

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Thermalito Water and Sewer District
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October 18, 2022 – 2:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Director Hatley at 2:00 pm

1.1 Flag Salute

Manager Boucher led the flag salute.

1.2 Roll Call

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

2. PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 20, 2022

3.2 Financial Statements – September 2022

3.3 Water Warrants – Check Number 19757-19817 Total \$330,493.58

Water LAIF Deposit - \$135,000.00

Sewer Warrants – Check Number 7370-7373 Total \$202,348.46

Sewer LAIF Deposit - \$20,000.00

Health Reimb Account – Check Number 2914-2917 Total \$1,132.39

3.4 Superintendent's Monthly Report of Maintenance and Operations and Solar Power Generation for September 2022

It was moved by Director Taggart, seconded by Director Hatley to approve Consent Agenda Items 3.1 - 3.4. Motion carried. Roll Call taken.

4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS

5.1 Thermalito Water & Sewer District Rate Study Proposal

Engineer Heindell mentioned that we will be moving forward with Bartle Wells Associates with the Rate Study Proposal. He mentioned that staff will be attending a kickoff meeting with Bartle Wells on Thursday, October 20th to review over the timeline including the Prop 218 hearings and hopes to have the rate study completed by the end of February 2023.

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5.2 Health Insurance – Calendar Year 2023

Office Manager Padilla informed the Board that she has been in contact with InterWest Insurance Services to get health insurance cost for the Calendar Year 2023. She mentioned that currently the District pays around \$284,296/year for the Silver PPO Plan, Sun Life Insurance Plan and the HRA. If the District were to continue with the same plans, the cost would be around \$306,000/year which would be an increase of \$21,704.00 for the calendar year 2023. When comparing the Silver PPO plan with ACWA/JPIA, the rates for ACWA/JPIA would be \$268,429/year versus the Silver PPO Plan which would be \$244,500 for a difference of \$23,929/year. Director Hatley mentioned that he is under a PPO plan which will also be going up around 17.8% in January. Motion made by Director Hatley; seconded by Director Wristen and unanimously carried to approve the Silver PPO and Sun Life Insurance plans for the health cover for the Calendar Year 2023. Roll Call taken.

6. WATER BUSINESS

6.1 Solar System at the Treatment Plant

Manager Boucher mentioned that he has received five proposals from Bold Renewables. He reminded the Board that at last month's meeting, it was mentioned that two of the inverters over at the Treatment Plant had gone out. The quote from Bold Renewables to send out a technician to make the repairs came to \$14,244.79. The quote from Bold Renewables for a 10-year preventive maintenance plan on the inverters came to \$25,434.04. Total cost came to \$39,678.83. He mentioned that after receiving the quotes from Bold Renewables, it was discussed with the Administrative Committee who then approved the quotes and gave authorization to move forward. He mentioned that the District is on the schedule and that a technician will be out at the end of November or beginning of December.

7. ATTORNEY REPORT

None

8. SEWER BUSINESS

8.1 SC-OR Report

Commissioner Wristen reviewed over the September 2022 Regular Meeting of the Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region.

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9. **WYANDOTTE CREEK GSA**

9.1 **Wyandotte Creek GSA Report**

Engineer Heindell mentioned that a Request for Proposals has been sent out regarding long term funding opportunities. He mentioned that the purpose of this RFP was to solicit input from other consultants. The consultants are going to be assisting the GSA's in determining the best way to fund themselves, and to determine what kind of rate structure they would adopt and how they would fund operations moving forward. To-date, five proposals have been received. The Funding Committee which consists of two Board Members will meet with the Management team to go through the proposals and to do some interviews and then provide recommendation on whose proposal to move forward with.

10. **MANAGER REPORT**

TWSD Backyard Celebration: Just a reminder that the 100-year backyard celebration will be on November 4th from 2:00pm to 6:00pm.

VFD Booster Pump: The Treatment Plant is in the process of replacing the original 1972 motor control equipment that currently runs our constant speed booster pumps and Well 5. It is being replaced with new motor soft starts, flow meters for the booster pumps (which they never had) and program control through our Scada System plus soon we will be replacing the Drive Unit for our #1 Raw Water Pump. When completed, the District will have two nearly new rebuilt raw water pumps, new Scada and soft start controls for our two reconditioned constant speed booster pumps, one rebuilt 150 hp VFD Booster Pump with a new high efficiency motor (VFD drive to be replaced next fiscal year).

11. **HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

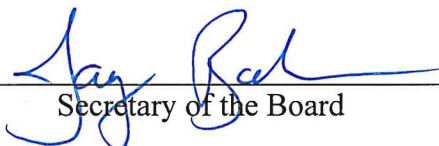
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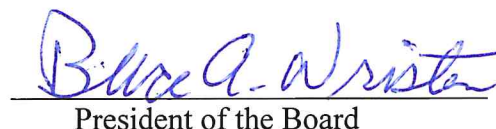
12. **BOARD COMMENTS**

Happy Birthday Director Wristen
Welcome Director Clark

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:24 pm.


Secretary of the Board


President of the Board