# WEST VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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# MINUTES REGULAR MEETING JUNE 28, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the West Valley County Water District was called to order at 7:00 PM. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** President Kenneth J. Hoerricks, Director Bonnie Palo and Secretary Brian Richmond were present. Vice President Elizabeth A. Ballentine was absent. Contractual General Manager D. DeMoss was present. SUSP representative Juliana Meeks was also present.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES** Secretary Richmond motioned to approve the Minutes for the May 24, 2022, Regular Meeting; Director Palo seconded. Motion carried with 3 Ayes, 0 Noes and 1 Absent.

## APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

A motion was made by Secretary Richmond to approve the Financial Transactions for May 2022, including checks 8950-9933; the motion was seconded by Director B. Palo. Motion carried unanimously with 3 Ayes, 0 Noes, and 1 Absent.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Executive Meeting held on

#### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT FOR MAY 2022

#### PUMPING AND DISTRIBUTION

**MAY 2022 Static** Well No. 3 113ft. 0in.

**MAY 2022** 

Water billed cubic footage 316970 **%BILLED %DIFF** Water pumped cubic footage 311764 101.67% -1.67%

GM D. DeMoss reported on hiring a leak detection crew that SUSP is affiliated with. He noted that since the last General Manager left, the numbers of water billed and water pumped have changed dramatically. He will review the last two years of pumping and production numbers to see if he can identify the issue.

He advised that Julie Creamer will be coming to WVCWD office to work with Office Manager D. David-Wells on the new Softline billing system. He discussed SCADA: Supervisor Control and Data Acquisition. SUSP is working with SCADA which is a small system provider for small systems to water system monitoring.

He proposed acquiring our own tractor with a box scraper to assist Field Technician Garrett Curry and to relieve some cost issues for equipment rental. Vice President E. Ballentine has one on her property but noted that it belongs to someone else. She offered the equipment for rent for a fraction of the price.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:** Vice President E. Ballentine had heard that, as a deterrent, property would be confiscated if authorities had to come out more than twice to a property growing marijuana. She asked about turning off the water to these customers, but GM DeMoss mentioned that the discussion was held before that if

the customer is paying their bill, they cannot be shut off. He did, however, discuss the possibility of financial penalties and flow restrictors being applied to the water meter to restrict water flow.

Director B. Richmond raised the question of raising the surplus water rates.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolution 2-2022 was corrected to read Resolution 1-2022; Vice President E. Ballentine moved to approve the correction and Director B. Richmond seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with 4 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Vice President E. Ballentine moved to revert Regular Meetings to bimonthly beginning in June 2022 and happening on even months thereafter; Director B. Palo seconded the motion. Secretary B. Richmond opposed. Motion carried with 3 Ayes, 1 Noes.

The vacated chair did not merit discussion because this is an election year or the seat can be appointed if there is an interest.

#### **COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:** None.

A motion was made by Vice President E Ballentine to adjourn the meeting at 7:58p.m. The motion was seconded by Director B. Palo. Motion carried unanimously with 4 Ayes, 0 Noes.

President K. Hoerricks

ATTEST:

Secretary B. Richmond