



MINTUNES FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT
25945 Highway 243
Idyllwild, CA 92549

June 5, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

President Schelly called meeting to order at 6 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Director Olson, Director Kunkle, Director Davis, Director Szabadi and President Schelly were present. General Manger Sauer, Chief Financial Officer Shouman and General Counsel Stewart Holland were also present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Hunt asked for an update on the hiring process from the General Manager. David Jermone asked if there was an update from Dudek Engineering.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. BOARD WORKSHOP

The Board will discuss various capital improvement projects and budget items for 2024/2025.



DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Kunkle asked about the revenue on the taxes from FY 2023/2024 and asked if we were going to have to dip into the reserves and there were multiple questions for clarification. He also mentioned pipeline replacement and asked questions. He also asked questions about CEQA for the diversion and how much that would cost

Director Olson asked if the difference was because we paid a former General Manager and asked if it was because the sales went down. He also asked many questions on the expenses and commented that there was a \$100,000.00 difference more than projected. He also mentioned that we probably had a lot of "one time" fees this past year and we wouldn't have those in this upcoming year because those "one time" fees are already completed.

Director Davis asked about the commercial and residential usage of a \$70,000 difference. He also asked various questions about maintenance. He mentioned he was in favor of the GIS being installed about talking about how beneficial it can be with field workers.

Vice President Szabadi asked about operating expenses and the depreciation losses and he also mention there were some big changes on payroll.

President Schelly asked multiple questions on the Strawberry Creek Pipeline project, recoating the tanks, fixing the upstairs office and he mentioned that we could maybe save some money on doing some of the work "in house". He asked Hosny and Curt to look at getting a quote for installing the GIS in the whole district for Water and Sewer. He also asked Hosny and Curt to look into how much it would cost for a new building at the Shop.

The Board of directors did not make any recommendations to change the Capital improvements for the Water side, however they did want to remove the paving and installation of a new gate on the sewer side. Director Olson also requested the projected additional costs to be added to the listing of expenditures.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jessica Priefer asked for clarification on payroll expenses and asked about our reserves and why sewer monies were used for used for water, she also talked about the pipeline replacement. She also asked if there were any pipelines that needed to be replaced before the diversion line. Dave Hunt mentioned having a full-time General Manager making decisions on how many employees we need or don't need. He also mentioned regular mainline pipeline replacements.

DIRECTORS CLOSING COMMENTS

Director Kunkle asked for an update from the General Manager committee. The committee Director Davis and Vice President Szabadi responded and said the next board meeting on the June 12th they will be providing an update on who they recommend. Holland then clarified it needed to be an Agenda item.

The Board moved to Closed Session at 7:45PM

CLOSED SESSION



1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2) – Significant Exposure to Litigation
One (1) matter.

The Board returned into open session at 8:15 PM.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

The Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2) and took one reportable action, which was so reported upon returning to open session. The Board voted 5-0 to uphold the decision by Interim General Manager Curt Sauer to terminate the employment of Joseph Reyes, Chief Water Operator.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS


None.

ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned at 8:17 PM.

The next Board meeting is a Special Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., to be held at the Idyllwild Water District Boardroom, 25945 Hwy. 243, Idyllwild, CA 92549. Please note that we have moved our board meeting up a week because we are closed for the holiday on June 19th.

Idyllwild Water District

BY: 
Curt Sauer
Board Secretary

Idyllwild Water District

BY: 
Dr. Charles Schelly
Board President

