



Mission Statement

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**MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT
25945 Highway 243
Idyllwild, CA 92549**

December 18, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

** President Schelly was sworn in by Tyla Wheeler and Director Priefer was sworn in by President Schelly.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

President Schelly, Director Olson, Director Priefer and Director Davis were present along with General Manager Rojas and Chief Financial Officer Shouman.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Hunt congratulated Director Priefer on her victory in the election. Director Priefer said thank you she will do her best to represent the community.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items are expected to be routine and non-controversial, to be acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion. If any Board member, staff member, or interested person requests that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar, it shall be removed so that it may be acted upon separately.

A. MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting: November 20, 2024

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. Income statement for the fifth month ending November 30, 2024

b. District warrants for November 2024

Check #18628-18672 = \$193,735.37

Gross Payroll = \$ 67025.00

Federal/State PR taxes = \$ 6,220

LAIF Transfers = \$0

Transfers/charges = \$345.00

C. OPERATIONS REPORT



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DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Olson and Director Davis mentioned about the 10% and they thought it was good. President Schelly also mentioned about the water loss and said it was predicted at the last meeting it would go up due to hydrant flushing. He also mentioned that the production figures were not static.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Hunt also asked about the transportation department cleaning the streets with water and not using the street sweeper and how that was affecting the water. Bill responded that they have been in contact and will meter the water. Diane Darcy asked if there was a way to notify the public when we do fire hydrant flushing, she lives in an area where it caused a lot of reddish debris to flow through her pipes and it would be nice to have a heads up. Bill responded that when they do flush it's to clean out the lines and it can cause that to happen, and he would get with staff to work out a plan so we can try and notify customers. Ashley Stewart recommended that we add a schedule to our website of hydrant flushing so customers can have easy access to viewing.

A motion was made by Director Olson to approve the Consent Calendar and by Director Olson Davis seconded.

AYES

**Director Davis
Director Olson
Director Priefer
President Schelly**

NAYS

ABSTAIN

ABSENT

Motion approved.

INFORMATION

2. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

The General Manager will update the Board on accomplishments, challenges that have occurred, and key performance metrics.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

No comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

DISCUSSION ITEMS



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3. BUTTERFIELD OFFER TO PURCHASE LAND

The Board will discuss the offer presented from Mr. Butterfield about purchasing our land located by Well #23.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Olson asked would this sale of land impact the district's water rights. Shane Stewart said no it would not impact water rights. President Schelly asked Mr. Stewart what they purpose you would do with the land, and would there be additional lighting on the property? Mr. Stewart said it would probably get more lights, and it would be compacted DG dirt, vegetation along the creek would stay, and it would all be maintained. President Schelly read a letter sent in by Franz Huber and his wife that they were not in favor of the district selling the land as well.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Hunt said this well was an important well to the district. He remembered it had been moved once and what if we needed an additional well, he felt like water assets are more valuable to the district than money. He also mentioned that the previous board had a verbal agreement they we would never sell the land when the district purchased the land. Mr. Hunt also said the land is trashed and the district should consider better security around the property. Jim Billman voiced his opinion and felt like this would have a negative impact on the district to sell it, he didn't see any benefits for the district if it was sold. It is a good well that is producing well, and he felt like if the property was sold it would have a high chance of being tampered with. Mr. Stewart mentioned he owns Strawberry Creek and would consider adding to the agreement to drill a well anywhere along the creek for the district. Chuck (unknown last name) felt like this purchase was going to increase the entertainment from the Idyllwild Brewpub and he was not thrilled having more areas geared towards tourism. Mr. Stewart said that was not in the plans, it was going to be used for additional parking. Dave Hunt mentioned that he thought there was enough parking already.

4. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR AUDITING FIRM

The Board will discuss posting a request for proposal for a new auditing firm.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Davis liked the idea of a “fresh set of eyes” on the audit. President Schelly encouraged the district to move forward with posting the Request for Proposal.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

5. PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD



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The Board will discuss the Presidents Special Recognition award that was awarded to the District from JPIA.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Hosny mentioned that fees were reduced 20%. President Schelly thanked staff and management.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

The Board of Directors adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

The Board moved to Closed Session at 6:41 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

6. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR- GOV'T CODE SECTION 54956.8

Property Description: Property in Idyllwild
Agency: Idyllwild Water District
District Negotiator: Bill Rojas, General Manager
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Nothing to report.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

No comments.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The next Board meeting is a Regular Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., to be held at the Idyllwild Water District Boardroom, 25945 Hwy. 243, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

Idyllwild Water District

BY: Tyla Wheeler
Tyla Wheeler
Board Secretary

Idyllwild Water District

BY: Charles Schelly
Dr. Charles Schelly
Board President