Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Thermalito Water and Sewer District Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting September 19, 2023 – 2:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

1.1 Flag Salute

Vice President Koch led the flag salute.

1.2 Roll Call

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

2. PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

Attorney McClure informed the Board that he would like to add an item to the Agenda. He mentioned that the item came up since the posting of the Agenda and that the Board will need to take action before the next Board meeting. Motion made by Director Hatley; seconded by Director Wristen and unanimously carried to add Agenda Item 5.2 - Denial of Government Claim received on August 2, 2023.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- 3.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 15, 2023
- **3.2** Financial Statements June, July and August 2023
- 3.3 Water Warrants Check Number 20449-20523 Total \$801,888.38

Water LAIF Deposit - \$105,500.00

Water LAIF Withdrawal - \$272,000.00

Sewer Warrants – Check Number 7435-7439 Total \$42,195.25

Sewer LAIF Deposit - \$20,500.00

Health Reimb Account – Check Number 2966-2969 Total \$870.00

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

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

4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

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5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS

5.1 Amend FY23/24 Budget

Manager Boucher presented to the Board amendments to the Capital Expenditure Water Budget for FY 2023/24.

- Nelson Avenue & 4th Street Pipeline Project Increased from \$675,000 to \$750,000. Project moved out to spring and may require paving.
- ❖ 24" Main Line Replacement Aqueduct Project \$70,000 was added. Project crosses the canal to the Treatment Plant. Replacement of approximately 140 ft of 24" mainline.
- * Reservoir Sediment Removal \$250,000 was added. Consultant work for removal of sedimentation in Lake Concow.
- ❖ Pall Corporation and Cushman Contracting Final Payments total \$261,160.
- ❖ Coagulant Addition \$100,000 was added.

He mentioned that the funds for the Capital Expenditures will come from the LAIF Account. Motion made by Director Hatley, seconded by Director Wristen and unanimously carried to approve the amendments to the Capital Expenditure Water Budget for FY 2023/24.

5.2 Denial of Government Claim received on August 2, 2023

The District received a claim from Aiman-Smith & Marcy representing Cari McCormick, an employee of Lake County. The claim refers to how certain pension benefits are calculated and paid through CalPERS. The District responded by sending a Notice of Insufficiency of Claim letter to Aiman-Smith & Marcy and their response to the Districts letter was that it was untimely as it was sent more than 20 days after the claim was presented. Recommendation from Attorney McClure is to deny the claim of Cari McCormick and to draft a letter in response to the denial. Motion made by Director Wristen, seconded by Director Hatley and unanimously carried to deny the claim of Cari McCormick and to have Attorney McClure draft the letter.

6. WATER BUSINESS

6.1 Nelson and 4th Street Pipeline Replacement Delay

Engineer Heindell mentioned that in October, the District had planned on replacing the pipeline at the intersection of 4th Street and Nelson Avenue as the City of Oroville had planned on repaving that area. At the pre-construction meeting, staff was informed that the contractor never ordered the parts for the project. The District is now entering into discussions with the City of Oroville to see if the work can be moved out to spring of 2024.

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7. ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney McClure reported that he had discussions with legal counsel from LOAPUD and SC-OR regarding the Proposition 218 compliance for regional sewerage rates. He is still working with legal counsel from the City of Oroville.

Attorney McClure mentioned that he does not yet have a proposal regarding the transfer concept of treated water. He mentioned that his firm is looking into it and that there are some good items where you can turn treated water into water available for transfer. He is hoping to have discussions with SC-OR after their meeting with DWR.

8. SEWER BUSINESS

8.1 SC-OR Report

Commissioner Koch reviewed over the August 22, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region.

9. WYANDOTTE CREEK GSA

9.1 Wyandotte Creek GSA Report

Engineer Heindell reported that the rates from the Proposition 218 hearing were approved and were placed on the September tax roll.

Engineer Heindell reported that in the Special Board meeting, a letter was received from the California Cattlemen's Association objecting to the rangeland fees. The Butte County Cattlemen's Association also included a letter to the Vina GSA regarding a protest against per-acre fees charged to non-extractors within the Vina Subbasin.

10. MANAGER REPORT

<u>Manager Boucher – Vacation:</u> Manager Boucher will be out of the office on vacation from September 20th to September 27th and October 9th to October 20th.

<u>Date Change for October Board Meeting:</u> Board meeting for the month of October 2023 has been moved from October 17th to October 24th.

<u>Aqueduct Project:</u> Distribution group has been working on the cradles for the 24" Main Line Replacement – Aqueduct Project. A total of 9 concrete cradles will be made to hold the pipe in place.

<u>Jet Rodding:</u> Crew will be working on jet rodding and inspection of all sewer lines that are inaccessible throughout wintertime.

<u>Treatment Plant Capacity Upgrade</u>: Engineer Heindell reported that the two additional racks are installed and running but that one of the racks has a leak. Pall Corporation is aware of this and will either send out one of their contractors to make the repairs or will

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have Cushman Contracting perform the repairs. The final invoice for Pall Corporation has been paid short by \$25,000 and will be paid once repairs have been made.

<u>Coagulant Addition:</u> Engineer Heindell mentioned that he requested to have \$100,000 budgeted to take care of some of the disinfection byproduct issues that the district has been having with the water quality.

<u>Concow Sediment Removal:</u> Engineer Heindell mentioned that KSN will be submitting a proposal to the district for the sediment removal project.

11. HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS None

12. BOARD COMMENTS

Happy Anniversary to Director Clark - 1 year

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 pm.

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