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

October 16, 2024 – 6:00 P.M. \*Held at the Idyllwild Fire Department\*

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

# **ROLL CALL**

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

\*\* President Shelly mentioned that Director Kunkle resigned due to personal reasons on October 1, 2024.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Steve Moulton asked a few questions about Director Kunkle's resignation. President

# 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:

September 18, 2024

### **B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

a. Income statement for the third month ending September 30, 2024

b. District warrants for September 2024

Check #18495-18567

= \$284.039.77

Gross Payroll

= \$75,200.00

Federal/State PR taxes = \$7,100.00

LAIF Transfers

= \$0



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Transfers/charges = \$350.00

# C. OPERATIONS REPORT

### **DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Director Olson said there were a few spelling errors in the last meeting's minutes, and he would give the corrections to Mrs. Wheeler. Director Olson mentioned there were some big variances in the financial report and asked for clarification. Director Davis asked about the TOU (Time of Use) plan with Edison, and if there were some modifications that we could make with the use of wells. President Schelly mentioned that the district would like to keep costs down, but unfortunately costs keep going up.

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Steve Moulton asked if the insurance was a cost that went up. David Jerome asked for clarification on the depth of the wells and about the water usage around the holidays.

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

NAYS

ABSTAIN

ABSENT

The vote was as follows:

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Director Davis
Director Olson
Vice President Szabadi
President Shelly

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

Director Olson asked about Dig Alerts and how many we "normally" get a month. Bill responded that we normally get anywhere from five to ten a month and this month we



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had around 100. Director Olson also asked if there was any lead in our system from the lead and copper report. Bill reported that we have no lead reported in our system at this time. Director Davis asked about tests required to get tank number three back online. Bill clarified about the tests required. Director Olson asked if we had an amount for the potential grant for the sewer plant project. Bill answered we don't at this time. President Schelly asked for clarification of the 30% and 90% of completion of the projects.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Steve Moulton asked about a proposition on the ballot this year and if the district could benefit from it, if it passed. President Schelly mentioned they would investigate if it passed.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

# 3. PURCHASE TWO TRUCKS

The Board of Directors considered approving the purchase of two new trucks.

# DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Daivs about the replacement of trucks and a being a one-ton truck. Director Olson asked why this wasn't in the Capital Improvement this year. Hosny mentioned that we have a full crew and are short vehicles. President Schelly talked about the trade-offs of buying new vs. used. He also talked about the district planning and having to possibly having to buy electric vehicles in the future.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

David Jerome mentioned that he has noticed other agencies have started doing vehicle maintenance plans as well.

A motion was made by Director Olson to approve the purchase of two trucks and Director Szabadi seconded.

The vote was as follows:

AYES NAYS ABSTAIN ABSENT Director Davis

Director Olson Vice President Szabadi President Shelly

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Motion approved.



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# **DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

Director Davis asked that when we talk about upgrading the shop, could we consider adding an electric charging station. President Schelly mentioned he would like the District of Excellence and District of Distinction awards from California Special Districts added to the November agenda as a discussion item.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned at 6:36 pm.

The next Board meeting is a Regular Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., to be held at the Idyllwild Water District Boardroom, 25945 Hwy. 243, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

Idyllwild Water District

Bill Rojas

Board Secretary

Idyllwild Water District

Dr. Charles Schelly Board President