

SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 5, 2015
7:00 p.m.

CONVENE MEETING/ROLL CALL:

President Bruce convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Pres. Bruce then read the Mission.

Roll call showed Dirs. Hammer, Baughman, Ratcliffe and Brown were also present. District Manager Lee and Legal Counsel Hynes were present as well.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hammer, Brown, Bruce, Baughman, Ratcliffe

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

District Manager Lee noted that the agenda now includes item 12b3 Future Committee Agenda Requests by the Board.

MINUTES:

Director Ratcliffe made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2015 Board Meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Hammer, Brown, Bruce, Baughman, Ratcliffe

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Director Brown questioned if minutes are required for the San Lorenzo River Symposium.

District Counsel Hynes said that minutes were not required.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Julie Hendriks, Boulder Creek, read a letter she had prepared (attached).

Charlene DeBert, Boulder Creek, questioned the purchased of a pipe locator for \$5,000. She wants to know what kind of pipe it locates. She noted that there are no leaks

detected in her area and wondered if that is because pipes in her area are hard to locate.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:

District Manager Lee said that staff has reviewed the letter from Michaels and there is no interest. The letter from Barone is related to a door hanging error and policy & procedures are now corrected. Gossweiler protest was shared with the Board. Staff plans to go ahead with the SLV Chamber membership. Letter from Tiegs recognized by President Bruce.

CONSENT AGENDA:

9a DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PHONE SYSTEM

Director Baughman suggested to advertise it on ebay.

Director Brown suggested craigslist.

Director Brown made a motion to declare the phone system surplus.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Hammer, Bruce, Baughman, Ratcliffe, Brown

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

OLD BUSINESS:

10a PROP 218 PROTEST BALLOT ARBITER

District Manager Lee explained that we have been unable to secure a third party arbiter for the Prop 218 Protest Ballot.

Dir. Hammer suggested that we try Nancy Macy.

Pres. Bruce suggested that Supervisor McPherson's office be contacted, followed by Assemblymember Stone's office. She suggested that the Board agree on a fall back person as arbiter.

Dir. Hammer would like to see a 3rd party.

Dir. Brown also likes the 3rd party policy.

Charlene DeBert, Boulder Creek, questioned why she got 2 notices.

10b NOA for Olympia Mutual Project

District Manager Lee explained that the Board must adopt a Notice of Acceptance in order to file a Notice of Completion with the County of Santa Cruz for the Olympia Mutual Project.

Direct Hammer made a motion to adopt the Notice of Acceptance.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Brown, Bruce, Baughman, Ratcliffe, Hammer

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

President Bruce expressed thanks and appreciation to Director of Operations Rogers and GIS/Engineering Manager Menzies for the work on the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

11a BILL LIST

Director Baughman questioned several items on the Bill List.

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Dir. Baughman made a motion to approve the Bill List in the amount of \$926,977.58.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hammer, Brown, Bruce, Ratcliffe, Baughman

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

CONSENT AGENDA:

9a SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAIN STEWARDSHIP NETWORK

9b QUARTERLY LEAK ADJUSTMENT REPORT

9c QUARTERLY WATER CONSERVATION CREDIT REPORT

Director Ratcliffe made a motion to accept and approve the 3 consent agenda items.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Brown, Bruce, Baughman, Ratcliffe

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent: Hammer

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

10a MONTHLY BILLING

District Manager Lee explained that the District has been doing monthly meter reading and billing for a year and a half now . The Board committed to look at the billing cycle again after the summer months. The State currently requires monthly reports and he believes in the future the State will mandate monthly billing. Staff recommends that the District commit to monthly billing and meter reading.

Director Brown noted that one of the issues that came up in the Finance Committee meeting was the Quantitative vs. Qualitative benefits.

Director Baughman noted that one of the positives that hasn't been mentioned is looking at water rates, for example summer rates specifically. Better feedback for rate studies.

Director Brown also noted that the monthly billing allows the district to communicate with the public 12 times a year rather than just 6 times.

Director Ratcliffe said that she thinks the conservation side of monthly billing is really important. She said that she enjoys to the month to month information.

President Bruce says that it fits with most other payments being made, mortgage, electricity, credit cards, etc.

Director Brown made a motion to direct staff to change to monthly billing indefinitely.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bruce, Baughman, Ratcliffe, Brown

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hammer

10b PROPOSITION 218 THIRD PARTY ARBITER FOR PROTEST BALLOT

District Manager Lee said that the District has committed to a third party arbiter to oversee and count the protest ballots at the November 19, 2015 Public Hearing for the Prop 218 process.

Director Baughman said that The League of Women Voters are unbiased and experienced.

Pres. Bruce and Dir. Ratcliffe both think that have high school students as arbiters would be a good idea but agree that the experience of the League of Women Voters is preferable. Perhaps they could watch the process.

10c PROSSER PROPERTY DEMOLITION

After putting out an RFP for demolition of 2 buildings and a septic tank, Randazzo Enterprises was the low bid at \$19,724.

President Bruce questioned if a fence would be put up during the demolition.

Dist. Mgr. Lee said yes, there will be a fence. It will be just a matter of days.

Dir. Brown noted that we may need a fence after demolition also.

Dir. Baughman questioned if there was hazardous material testing.

Dist. Mgr. Lee said that traces of asbestos and lead paint were found and those issues are being addressed.

Dir. Ratcliffe noticed the improvements to the adjacent Johnson Building property.

A motion was made by Dir. Brown to proceed with the demolition of the Prosser Property.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Bruce, Baughman, Ratcliffe, Brown

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent: Hammer

NEW BUSINESS:

11a BILL LIST FOR PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 15, 2015

A motion was made by Director Baughman to accept and approve the Bill List in the amount of \$308,251.08

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Brown, Bruce, Ratcliffe, Baughman

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hammer

11c WATER CONSERVATION CREDIT PROGRAM

Dist. Mgr. Lee described that the Water Conservation Budget has been over drafted in the first quarter of 2015/2016. Staff has rearranged the budget to cover obligated funds.

The Board would like to see more frequent monitoring of this program in the future so that they are not surprised again.

Dir. Baughman would like to see statistical analysis regarding water use and this program.

Director Brown made a motion to approve the redistribution of budgeted funds to cover the Water Conservation Credit Program.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Bruce, Baughman, Ratcliffe, Brown

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hammer

GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS:

District Manager Lee shared information regarding Finance.

Director of Operations Rogers shared highlights from the Operations report.

COMMITTEE/DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Dir. Brown shared information from the Finance Committee.

President Bruce shared information from the ACWA SGMA workshop.

Dir. Ratcliffe shared information from the Environmental Committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Bruce adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.