

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Thermalito Water and Sewer District
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February 20, 2024 – 2:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

1.1 Flag Salute

Director Koch led the flag salute.

1.2 Roll Call

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

2. PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 16, 2024

3.2 Financial Statements - December 2023 and January 2024

3.3 Water Warrants – Check Number 20759-20834 Total \$414,204.40

Water LAIF Deposit - \$7,636.09

Sewer Warrants – Check Number 7458-7461 Total \$32,681.13

Sewer LAIF Deposit - \$19,363.91

Health Reimb Account – Check Number 2988-2992 Total \$764.19

3.4 Superintendent’s Monthly Report of Maintenance and Operations and Solar Power Generation for January 2024

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

4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS

5.1 Consider Revisions to Board Policy No. 8130 (Sewer Lateral Lines)

Manager Boucher reported that a copy of Policy 3.330 - Sewer Lateral Line Ownership, Operation, Maintenance is included in the Board packet. This policy outlines that the landowner is responsible for the service, repair, update or reconstruction of each individual sewer service line from and after the point of connection on the property owner’s side, from the dwelling to the districts sewer main. He mentioned that this policy will replace Policy 8130 – Sewer Lateral Stoppage. Motion made by Director Hatley, seconded by Director Koch and unanimously carried to adopt Policy 3.330 – Sewer Lateral Line Ownership,

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Operation, Maintenance and to rescind Policy 8130 - Sewer Lateral Stoppage. Roll call taken.

5.2 Consider Revisions to Board Policy No. 7155 (Fire and Water Service)

Manager Boucher reported that a copy of Policy 3.100 – Ownership of Water and Fire Service Lines is included in the Board packet. This policy outlines that the landowner is responsible at its sole cost and expense to construct, install, maintain, repair and/or replace any and all water, and/or fire service lines serving its property, all of which shall be in strict compliance with appropriate utility standards. He mentioned that this policy will replace Policy 7155 – Ownership of Water and Fire Service Lines. Motion made by Director Hatley, seconded by Director Taggart and unanimously carried to adopt Policy 3.100 – Ownership of Water and Fire Service Lines and to rescind Policy 7155 – Ownership of Water and Fire Service Lines. Roll call taken.

6. WATER BUSINESS

None

7. ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney McClure reported that he has received an initial inquiry on a possible water transfer from the State Water Project Contractors wanting to know if the District has water to sell this year. No terms have been provided yet. Will get an update when a term sheet is proposed.

Attorney McClure reported that a case out of Tulare County where a Friant Water Authority, sued a GSA in Tulare County for not limiting their brown water pumping enough which is causing the Friant-Kern Canal to sink to subside and limit the capacity in the canal. He mentioned that some of the same agencies that are members of the Friant Water Authority and this GSA, one of them is suing the other because they're not stopping their groundwater pumping soon enough or aggressively enough.

8. SEWER BUSINESS

8.1 SC-OR Report

Commissioner Koch reviewed the January 23, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region.

- Approved a contract with NorthStar Engineering to map out the boundaries for the new Ruddy Creek Pump Station piece of land.
- Approved a contract with Coleman Engineering for general engineering services.

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8.2 Bartle Wells Proposition 218 Proposal (Sewer Change)

Manager Boucher reported that Bartle Wells Associates has submitted a proposal in the amount of \$5,900.00 to amend the rate study that was done last year. Michael DeGroot from Bartle Wells has completed SC-OR's rate increase and SC-OR is ready to adopt those rates. TWSD is having to amend its rates as well, which is going to require another Prop 218 hearing. Legal Counsel has mentioned that we are looking at doing a pass through when these rates get adopted that way, SC-ORs rates will get passed through from here on out. Motion made by Director Taggart, seconded by Director Hatley and unanimously carried to approve the proposal submitted by Bartle Wells for the Wastewater Rate Study Update in an amount not to exceed \$5,900.00.

9. WYANDOTTE CREEK GSA

9.1 Wyandotte Creek GSA Report

Manager Boucher reported that the User Classification Change Request and Appeal Process Revision was approved. This outlines how property owners can reclassify themselves and the process for an appeal.

10. MANAGER REPORT

Winter Party: Just a reminder that the Winter Party will be held on Friday, March 8th at Feather Falls Casino. Social hour starts at 6:00pm and dinner at 7:00pm. Please make sure to RSVP to the front office by Friday, February 23rd.

Retired Employee Tracey Keith: Just wanted to let everyone know that Tracey enjoyed her retirement party. District staff prepared hotdogs and hamburgers with all of the fixings. Tracey was very thankful for the retirement check.

11. HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

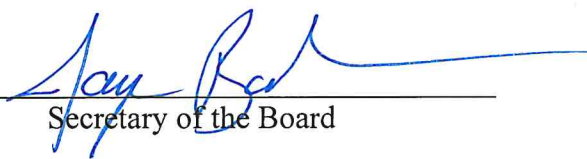
None


12. BOARD COMMENTS

Congratulations to Director Hatley – 14 Years

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:18 pm.


Secretary of the Board


President of the Board