

Thermalito Water and Sewer District
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
December 19, 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

Manager Boucher led the flag salute.

1.2 Roll Call

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

2. PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on November 14, 2023

3.2 November 2023 Financial Statements

3.3 Water Warrants – Check Number 20643-20709 Total \$393,453.40

Water LAIF Deposit - \$10,974.32

Water LAIF Withdrawal - \$50,000

Sewer Warrants – Check Number 7450-7453 Total \$44,341.34

Sewer LAIF Deposit - \$20,025.68

Health Reimb Account – Check Number 2979-2983 Total \$2,139.06

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

It was moved by Director Hatley, seconded by Director Wristen to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS

5.1 Election of Officers

Nominations for President were opened. Director Taggart nominated Director Koch, seconded by Director Hatley. With no more nominations being made, nominations were closed by Director Taggart. Motion was unanimously carried.

Nominations for Vice President were opened. Director Taggart nominated Director Hatley, seconded by Director Wristen. With no more nominations being made, nominations were closed by Director Taggart. Motion was unanimously carried.

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5.2 Health Reimbursement Arrangement Account – Resolution 05-23

Manager Boucher informed the Board that each year, the District deposits the sum of \$3,000.00 for each of its employees into a Health Reimbursement Arrangement account to reimburse for any outstanding medical, dental or vision expenses. Office Manager Padilla mentioned there is approximately \$2,900 left in the account. Manager Boucher requested that a Health Reimbursement Arrangement Account for each of its employees in the amount of \$3,000.00 be set up for the Calendar Year 2024. Motion made by Director Hatley, seconded by Director Clark and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 05-23; Maintaining Health Insurance Coverage for Calendar Year 2024. Roll call taken.

5.3 Clay Pits SVRA Application to LAFCO – Resolution 06-23

Engineer Heindell reviewed the Clay Pits SVRA Application which was previously approved by the Board over a year ago. This is an adoption of the same application since the previous has expired. The CEQA Declaration has been revised from a Negative Declaration to Categorically Exempt. Motion made by Director Hatley, seconded by Director Koch, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 06-23; Roll call taken.

6. WATER BUSINESS

6.1 TWSD FVT Claimant Release

Manager Boucher, Engineer Heindell and Attorney McClure reviewed a Claimant Release which the Camp Fire FVT has requested be signed to receive the next 10-15% award disbursement. The same release was signed when the District received the initial award disbursement of 60%. The timeline for the next disbursement (according to the FVT) is early 2024.

6.2 Extension on Feasibility Study Agreement

Manager Boucher received an extension request from the Manger of Paradise Recreation and Parks District. The option to extend the agreement was included in the original agreement under Section 5. Motion made by Director Hatley, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously carried to execute the agreement extension for one year.

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6.3 Nelson & 4th Street Project Bid Discussion & Award.

Engineer Heindell reviewed the two received bids for the pipeline project. Walberg Construction Inc and R&R Horn Construction both submitted bids. Walberg Construction's bid was \$478,218.00 and R&R Horn Construction's bid was \$590,100.00. Motion made by Director Hatley, seconded by Director Taggart, and unanimously carried to approve Walberg Construction as the lowest responsible bidder and awarded the bid.

7. ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney McClure reported on the Bay Delta Plan comments regarding Voluntary Agreements. He also explained that the District will be included in the comments submitted to the State. No updates on the litigation submitted by the Cattleman's Association regarding the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies in Butte County. The State Board is going to be issuing preliminary plans to GSA's which have not satisfied the SGMA criteria.

8. SEWER BUSINESS

8.1 SC-OR Report

Commissioner Koch reviewed the November 2023 Regular Meeting of the Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region.

- Authorized Manager Sturdevant to sign the purchase agreement for the land the new Ruddy Creek Pump Station will be built on.
- A \$167,000 task order was added to the Jacobs Engineering contract to complete engineering for the Ruddy Creek Pump Station under an existing contract.
- SCOR Manager is working with CalWater towards a potential recycled water project.

9. WYANDOTTE CREEK GSA

9.1 Wyandotte Creek GSA Report

There was no November Wyandotte Creek GSA meeting.

10. MANAGER REPORT

Winter Party: The District will be having its annual Winter Party to be held on Friday, February 9th at Feather Falls Casino.

Water Treatment Plant Capacity Upgrade Project: Engineer Heindell reported that the header for the two-rack expansion project has been replaced by Cushman Contracting.

11. HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

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12. BOARD COMMENTS

- Fish fry was enjoyed by all who attended.
- Happy Birthday to Manager Boucher
- Happy Birthday to Engineer Heindell
- Happy Anniversary to Director Koch for 1 year served.

At 2:38 pm, the meeting recessed to go into Closed Session and reconvened at 3:15 pm.

13. CLOSED SESSION


President Taggart reported that the Board heard from legal counsel and staff regarding one issue and no action was taken.

14. PASSING OF THE GAVEL


President Taggart passed the gavel to Scott Koch, the newly elected President for the January 2024 meeting.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:17 pm.



Secretary of the Board



President of the Board