

Thermalito Water and Sewer District
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
January 15, 2019 – 2:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

1.1 Flag Salute

President Pulley led the flag salute

1.2 Roll Call

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

1.3 Opening Ceremony

President Pulley passed the gavel to the newly elected President Hatley.

At this point, it was suggested by President Hatley to move Item 10 forward in the agenda to accommodate Mark McConnaughay from the U.S. General Services Administration

10. Hearing of Individuals on Non-Agenda Items

Mark McConnaughay reported that he is with the U.S. General Services Administration. He mentioned that FEMA is currently looking at leasing land in the local area to develop so that they can place mobile housing units on it for the house disaster survivors of the Camp Fire. He mentioned that he received a letter of interest from a potential lessor for a parcel of land who is willing to lease to the Federal Government for said purposes. One of the items listed on the lease was water and sewer connection fees which run about \$20,000.00. FEMA is looking at putting 65 units on that particular parcel of land which will amount to roughly \$1.3 million in connection fees. He mentioned that these units are temporary and are only going to be there for roughly 18 months. He asked if there would be any reprieve or any other options to take. Manager Boucher mentioned that he will need to meet with other Water and Sewer Agencies in the Oroville area to discuss what direction to take and will report back at the next Board meeting.

2. PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Ron Reed from the Base Camp Village was in attendance to speak on Item 5.3.

Dan Taverner and Tim Keeseey from the Butte County RCD was in attendance to speak on Item 6.1.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- 3.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 18, 2018
- 3.2 Financial Statements – November and December 2018
- 3.3 Water Warrants – Check Number 17011-17059 Total \$267,515.90
Water LAIF Deposit - \$54,453.93
Health Reimb Arrangement – Check Number 2724-2732 Total \$4,564.34
Sewer Warrants – Check Number 7119-7123 Total \$121,399.66
Sewer LAIF Deposit - \$17,546.07
- 3.4 Summary of District Operation and Solar Power Generation – December 2018
It was moved by Director Taggart, and seconded by Director Pulley to approve Consent Agenda Items 3.1 - 3.4. Motion carried.

4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS

5.1 President Hatley will Appoint Administration Committee for the Coming Year

President Hatley appointed the following Administration Committee for the Calendar Year 2019.

COMMITTEE

Administration/Inter-departmental/
Personnel

DIRECTORS

Hatley and Taggart

5.2 Current Board Committees

President Hatley asked the Board if they would like to make any changes to the committees for the Calendar Year 2019. The following committees were left unchanged:

Concow Committee
Groundwater Sustainability Mgmt

Pulley & Reynolds
Taggart & Hatley

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5.3 Reed Housing Project

Ron Reed mentioned that he is President of a Corporation called the Base Camp Village. The goal of this Corporation is to provide permanent housing for mentally disabled homeless people. His Corporation is trying to build housing for these people on a ¾ acre lot located at 78 Paula Court. The Project has 12 units which are very small and the design is to make a minimum size apartment/house for one person to be able to live there. Mr. Reed is requesting a variance to the Policy 1.210 Meter Installation Rates. Policy 1.210 shows that a maximum unit up to 20 dwelling units would require a 3” meter costing roughly \$82,000. Based on the calculated water demand for the proposed project, NorthStar Engineering confirmed that a meter size of 1-1/2” is sufficient. Engineer Heindell reported that after reviewing the proposed project and calculations submitted by NorthStar Engineering, he agrees that the demand can be met with a 1-1/2” meter. Motion made by Director Taggart; seconded by Director Pulley and unanimously carried to approve the variance for Policy 1.210 for the 1-1/2” meter for the Base Camp Village Project located at 78 Paula Court.

6. WATER BUSINESS

6.1 RCD Letter of Support

Dan Taverner from the Butte County Resource Conservation District is requesting a Letter of Support for a grant that will fund a watershed coordinator position serving the Concow Creek for the next two years. He mentioned that the Camp Fire incinerated whole forests and severely burned soils in the watershed, significantly increasing erosion risks for Concow Creek tributaries. This is increasing the sedimentation going into the Concow Reservoir. Motion made by Director Hatley; seconded by Director Taggart and unanimously carried to approve the Letter of Support for Butte County RCD.

7. ATTORNEY REPORT

Subpoena – Paul Washleski: Attorney Carter reported that the District received another subpoena coupled with a Notice of Deposition directed to the Custodian of Records. He mentioned that he has not yet spoken with the Defense Counsel but has spoken with the Attorney for the Plaintiff. The Attorney for the Plaintiff is going to be filing a cross-subpoena duces tecum and a cross-notice of deposition. They are willing to accept the TWSD documents with a declaration signed by a TWSD staff member. Should the Defense Counsel not accept, then a TWSD staff member will need to attend the deposition that will be held on January 28, 2019.

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Summons – Department of Transportation: Attorney Carter reported that the summons received from the Department of Transportation has to do with an eminent domain action that is located on 5th Avenue and Oro Dam Blvd. next to the Burger King Project. TWSD has no facilities in the ground as it is not in our service area. He has spoken with the Attorney for the State who will be sending over a disclaimer stating that TWSD has no rights, title or interest in the area where the improvements are taking place.

8. SEWER BUSINESS

8.1 SC-OR Report

Commissioner Taggart reviewed over the draft minutes of the December 19, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region.

9. MANAGER'S REPORT

1 MGT Clearwell Tank Replacement Project: Engineer Heindell reported that the footing has been sealed and tied and we are waiting for a break in the weather. He mentioned that the concrete is schedule to pour on Tuesday, January 22nd. The tank should start going up around the first of February and should be completed by the end of March.

Golden Feather Mobile Home Park: Engineer Heindell reported that the Regional Water Quality Control Board has informed the Golden Feather Mobile Home Park that they need to hook up to the TWSD sewer system as they are in violation of their permit. Mark Adams from NorthStar Engineering sent a letter to the District stating that there are two issues with fees that they would like to address with TWSD.

- To base the fees on actual monitored flow conditions and not the number of mobile home and/or RV spaces.
- The District consider allowing the fees to be paid over a period of time, similar to what the City of Chico allows for connections within the Nitrate Action Plan Area.

Engineer Heindell and Manager Boucher will need to meet with SC-OR and Mark Adams to discuss options and possibilities of what can be done.

10. HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

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11. BOARD COMMENTS

All Board Members wished Director Reynolds a Happy Birthday and a speedy recovery.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 pm.

Secretary of the Board

President of the Board