

- Minutes

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the West Valley County Water District (WVCWD) has been called for:

Tuesday, June 27, 2023 7:00 pm
25315 West Ideal Ave Lancaster, CA 93536

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. 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. Members present were President K J Hoerricks, Vice President L Ballentine, Secretary B Richmond, Director K Hooker and Director T Green. SUSP Operations General Manager Dan DeMoss and Field Technician Garrett Curry were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Secretary Richmond motioned to approve the Minutes for the February 28, 2023 Regular Meeting and the Minutes for the Special Meeting held on May 9, 2023. The motion was seconded by Director T Green. The vote was taken and carried with 5 Ayes and 0 Noes.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: President Hoerricks noted for the record there are no undeposited funds and no cash on hand. A motion was made by Secretary Richmond to approve the Financial Reports for April 23 and May 23. The motion was seconded by Vice President Ballentine. The vote was taken and carried with 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

APPROVAL OF 2023/24 OPERATING BUDGET: Discussion as to whether the budget included the newly approved rate increase concluded that it does. Also, additional funds were allocated for leak repair. A motion was made by Secretary Richmond to approve the 2023/24 Operating Budget. The motion was seconded by Director K Hooker. The vote was taken and carried with 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: President K J Hoerricks announced that his third term on the Board of Directors expires next year, and he is not going to run for re-election. He stated he has accomplished the goals he set when he started in 2010 of a sustainable budget, professional management of the district and better communication. He encouraged anyone interested, to run as a candidate in the next election.

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT: Presented by SUSP Operations General Manager DeMoss.

- 1. Generator Grant Status:** CRWA is working under the Backup Generator Funding Program Grant Agreement No. D-20118147 to provide 2 backup generators for each of

Director Green queried as to when Board positions were open. She was informed that all the data is available at the LA County Registrar's Office.

President Hoerricks stated that the duties of the Board of Directors are to set policy and propose rates. The time commitment is 2 hours every 2 months and the Board does not receive financial compensation.

Director Hooker thanked President Hoerricks for his service.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Discuss and consider WVCWD website:** The Board discussed the need of a website to provide information to customer base and facilitate bill payment. The cost is \$657 annually including the server. Obtaining the domain is a separate issue. Public, Mr. Miller offered to provide a domain for the site. Vice President Ballentine made a motion to accept and implement the website. The motion was seconded by Secretary Richmond. The vote was taken and carried by 5 Ayes and 0 Noes.
- 2. Discuss and consider surplus customers pay acre feet usage (fines):** Secretary Richmond made a motion to charge surplus water customers per acre foot in addition to regular fees. A discussion of the pros and cons was mostly unfavorable. Secretary Richmond moved to disconsider the issue and the motion to disconsider was seconded by Director Hooker. The original motion was withdrawn.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Miller queried when the new rates are in effect. Answer: 1 July 2023. The new rate charges will be on the 1 August bill. Mr. Miller inquired that as the Board meets only every two months, does the management company have enough leeway to operate. President Hoerricks answered yes, the Board does not micromanage.

Mrs. Ditto queried if it was possible to shut off the water when there is a leak to stop the waste of water. SUSP General Manager DeMoss answered that it would mean water to many customers would be shut off and then would require flushing the lines before turning on the water again and would risk contamination.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: A motion was made by Vice President Ballentine to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Secretary Richmond. The vote was taken and carried with 5 Ayes and 0 Noes. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.