



MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT
25945 Highway 243
Idyllwild, CA 92549

January 17, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

President Schelly, Vice President Szabadi, Director Kunkle, Director Olson and Acting General Manager Hosny Shouman were physically present. Ryan Guiboa, the Attorney in Law from BBK attended via Zoom.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brian Wilson spoke about his employment experience at Idyllwild Water District and along with Tyla Wheeler. Mark LaMont spoke about his concerns about Idyllwild Water and the reporting number that is being used for the water reports and how much usage is getting dumped on the Fire Department and he is looking forward to having a good working relationship with our agency. Stephiane Yost spoke about her concerns with employees and lack of discipline. Larry Donahoo spoke about concerns about a well easement and certificate of insurance that has never been provided to him from many requests and requested that no Idyllwild Water District personnel go on his property, until information is provided. Matt Wheeler spoke about an incident that his wife, son, and himself encountered from Mr. Reyes. Leslie Schelly expressed her appreciation to The Board for all the time and effort it put into preparing a meeting. She asked for The Board to really direct the new manager to what is best for the community and to work on relationships with neighboring agencies and to fill them on the district's past. Amy Hawley spoke about a revolving door at Idyllwild District. She also said there is no HR department. John Stamper spoke very highly about interactions with former employees and didn't understand why two employees were let go. Rachel Teegarden spoke about her "run in" with Mr. Reyes. Kevin Holldber spoke about how Idyllwild Water District and how they drive their work vehicle recklessly.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting: December 2023



B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Income statement for the fourth month ending October 31, 2023.
- b. District warrants for October 2023
 - Check #17964-18009 = \$227,352.42
 - Gross Payroll = \$ 65,310.00
 - Federal/State PR taxes = \$ 5,670.00
 - LAIF Transfers = \$ 0.00
 - Transfers/charges = \$ 332.00
- c. Income statement for the fifth month ending November 30, 2023.
- d. District warrants for November 2023
 - Check #18010-18051= \$ 248,934.50
 - Gross Payroll = \$ 64,222.00
 - Federal/State PR taxes= \$ 5,230.00
 - LAIF Transfers = \$ 0.00
 - Transfers/charges = \$ 326.00
- e. Income statement for the sixth month ending December 31, 2023
- f. District warrants for December 2023
 - Check #18010-18051= \$ 238,681.67
 - Gross Payroll = \$ 63,625.00
 - Federal/State PR taxes = \$ 5,400
 - LAIF Transfers = \$ 0.00
 - Transfers/charges = \$ 350.00

C. OPERATIONS REPORT

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Olson asked about the financial statements under "general" where it says we are over budget by \$150,000. He wanted clarification. Hosny clarified that it was for roofing at the sewer plant, removal of the tree and the carbon filter (GAC).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

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

The vote was as follows:



AYES

Director Kunkle
Director Olson
Vice President Szabadi
President Schelly

NAYS

ABSTAIN

ABSENT

Motion approved.

INFORMATION

2. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

The board voted a 4-0 vote at the January 16th, 2024, board meeting to place General Manager Leo Havener on a 30 leave per his contract and then he would be terminated, so there was no manger report provided.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. IWD ELECTION NOT ON BALLOT MARCH 5, 2024

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

President Schelly explained they had an empty seat for almost a year because the board was on a "dead lock" vote when they could appoint someone. Only Mitch Davis ran, and he will be sworn in at the March 20, 2024, Board Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. EMPLOYEE MANUEL CHAPTER 9



DIRECTORS COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Art Connor asked what chapter nine was about and The Board answered it was about going through definitions of everything from the previous chapters.

5. WWTP PROJECT STATUS

Nathan Thomas gives a summary of the Sewer Plant progress and the project progress, and he promised to give a break from the Extra fees he requested \$29,000.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Vice President Peter asked for a break from the extra fees requested by CRWA. President Schelly asked to speed up the process and to apply for the Grants.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

6. NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR LAFCO COMMISSIONER

The Board of Directors will consider approving the election of the directors to represent the Board.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

No one is interested in running.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

7. LOWER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The Board of Directors will discuss proceeding with the repair and remodeling of the downstairs office.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS



President Schelly asked the board to let Mr. Shouman (Acting GM) to get bids from construction companies.

To repair the lower administration office and all The Board members agreed to move on to Bids.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Vice President Peter Szabadi recommended putting Leo Havener on admin leave per his contract required him.

A 30-day's notice before terminating him and put Shouman as acting GM until interviews are completed for an interim GM.

ADJOURNMENT

Board adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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BY: H. Shouman

BY: Charles Schelly

H. Shouman
BOARD SECRETARY

Dr. Charles Schelly
BOARD PRESIDENT

