

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Idyllwild Water District met in special session on May 03, 2017, at the Silver Pines Lodge.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting was called to order by President Charles Schelly at 5:05 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Directors present: President Charles Schelly, Vice President Vic Sirkin, Geoffrey Caine, Steve Kunkle and Peter Szabadi.

General public present: (- ? -)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. PUBLIC WORKSHOP:

PRESIDENT SCHELLY – Think we should plan for Idyllwild Water District’s limitations and put infrastructure in place at a reasonable cost so that we may maintain service to the community to the best of our ability.

DIRECTOR SZABADI – Continue service provided, take care of maintenance, upgrade the system, get long term employees in that can run the system.

VICE PRESIDENT SIRKIN – Address the fact that we do not have a permanent GM, apply rate structure fairly, and upgrade sewer plant.

DIRECTOR KUNKLE – More transparency, would like to see what the public would like from their water district. Would like facts for the current situation to be able to know where we are and to be able to plan for the future.

DIRECTOR CAINE – Would like to be able to slow down and take time to make policy that we understand. Would like to be able to interact with the public more. Interested in the issue of sustainability.

JOHN MILNE – Would like to see prepaid units go back to 500 instead of 250.

SUE NASH – Expressed concern about transparency. Concerned about conditional use permit for the Community Center. Concerned about the Brew Pub discharging waste into Idyllwild Water District sewer system.

TOM PAULEK – Very important to involve the public more. Thinks Board should work harder at getting the public involved. Would like more transparency. Concerned about CEQA compliance.

LAURA SHERMAN – Very encouraged. Never had better communication and cooperation than in the last few months of transition.

BUZZ HOLMES – Also very encouraged. Would like consistency in terms of policy and fees, stop arbitrary fee structures. Fee structure should be something the whole community understands. Would like Board to consider looking at cooperating with Pine Cove and Fern Valley Water Districts.

MARGE MUIR – Would like fairness in release of meters and in cost of meters and rates.

JOHN MILNE – Concerned about purchases made after raising the Sewer rate to pay for repairs at sewer plant. Feels like the revenue is being misused. People in the public don't understand that the water fund and sewer fund are two separate things. Public sees lots of new purchases after raising sewer rates and they think that revenue is not being allocated for what it was raised for.

TOM PAULEK – Expressed more concerns about transparency.

DIRECTOR CAINE – Brown Act is very restricting when it comes to meeting for learning purposes. Everything must be done in a public forum.

DIRECTOR KUNKLE – Thinks Idyllwild Water District has come a long way in the last couple of years when it comes to transparency and complying with the Brown Act.

REBA ? – Would like to see consideration to consolidate the 3 water districts on hill.

LAURA SHERMAN – First step from public should be to go to the GM instead of going straight to President of the Board about concerns.

CHRIS ? – National Fire Protection Association put out regulations for fire protection nationwide. Study done and found homes without sprinkler system will use more water than homes with a sprinkler system because will contain fire faster.

REBA – Fees for Online/Automatic Payments are too high. Response time for leaks needs to be better.

BUZZ HOLMES – Should work on infrastructure to maintain and repair leaks and lines before leaks occur. Concerned about ISOMATA being involved in plans for WWTP.

ADJOURNMENT: At 6:47 pm, President Schelly adjourned the workshop meeting.

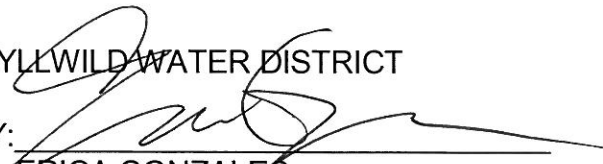
APPROVED:

IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT

BY: 

DR. CHARLES SCHEILLY -
PRESIDENT

IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT

BY: 

ERICA GONZALES -
BOARD SECRETARY