

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Thermalito Water and Sewer District
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March 21, 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

Attorney Carter led the flag salute.

1.2 Roll Call

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

2. PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 17, 2023

3.2 Financial Statement – February 2023

3.3 Water Warrants – Check Number 20076-20128 Total \$297,559.44

Water LAIF Deposit - \$134,824.32

Sewer Warrants – Check Number 7401-7406 Total \$33,227.97

Sewer LAIF Deposit - \$20,175.68

Health Reimb Account – Check Number 2934-2937 Total \$670.86

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

It was moved by Director Hatley, seconded by Director Wristen to approve Consent Agenda Items 3.1 - 3.4. Motion carried.

4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS

5.1 2023 Rate Study

Engineer Heindell reviewed with the Board the draft Water and Wastewater Tables submitted by Bartle Wells Associates.

Regarding the Water Tables, the Board considered moving to the following proposed meter size rates:

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<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
1” and below	\$28.84-\$32.96	\$35.96
1.5”	\$41.20	\$71.92
2”	\$51.50	\$115.08
3”	\$116.39	\$215.77
4”	\$151.39	\$359.62
6”	\$267.80	\$719.24

Regarding the Wastewater Tables, the Board preferred Table 8 – Option 1B: Proposed Rates – Status Quo with Frontloaded Increases:

<u>Current Sewer Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Sewer Rate Per EDU</u>
\$17.42	\$20.90 (FY23/24)
	\$25.08 (FY24/25)
	\$30.10 (FY25/26)
	\$31.76 (FY26/27)
	\$33.50 (FY27/28)

Engineer Heindell mentioned that these are TWSD rates only and does not include SC-OR charges. He stated that all amounts should be finalized by the April Board meeting so that the Prop218 notices can be sent out by May 1, 2023, and for the Board to approve all changes at the June Board meeting.

5.2 Election of a Special District Regular “Enterprise” Member

Manager Boucher reported that LAFCO is conducting an election of the Special District Regular Enterprise Member position. He reported that the four nominees running are Bob Matthews – Paradise Irrigation District; Ruth Duncan – South Feather Water and Power Agency; Bruce Wristen – Thermalito Water and Sewer District and Scott Fowler – Feather River Recreation and Park District. Motion made by Director Hatley; seconded by Director Clark and unanimously carried to nominate Bruce Wristen – Thermalito Water and Sewer District.

5.3 Attorney-Client Fee Contract

Manager Boucher presented to the Board an Attorney-Client Fee Contract from Minasian, Meith, Soares, Sexton & Cooper, LLP. He asked the Board if there were any changes to be made at which time there were no changes. Motion made by Director Hatley; seconded by Director Wristen and unanimously carried to accept the Attorney-Client Fee Contract from Minasian, Meith, Soares, Sexton & Cooper, LLP.

6. **WATER BUSINESS**

PUBLIC HEARING WAS OPENED AT 2:32PM

6.1 **Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan
Public Hearing**

Engineer Heindell reviewed over the amended UWMP and WSCP. The amended included changes to the population served by the District. Upon discussions with DWR staff, the district decided to revise the population based upon the DWR population tool instead of previously interpreted census data. He asked if the Board had any question at which time there were no questions.

At this time being that there was no one in the audience and no questions from the Board, Vice President Koch closed the Public Hearing at 2:36pm.

Motion made by Director Hatley; seconded by Director Wristen and unanimously carried to adopt the Urban Water Management Plan.

7. **ATTORNEY REPORT**

None

8. **SEWER BUSINESS**

8.1 **SC-OR Report**

Commissioner Wristen reviewed over the February 28, 2023, Regular Meeting and March 8, 2023 Special Meeting of the Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region.

9. **WYANDOTTE CREEK GSA**

9.1 **Wyandotte Creek GSA Report**

Engineer Heindell and Director Wristen summarized the February 23rd Wyandotte Creek Board meeting. The board heard a presentation from a consultant on long-term funding options for the GSA. The GSA board gave direction to pursue a budget with and without the proposed grant funding. The consultant will bring multiple funding options as well as a proposed budget outline for the next 5 years to the next board meeting.

10. **MANAGER REPORT**

Treatment Plant Capacity Upgrade Update: Engineer Heindell mentioned that the district has been receiving deliveries from Pall Corporation which the inventory is being verified by Cushman Contracting. He mentioned that there has been one change order not specific to the work being done. The change order is for \$80,000 to cover the spare parts for the new racks and freight.

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2021 Water Transfer Refill Update: Engineer Heindell reported that Lake Oroville reservoir entered flood control operations on March 16th. He mentioned that as of today, DWR has not yet relieved the district of the refill criteria. South Feather has sent DWR a letter stating that they have fulfilled the refill criteria and has asked for an acknowledgement. He mentioned that if the district does not hear from DWR by this Friday, the District will write a letter informing them that we have fulfilled the refill criteria and to request an acknowledgement.

Letter of Support: Brenda Rightmyer from the Yankee Hill Fire Safe Council has requested three Letters of Support:

1. **22-WP-BTU-46655931 “Granite Ridge Fuel Break”:** This project will continue work on the Granite Ridge Fuel Break along the West Branch of the Feather River that divides Concow from the Town of Paradise and Magalia.
2. **22-WP-BTU-47390671 “Biomass Utilization”:** This project would support the purchase of a horizontal grinder so we can rid the already downed, dead tree debris too big for traditional chippers.
3. **22-WP-BTU-47404535 “Concow / Yankee Hill – Evacuation Routes”:** This project will allow us to reduce the hazardous fuel load along key evacuation roads that will lead the community to Hwy 70 safer and allow emergency personnel safer ingress.

Letters were generated and sent to Ms. Rightmyer via e-mail to beat the March 15th deadline.

11. HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS


None

12. BOARD COMMENTS

Happy Birthday to Director Koch

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:09 pm.


Secretary of the Board


President of the Board