

# IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT  
25945 Highway 243  
Idyllwild, CA 92549

January 15, 2020 - 6:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Schelly called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Directors present: President Schelly, Vice President Szabadi, Director Kunkle, and Director Gin. Acting General Manager Mitch Freeman, Chief Financial Officer Hosny Shouman, and Board Secretary Jeannine Olsen were also present.

Director Hunt had an excused absence.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

### **ITEM #1- CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- A. **MINUTES** – Regular Meeting Minutes: December 18, 2019  
Special Meeting Minutes: January 8, 2020

B. **FINANCIAL REPORTS JANUARY 2020**

1. **Income statement** for the 6th month December, 2019
2. **District warrants** for December 2019.

Check # 15775 - 15828	= \$ 150,044.87
Gross Payroll	= \$ 61,764.00
Federal/State PR taxes	= \$ 18,491.00
LAIF Transfers	= \$ 0.00
Transfers/charges	= \$ 214.00

C. **OPERATIONS REPORT FOR THE SIXTH MONTH DECEMBER, 2019.**

**DIRECTORS' COMMENTS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

A MOTION was made by Vice President Szabadi to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Gin seconded. The vote was as follows:

**AYES**

Peter Szabadi  
Steve Kunkle  
Charles Schelly  
Les Gin

**NAYS**

**ABSTAIN**

**ABSENT**

David Hunt

Motion approved.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:** Available in packet. Last item (Tour of Idyllwild Arts) was postponed. Report to follow next month.

**DIRECTORS' COMMENTS:** Questions and clarifications regarding various items, including potential vendors for radio read meters for the future.

**ITEM #2- SB 998 COLLECTION POLICY ORDINANCE NO. 66**

**DIRECTORS' COMMENTS:** Questions regarding language contained in the ordinance that are both directed by the state and specific to the Idyllwild Water District.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

A MOTION was made by Vice President Szabadi to approve the Item #2 SB 998, Ordinance #66. Director Gin seconded. The vote was as follows:

**AYES**

Peter Szabadi  
Steve Kunkle  
Charles Schelly  
Les Gin

**NAYS**

**ABSTAIN**

**ABSENT**

David Hunt

Motion approved.

**ITEM #3 – AMENDED FORGIVENESS POLICY –** Revisions to policy submitted at last month's Director's Meeting.

**DIRECTORS' COMMENTS:** Questions regarding need for changes to a forgiveness policy passed last year and set criteria for forgiveness of excessive amount of water bill.

A MOTION was made by President Shelly to table Item #3 regarding the Forgiveness Policy Portion of SB 998. Vice President Szabadi seconded. The vote was as follows:

**AYES**

Peter Szabadi  
Steve Kunkle  
Charles Schelly  
Les Gin

**NAYS**

**ABSTAIN**

**ABSENT**

David Hunt

Motion to table discussion approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Comments regarding new homeowners' (AirBnb) lack of knowledge about need to shut off water and be mindful of water usage.

**ITEM #4 FIELD STAFF VACANCY –**

**DIRECTORS' COMMENTS:** Discussion regarding wisdom of hiring now given the current budget and possible returning workers. Also discussion regarding need for Board approval since the vacant position is in the organizational chart and the General Manager should be able to hire without Board approval.

A MOTION was made by Vice President Szabadi to table Item #4 regarding the need for Board Approval to hire a Field Worker to fill a vacant position within the Organizational Chart. Director Gin seconded. The vote was as follows:

**AYES**

Peter Szabadi  
Steve Kunkle  
Charles Schelly  
Les Gin

**NAYS**

**ABSTAIN**

**ABSENT**

David Hunt

Motion to table discussion approved.

**ITEM #5 FINAL REVIEW ON SEWER REPAIRS - \$750 to install a "Y" to be sure no trouble was encountered later.**

**DIRECTORS' COMMENTS:** Thanks for "work-well-done."

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

A MOTION was made by Vice President Szabadi to approve Item #5 regarding additional cost for Sewer Line Repair. Director Gin seconded. The vote was as follows:

**AYES**

Peter Szabadi  
Steve Kunkle  
Charles Schelly  
Les Gin

**NAYS**

**ABSTAIN**

**ABSENT**

David Hunt

Motion approved.

**ITEM #6 WATER AND SEWER CAPACITY -**

Need to know what capacity is now. Need for RFP?

Current water connections: (1675 current) with 16 approved for future for a total of 1691.

Current sewer connections (559 current) with 3 approved for future for a total of 562.

Soft Numbers: Potential cap (2200 water and 662 sewer) for number of connections available within the District. Since there are ~500 standby fees paid annually for water meters.

**DIRECTORS' COMMENTS:** Difference between "Will Serve" letters and Standby Fees. Also discussion regarding infiltration and intrusion resulting in large amounts of water leaks into the sewer lines that could be repaired relatively inexpensively with new technology. Those repairs might decrease threshold of reaching capacity. Previous studies mapped areas of leakage to help patch areas of leakage.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Questions regarding origins of leakage.

No action taken. Item for discussion only.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 6:42, the Board took a 5 minute recess before moving into closed session.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**ITEM #1 – Existing Litigation {Govt. Code§ 54956.9) Name of Case: {Jeff Smith v. Idyllwild Water District., Complaint No. 33-05-03, CID 1146, water rights proceeding before State Water Resources Control Board, In Re: Strawberry Creek Diversion in Riverside County)**

**ITEM #2 - A pending Litigation-significant exposure to litigation to 549556.9(a)-(b)- (d)-(2)."**

**ITEM #3 - The Board will meet in closed session pursuant public employee.**

**Performance evaluation of the acting General Manager, Mitchell Freeman, pursuant to Government Code 54957{b).**

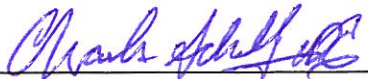
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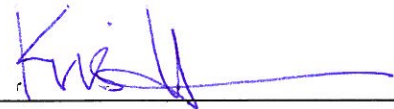
**Board Action:** No action taken.

The next scheduled regular Board meeting is February 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. to be held at the Idyllwild Water District Boardroom, 25945 Hwy. 243, Idyllwild, CA

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