

**WILLOW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2023
6:30 P.M.**

Present: Ross LaRue, Director
Devin Gordon, Director

Mike Hildreth, Director

Absent: Gary Nevill, Director

Others Present: Jared Walker - GM, Ashtyn Davis - Board Secretary

Director Devin Gordon called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Roll Call was taken.

Minutes

Director Hildreth made a motion, seconded by Director LaRue, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Financial Statement

Director LaRue made a motion, seconded by Director Hildreth, to approve the financials for December 2022. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Public Forum

- None.

Staff Reports

a. General Manager

- i. GM, Walker reported that this is the second year of the rate study increase that went into effect at the end of December of 2022. January will be the first full month of billing, increased by 5% across the board.
- ii. With all the rain we've had, the lake is up 740 ft in elevation, roughly 23 ft more from Christmas.
- iii. There are current releases at Lake Pillsbury and is down about 1,000 acre feet.
- iv. Lake Mendocino is over 70,000 acre feet in storage as of now.
- v. Has spoken with Jack Miller about getting a quote for a full panel rebuild for Spanish Canyon if they can't get it up and running back from the manufacturer here in the next couple of weeks.
- vi. MSA will be staying in place for another year for Willow. Most of the contracts are staying flat or dropping a little bit.

b. Office Manager

- i. None.

Old Business

a. Report on PG&E Potter Valley Project

- i. GM, Walker reported that PG&E issued a response a couple of weeks ago reconsidering replacing the transformer that's been down for the last couple of years.

b. Report on Water Districts Service Contracts

- i. GM, Walker reported that Redwood Valley has received a grant and they are starting to make some good progress moving forward on a couple of projects.
- ii. Hopland's Wastewater Treatment Plant is trying to catch up after the rainfalls

c. Update on Drought and Water Conservation Efforts

- i. GM, Walker reported that he attended a meeting hosted by Sonoma Water, stating that the State of California is still predicted to be in a drought for the upcoming 2023 year. Most of the major reservoirs throughout the state remain critically low.

d. Report on JPA and Consolidation Efforts

- i. GM, Walker reported that meetings are still taking place with City Management and the Attorney Groups; the Attorney Group has decided that the next step is to establish a JPA.
- ii. Working on cleaning up the new draft document to be presented at the next Ad Hoc meeting on the 31st of January.

New Business

a. North Coast Resource Partnership Grant Updates

- i. GM, Walker reported that Willow has received the official reward of five hundred three thousand and thirty-nine dollars. Additional funding is available if someone does not meet the application criteria.

b. Resolution 2023-01: Adopting the North Coast Resource Partnership Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

- i. Director LaRue made a motion, seconded by Director Hildreth, to accept the Resolution 2023-01: Adopting the North Coast Resource Partnership Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Closed Session

The board did not adjourn into a closed session.

Adjourn

Director LaRue made a motion, seconded by Director Hildreth, to adjourn. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WILLOW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Date _____

ATTEST _____
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD
WILLOW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Date _____