

JUNIPER RIVIERA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
June 22,2023

Board of Directors:

Erin D’Orio, President - Present
Jason Chormicle, Vice-President - Present
Brad Pace, Director - Present
Eric Engleman, Director - Present
Waldo Stakes, Director- Absent

Staff:

Lorrie Steely, General Manager - Present
Lee Logsdon, Director of Operations - Present
Christina Garland, Admin - Present

CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE/ROLL CALL- Erin D’Orio called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS/PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Douglas Heinrich, Staff Thunderbird County Water District
Jerry Lyon JRCWD Resident, who notified the Board of a possible water leak on Grandview and Milpas, Lee Logsdon said he would investigate.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD MAY 18, 2023;
Jason Chormicle made the Motion to Approve: Brad Pace made Second: Ayes 4, Nays 0, Motion passed 4/0

INFORMATION ITEMS: The following items, announcements and/or reports are presented for information and discussion only:

OPERATIONS/WATER SYSTEM UPDATE

- System Updates, operations during the month of May; Lee Logsdon
- Staff provided information regarding and discussed the State Water Resources Control Board’s proposed rulemaking for MCL requirements for Chromium Hexavalent.
- System Operations & General Maintenance To-do list (by Lee Logsdon) was provided to the Board and reviewed by Lee Logsdon at the meeting.

- DISTRICT BUSINESS/GENERAL MANAGERS UPDATE – Lorrie Steely
 - Discussed what District wants/needs to address operationally this next fiscal year, and if current staff could plan to work with prospective PT employee every other Friday.
 - Discussed that the District would like to consider possible alternative solutions for in-house performance of flushing hydrants & exercising valves; use Roland Engineering for service replacements.
 - Discussed backflow testing will need to be done for single property in the District.
 - Staff has been working on photos to add to and update our website, also working with our webmaster on ideas. Staff provided the Board with the “About Us” draft written by Director Eric Engleman for potential update for that information.
 - Staff annual reviews are due in June, distributed Review Documents and will add as action item to discuss in July when all Directors are present.
 - Discussed that Chris Garland has been fulfilling the role of A/P & A/R administrative support position since January 2023. She is assuming more and responsibilities and as such, staff has increased her to 16 hours a week.

- **GRANT UPDATES**

IRWMP Grant Update: Staff spoke to our grant administrator regarding the status of our request for reimbursement and was informed that the first draw from the State was delayed due to DWR personnel changes that resulted in a missed deadline. We have been told to expect payment by August or September, due to delays caused by the State's fiscal year-end.

PRV Stations: Roland Engineering was here, located and exercised all 24 of our valves along Milpas. We need to discuss next-steps for having PRV Stations replaced, and whether we will need any change to the scope of work. Lee Logsdon stated his desire for Roland Engineering to do the mock shut down Friday June 30, 2023 so he could be present.

State Water Resources Control Board Grant – Generators: In our monthly status meeting/conference call with the State, Staff was informed the team working on our Prop 1 Grant received notification that our Grant Application was being shifted to the Prop 1 Grant Application that is already underway. This is good news because the funding threshold from the State for the Generator Grants capped out at \$500,000 per project and our estimated cost for all the electrical upgrades and improvements necessary to facilitate the generator project was approximately \$1.3 million. This means the project will be constructed a little later than we had hoped, likely in the latter part of 2025 concurrent with our infrastructure improvements, but it also means it will be fully-funded.

Prop 1 Grant (NV-5 James Nolte/Sac State): Preliminary Engineering Report final draft with revisions has been completed, Engineering firm assigned by State NV-5 Staff is currently working on environmental requirements and in talks with BLM regarding adding to our property lease at Tank-site 1 to add a second Tank to that location. The State amendment to extend the deadline of March 30th for the PER was completed in June, NV-5 reiterates that this grant is not likely to be ready to issue RFP's or begin work for 36 months from December 2022. Likely 2025 before we can break ground on the entire project, which was the reason for Staff's recommendation for a moratorium on new meters until such time.

Strategic Partnership Grant (MWA): District Staff discussed completion of our project and expressed thanks to the Mojave Water Agency for the MWA Strategic Partnership Program and the generous funding that paid for our Demonstration Garden & Community Vegetable Gardens which are 100% complete!! Grand-Opening is scheduled for July 1st from 10am -2pm with drip irrigation workshop at 10am, master-gardener to answer questions and make recommendations at 11am and our very own wildlife expert will have native reptiles and animals on exhibit at 12pm. We have invited the Daily Press and Staff from the Mojave Water Agency to attend.

ACTION ITEMS

- Approve Financial Report & Monthly Operating Expenses for May 2023: After a brief discussion, Eric Engleman made the Motion to Approve, Jason Chormicle made the Second, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion passed 4/0
- Approve the 2023-2024 Annual Fiscal Budget : After a brief discussion, Eric Engleman made the Motion to Approve, Jason Chormicle made the Second, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion passed 4/0
- Approve the 2022-2023 Financial Audit: After review and discussion, Jason Chormicle made the the Motion to Approve, Eric Engleman made the Second , Ayes 4 , Nays 0. Motion passed 4/0

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business discussed.

ADJOURN THE MEETING Jason Chormicle made the Motion, Brad Pace made the Second, Ayes 4, Nays 0, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

Approved:


Board Secretary, Lorrie L. Steely

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