from Butte County Public Health regarding a property owner up in Concow that had taken her dogs down to the lake for a swim and both dogs ended up with seizures after being in the water. The dogs were taken to the vet but it was not determined what had caused the seizures. He reported that he made contact by phone with the property owner and she had expressed that her dogs had been down by the lower water crossing and she was concerned about the blue green algae. He mentioned that he

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and Foreman McIntosh went up to get some samples of the algae and had Treatment Plant Operator Ken Douglass do an overnight test which came up negative. He mentioned that not knowing the exact location of where the dogs had been swimming makes it more difficult. He stated that he will contact the property owner to let her know that the test came up negative.

10. HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

11. BOARD COMMENTS

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Secretary of the Board

President of the Board