

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT 25945 Highway 243 Idyllwild, CA 92549

October 18, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

President Schelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Directors Olson, Kunkle, Vice President Szabadi, and President Schelly were present. General Manager Havener, General Counsel Guiboa, and Chief Financial Officer Shouman were present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mitch Davis commented on the district election process.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting: September 20, 2023

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- 1. Income statement for the third month ending September 30, 2023
- 2. District warrants for September 2023

Check #17920 - 17963 = \$ 233,702.44 Gross Payroll = \$ 65,340.00 Federal/State PR taxes = \$ 5,260.00 LAIF Transfers = \$ 0.00 Transfers/charges = \$ 338.45

C. OPERATIONS REPORT



DIRECTOR COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

A MOTION was made by Vice President Szabadi to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Olson seconded.

The vote was as follows:

AYES NAYS ABSTAIN ABSENT

Director Olson Director Kunkle Vice President Szabadi President Schelly

Motion approved.

INFORMATION

2. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager Havener presented his report.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mitch Davis inquired about tracer wire on water pipelines and cross-connection control policy.

Steve Molten inquired about meter replacements.

DISCUSSION ITEMS



3. EMPLOYEE MANUAL, CHAPTER 8

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

President Schelly and Director Olson inquired about several items in Chapter 8 and the staff answered.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. WATER POLICY

General Manager Havener provided an update.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Olson inquired about conservation policy using 333 GPM vs 475 GPM available by all district pumps, and water storage capacity of 85% of total storage capacity. Director Kunkle inquired about the iron and manganese removal process flow, which is 220 GPM.

Vice President Szabadi stated that eventually the district will have a conservation policy based on science, operations, and water conditions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Art inquired about the district wells.

5. WWTP PROJECT FUNDING

Vice President Szabadi stated that he requested BB&K research and provide an update on potential grants and funding for the WWTP.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ana provided an overview and update on the Federal Inflation Reduction Act, Infrastructure Act, EPA, USDA funding for disadvantage communities, along with recommending communicating with federal Representative and Senators.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

President Schelly stated that the district can submit for funding once 30% of the engineering is completed.



Vice President Szabadi requested BB&K provide a memo outlining this evening's discussion for potential funding.

Director Olson inquired when the district should lobby its Federal Representative and Senators, and if earmarks are considered grants, which they are.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

6. ENGINEERING FIRM FOR WWTP PROJECT

Director Kunkle provided his thoughts regarding the existing engineering firm compared to obtaining another engineering firm.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Directors discussed the current situation and determined that the best course of action would continue with the existing engineering firm. However, the Board will leave the option for a new engineering firm available should it be considered to be necessary.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ACTION ITEMS

CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 – 2023 AUDIT
 The Board of Directors will consider accepting the Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 audit.

STAFF COMMENTS

Scott Nanto provided a clean opinion of the district finances in the annual audit.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Director Olson inquired when the audit will be available for public review, which occurs immediately once the Board officially accepts the audit.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None



A MOTION was made by Vice President Szabadi to accept the Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 audit. Director Olson second.

ABSTAIN

Director Olson

ABSENT

The vote was as follows:

AYES
Director Kunkle
Vice President Szabadi
Director Schelly

Motion approved.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Director Olson provided an update on the lower administration building status.

NAYS

CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered Closed Session at 7:25 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

8. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Public Employee Performance Evaluation § 54957 Title: General Manager

The Board resumed Open Session at 8:17 p.m.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

President Schelly requested the school scholarship winners be recognized and placed on the November Board meeting.



ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

The next Board meeting is a Regular Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., to be held at the Idyllwild Water District Boardroom, 25945 Hwy. 243, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

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Leo Havener

BOARD SECRETARY

Dr. Charles Schelly BOARD PRESIDENT