



MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT
25945 Highway 243
Idyllwild, CA 92549

August 21, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

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 Director Davis were present along with General Manager Rojas and Chief Financial Offer Shouman.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Moulton asked about the shut off policy. Dave Hunt voiced his opinion on the new gate and how he thought it was a waste of money. He also mentioned that he would like to see some change on the Board with the election.

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: July 17, 2024

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Income statement for the first month ending July 31, 2024
- b. District warrants for July 2024
 - Check #18389-18452 = \$254,659.98
 - Gross Payroll = \$66,700.00
 - Federal/State PR taxes = \$6270.00
 - LAIF Transfers = \$0
 - Transfers/charges = \$0

C. OPERATIONS REPORT



DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Olson mentioned he gave his corrections to Mrs. Wheeler to make on the minutes. Director Kunkle noted that one of his comments from the last board meeting did not make it into the minutes and asked for it to be added. Director Olson had a few corrections on the financial reports, and he said he spoke with Mr. Shouman about them.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

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

The vote was as follows:

AYES

Director Davis
Director Olson
Director Kunkle
Vice President Szabadi
President Shelly

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

Director Olson asked when the district was notified about the Lead and Copper Report. Director Kunkle asked if Mr. Rojas had talked to El-Co about the line going up the highway? Director Davis asked what the approximant flow was from the diversion. Director Szabadi asked about eh CEQA on the Strawberry Creek project and mentioned the Wastewater Treatment Plant project. President Schelly clarified/ broken down what the district was spending their money on and how it was all deferred maintenance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Jerome asked about the wells. Steve Moulton asked about how many field staff



lived in the district. David Hunt asked about the wastewater treatment plant and the negative fiscal impact

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. BOARD MEMBER AND MEETING DECORUM, POLICY

The Board of Directors will Discuss the existing Board Member and Meeting Decorum Policy.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Szabadi mentioned the Brown Act. He also recommended that each board member has the right to put an item on the agenda if they are mentioned four (4) days prior to when the agenda needs to be posted. Director Olson asked if they didn't already have the right to ask for an agenda item to be placed on the agenda? Director Szabadi answered and said they do; however, they do have an option of saying no. Director Kunkle mentioned he would like to be able to add items to the agenda. Director Davis thought that four (4) days prior to when the agenda must be posted was a good idea. President Schelly clarified about specific language and approval from legal counsel is needed at times, he also mentioned that the public can put things on the agenda. Director Szabadi asked about section number three and the recordings of Zoom getting posted on the website. Director Szabadi mentioned it needs updated and talked about "Roberts Rules". Director Kunkle asked staff to review and bring it back to board. President Schelly then mentioned that they were pushing it off on the staff he didn't think that was a good idea, he would like to see them go through it section by section and have legal counsel make the necessary corrections then they can bring it back for approval. Director Szabadi asked if they should form a committee. Director Kunkle would like an audio resolution. Director Szabadi offered to prepare and adjust and give it back to the board at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Hunt voiced as a member of the public he believes he would feel comfortable asking a board member if they could add an agenda item. Steve Moulton mentioned he thought four (4) days was a good idea.

ACTION ITEMS

President Schelly opened Public Hearing

4. Ordinance NO 67 Increasing the Board of Directors Compensation

The Board of Directors will hold a Public Hearing to consider approving the ordinance No 67 for increasing the Board of Directors Compensation from \$50.00 to \$75.00



DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Olson asked as a paid board member are we set to having higher standards? President Schelly responded "yes". Director Kunkle asked President Schelly to elaborate on his thoughts on this item, because he was the one to bring it to the Board. President Schelly said that as an elected official he felt like they should be getting paid, and after doing research with neighboring districts they pay their board members \$75.00 a Board Meeting, he felt like we should too and all be on the same page. He also mentioned that should a board member not want to get paid they could maybe have the option of donating their monies to some sort of fund/account/investment that the Board could access should they decide to donate or help a "needy" family. Mr. Shouman stated that the district had no public funds. Director Szabadi asked for clarification on the donating aspect. Director Kunkle shared his idea that those who have more responsibilities with the Board for example the President or Vice President could maybe get more monies? He also mentioned that he would like to keep it at \$50.00. Director Davis likes the option of being able to donate the monies.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Hunt said he feels like anyone on the should be doing it as an act of service for the community and they should not be getting paid. Steve Moulton said he would like to see it stay at \$50.00.

President Schelly closed Public Hearing

A motion was made by Director Szabadi to increase the Board of Directors Compensation to \$75.00 with the option of being able to donate the money and Director Davis seconded.

The vote was as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Director Davis	Director Olson		
Vice President Szabadi	Director Kunkle		
President Shelly			

Motion approved.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Director Szabadi said there are four (4) people who have registered for the election to run for the Board. Those four candidates are Charles Schelly, Peter Szabadi, Steven Kunkle and Jessica Prierfer. He asked if maybe the four of them could arrange for a



time that those from the community could talk with them all. President Schelly asked David Jerome from the Town Crier if they would be interested in holding a Town Hall meeting for the candidates running for the election. Jesscia Prier mentioned she ask been approached by the Town Crier if she would be willing to answer some questions. Mr. Jerome asked whose seats were up for election, the Board answered, President Schelly, Vice President Szabadi and Director Kunkle's seats were up for election.

ADJOURNMENT


The board adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

The next Board meeting is a Regular Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., to be held at the Idyllwild Water District Boardroom, 25945 Hwy. 243, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

Idyllwild Water District

BY: 
Bill Rojas
Board Secretary

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BY: 
Dr. Charles Schelly
Board President

