Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Thermalito Water and Sewer District Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting December 17, 2019 – 2:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

1.1 Flag Salute

Director Taggart led the flag salute

1.2 Roll Call

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

2. PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- **3.1** Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 19, 2019
- **3.2** Financial Statements November 2019
- Water Warrants Check Number 17686-17738 Total \$201,013.20
 Water LAIF Deposit \$57,127.37
 Sewer Warrants Check Number 7191-7198 Total \$31,600.69
 Sewer LAIF Deposit \$23,872.63
 Health Reimb Arrangement Check Number 2763-2767 Total \$519.92
- 3.4 Summary of District Operation and Solar Power Generation November 2019 It was moved by Director Taggart, 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 Election of Officers

Nominations for President were opened. Director Taggart nominated Director Hatley, seconded by Director Hatley. With no more nominations being made, nominations were closed by Director Hatley. Motion was unanimously carried.

Nominations for Vice President were opened. Director Taggart nominated Director Latulippe, seconded by Director Hatley. With no more nominations being made, nominations were closed by Director Hatley. Motion was unanimously carried.

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5.2 Health Reimbursement Arrangement Account – Resolution 07-19

Manager Boucher mentioned that back in 2012, the District was paying out \$179,554.82 to CalPers for Health Insurance. Since the District has changed providers, the amounts paid out to Sun Life Financial and Golden State Risk Management as well as the \$3,000.00 per employee per year has been below the allotted amount. He mentioned that for the Calendar Year 2019, the budgeted amount will still be below the allotted amount and is requesting that a Health Reimbursement Arrangement Account for each of its employees in the amount of \$3,000.00 be set up for the Calendar Year 2020. Motion made by Director Hatley, seconded by Director Taggart and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 07-19; Maintaining Health Insurance Coverage for Calendar Year 2020. Roll call taken.

5.3 **Annual Winter Party**

Manager Boucher reported that staff has been working on locating a hall rental and catering service for the winter party event. He mentioned that staff still needs to check with the Gray Nurse Hall Rental and The Patio to find out availability. Once a location has been reserved, staff will notify everyone of the location.

5.4 Sale of 2009 Ford Ranger

Manager Boucher mentioned that the District is looking to sell the 2009 Ford Ranger Truck. He mentioned that the truck was just recently involved in an accident and sustained minor repairs to the passenger side of the vehicle. He mentioned that instead of repairing the vehicle, he would like to sell the vehicle as is. Oroville Ford has given an estimated price of \$1,500.00 - \$2,500.00. Motion made by Director Taggart; seconded by Director Latulippe and unanimously carried to sell the 2009 Ford Ranger as is for a price of \$1,500.00 - \$2,500.00.

6. WATER BUSINESS

6.1 Yankee Hill Fire Safe Council

Manager Boucher reported that Brenda Rightmyer of the Yankee Hill Fire Safe Council has contacted him for a letter of support from the District on working together on a fuel reduction project that will provide fire safety for the community, generate healthy forest conditions and enhance the quality of the watershed. TWSD will also provide a match contribution on the maintenance work. He mentioned that TWSD will continue to work with the Yankee Hill Fire Safe Council on the planning aspects of the fuel break and assist with providing logistical support in co-hosting the Maintenance and Hands-on Workshop.

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7. ATTORNEY REPORT

7.1 Consideration of Engagement of Baron & Budd to represent District in Camp Fire Litigation.

Attorney Carter mentioned that he and Manager Boucher met with Attorney Ernie Washington who has been involved with a national firm, Baron & Budd Attorneys on Camp Fire Litigation. He mentioned that the County of Butte, Paradise Recreational Park District, the Town of Paradise as well as 45 other Public Agencies throughout the State have been represented by Baron & Budd. He mentioned that in speaking with Attorney Washington and John Fiske, Baron & Budd, P.C., their arrangement is that they work off of a contingency fee which is eighteen percent (18%) of any net settlement or net recovery that Attorneys obtain for the Client. If no recovery is made, no fees will be charged or received by the Attorneys. Attorney Carter requested that the District approve the engagement of Ernie Washington and Baron & Budd on the contingency fee basis to represent it in the continuing recovery of damages to the District from PG&E for the camp fire losses at Concow Reservoir. Motion made by Director Hatley; seconded by Director Taggart and unanimously carried to engage in an agreement with Baron & Budd and Ernie Washington to represent the District during the Camp Fire Litigation with PG&E on a contingency basis.

8. SEWER BUSINESS

8.1 <u>SC-OR Report</u>

Commissioner Hatley reviewed over the November 20, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region that were included in the Board packet.

9. WYANDOTTE CREEK GSA

9.1 Wyandotte Creek GSA Report

Manager Boucher reported that there was no meeting held in the month of November 2019.

10. MANAGER REPORT

- ➤ 2.5 MGT Replacement Project: Construction of the new 2.5 MG tank has a tentative completion date during the first week of January, weather depending.
- ➤ Concow Sediment Removal Project: A draft report estimating the sediment deposited into Concow will be available next week. Once a final report is completed, it will be submitted to Cal OES for approval.

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11. HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Todd Kimmelshue stated that he is a candidate for County Supervisor. He mentioned that the reason he is here today is to learn more about the Thermalito community.

12. BOARD COMMENTS

The Board wished Manager Boucher and Engineer Heindell Happy Birthday. Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 pm.

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