

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MAY 18, 2023

<u>Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.</u>, SLVWD Conference Room, 12788 Highway 9, Boulder Creek, and via videoconference and teleconference. Director Ackemann will be attending from the Embassy Suites San Diego Bay Downtown, 601 Pacific Hwy., San Diego, CA 92101, in the Business Center.

1. Convene Meeting Roll Call

Board Members Present:
Mark Smolley, President
Jeff Hill, Vice President
Jayme Ackemann, Director *
Bob Fultz, Director
Gail Mahood, Director

Staff Present:

Rick Rogers, District Manager Gina Nicholls, District Counsel * Carly Blanchard, Acting District Secretary/Enviro Programs Mgr & Admin Assist Scott Mattoch, Network Specialist

- 2. Additions and Deletions to Closed Session Agenda: None
- 3. Oral Communications Regarding Items in Closed Session:

B. Holloway, Boulder Creek, recounted his recollection of Nossaman/G. Nicholls being hired as District Counsel. He thinks that there is a Brown Act problem with the President's Report portion of the agenda.

The Board and staff tried to explain that this Oral Communication was for items on the Closed Session as stated on the agenda. *Any person may address the Board of Directors at this time, on Closed Session items.*

- 4. Adjournment to Closed Session: 5:38 p.m.
- 5. Re-Convene Meeting: 6:30 p.m. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Mark Smolley, President

Jeff Hill, Vice President Jayme Ackemann, Director * Bob Fultz, Director Gail Mahood, Director

Staff Present:

Rick Rogers, District Manager Gina Nicholls, District Counsel *

Carly Blanchard, Acting District Secretary/Enviro Programs Mgr & Admin Assist Josh Wolff, District Engineer

K. Reed, Director of Finance & Business Services *

J. Furtado, Director of Operations *

Scott Mattoch, Network Specialist

6. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session: None

7. Additions and Deletions:

- R. Rogers said that staff would like to pull Item 10b BIENNIAL DRAFT BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2023-2025 from the agenda. The Budget & Finance Committee reviewed the item at the their 5.16.23 special meeting and significant changes were requested to the Budget so they requested that the item be pulled from the BoD agenda. This meeting will be brought back to the Board at the first meeting in June.
- B. Fultz said that he objects. He spent a lot of time preparing for this item and would like his input added to the Budget.
- B. Fultz can send his comments to K. Reed and R. Rogers to make sure they are acknowledged in the Budget.
- G. Nicholls said that with an objection it would be appropriate to vote on whether to pull this item.

A motion was made and seconded to pull Item 10b from the agenda.

Four members voted in favor of the motion and Dir. Fultz voted no. Motion passed and the item was pulled from the agenda.

8. Oral Communications:

B. Holloway, Boulder Creek, said that he can't see Dir. Ackemann on the screen or any other people that are attending the meeting virtually.

9. President's Report:

Nothing to report.

10. Unfinished Business:

a. SCHAAF & WHEELER CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES EXTENSION-LYON AND BIG STEEL PIPELINE

J. Wolff introduced and explained this item.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding:

- The amount of the original contract was \$341,100
- When did we discover that we were going to exceed the contract?
- The project was expanded and the scope of the project was changed
- The CZU Fire was the cause for many of the changes
- Comparison of original charges reasonable
- 17% of the project will be CZU related (FEMA funded)

A motion was made and seconded that the District Manager amend the contract with Schaaf & Wheeler for design construction support services related to the Lyon & Big Steel pipelines projects in the amount not to exceed \$92,300.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

b. <u>BIENNIAL DRAFT BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2023-2025</u> This item was pulled from the agenda.

11. New Business:

a. LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

G. Nicholls introduced and explained this item.

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding:

- The Board has been discussing this in closed session for the last several meetings, this reflects efforts of our staff and brings us closer to paying competitive rates
- B. Fultz read a written statement saying that our government agencies work best with an informed public. Here is a link to the recording: http://communitytv.org/watch/government-demand/
- Employee requests were not readily agreed to they were negotiated
- These kinds of discussions are not typically ever negotiated in public

A motion was made and seconded to approve the attached addendums and authorize their execution on the behalf of the District.

Directors Smolley, Hill, Ackemann, and Mahood voted in favor of the motion. Director Fultz voted no. The motion passed.

12. Consent Agenda:

a. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES 4.6.23 - Approved

13. District Reports:

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding:

- Fall Creek Fish Ladder
- Felton Heights progress
- Grants
- Low interest loans
- Stage 2 Drought designation to be revisited at a future meeting
- Past due bills
- Well water
- Leaks detection
- 14. Written Communication: None
- 15. Informational Material: None
- 16. Re-Adjourn to Closed Session: 7:17 p.m.
- 17. Re-Convene to Open Session: 7:25 p.m.
- 18. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session:
- 19. Adjournment: 7:26 p.m.

Minutes approved: 6/21/23

Holly B. Hossack, District Secretary