

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT 25945 Highway 243 Idyllwild, CA 92549

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

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

ROLL CALL: Directors present: President Schelly, Vice President Szabadi, Director Kunkle, Director Gin, and Director Hunt. General Manager Leo Havener, Chief Financial Officer Hosny Shouman, and Board Secretary Kris Kirschbaum were also present.

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT:</u> Questions and comments about errors and negative comments printed in a newsletter sent to IWD customers, in addition to disagreement regarding financial contribution to the Community Siren Project.

ITEM #1- CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. MINUTES - Regular Meeting: June 17, 2020

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- 1. Income statement for the 12th month ending June 2020
- 2. **District warrants** for June 2020.

 Check # 16086 – 16124
 = \$ 137,572.69

 Gross Payroll
 = \$ 62,032.00

 Federal/State PR taxes
 = \$ 6,931.00

 LAIF Transfers
 = \$ 0.00

 Transfers/charges
 = \$ 277.00

C. OPERATIONS REPORT FOR THE TWELFTH MONTH - JUNE, 2020.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS: Questions and comments to clarify various Warrants and items in the Income Statement. Also a request for more information in the Operations Report going forward:

past history of well levels as compared to current levels, and Demand/Production to produce a Ratio that indicates need to consider accurate drought stage levels.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

A MOTION was made by Vice-President Szabadi to approve items A-C in the Consent Calendar. Director Hunt seconded.

The vote was as follows:

AYES NAYS ABSTAIN ABSENT

Peter Szabadi

David Hunt

Steve Kunkle

Charles Schelly

Les Gin

Motion approved.

D. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS: Questions and comments regarding errors in the newsletter, and other items included on the General Manager's Report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

<u>ITEM #2 - COVID-19 CalOSHA INFORMATION:</u> The General Manager presented updates on information received regarding workplace monitoring.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS: Questions and comments regarding continued efforts to keep employees safe.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

<u>ITEM #3 - STRAWBERRY CREEK DIVERSION AND PIPELINE PRESENTATION:</u> The General Manager presented a visual representation of the Strawberry Creek Pipeline Diversion.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS: Questions regarding solutions for the aging pipeline, and potential water loss.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Question to clarify location of the diversion and pipeline.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM #5 - CONTRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY SAFETY FOR COMMUNITY SIREN DONATION

Board of Directors will consider approving a contribution to Community Safety in the amount not to exceed \$10,000 exclusively for the installation of a community alert siren.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Comments regarding potential panic caused by a Community Alarm, and suggestion to be sure the system is refined (availability of WNKI, etc) before contributing.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS: Comments regarding the importance of being able to inform the public of any emergency. Further comments that the Board would like to require assurance from the IFPD to have unlimited usage of the system and to not incur on-going financial charges.

A MOTION was made by Vice-President Szabadi to table the item pending receipt of documentation from the Idyllwild Fire Protection District that states IWD will have complete access to use of the Community Alarm System in perpetuity, without request or requirement of future financial contributions. Director Gin seconded.

The vote was as follows:

AYES NAYS ABSTAIN ABSENT

Peter Szabadi

David Hunt

Steve Kunkle

Charles Schelly

Les Gin

Motion to Table approved.

ITEM #6 - HIRING FREEZE DUE TO COVID-19 CAUSING A DECREASE IN WATER REVENUES

Board of Directors will consider a hiring freeze due to COVID-19 decrease in revenues.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS: Comments to clarify scope of a hiring freeze to include only the Field Supervisor position, since there may be a need for future hiring within the District. Upon assurance from the General Manager that he does not intend to fill the Field Supervisor position without first consulting the Board, the Board members agreed that no action was needed on this item.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Questions regarding vacant positions.

Action Taken: No action taken.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

The Board took a 5 minute recess at 7:15 pm before moving into closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

ITEM #7 - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (1 Case)

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Govt. Code § 54956.9(a)-(b), (d)(2).

ITEM #8 - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Govt. Code § 54957. Title: General Manager

The Board resumed Open Session.

Action Taken: No action taken.

The next scheduled regular Board meeting is August 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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