

MINUTES
HOPLAND PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

President, Joan Norry called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m., with the following roll call:
Present: Directors - Joan Norry, Bruce Nicolas, Gary Rosetti, General Manager - Jared Walker,
Office Manager - Liz Patton, Acting Board Secretary - Kim Saylor

Absent: Carol Gunter-Hall

Financial Report/Bills

Director Gunter-Hall made a motion, seconded by Director Rosetti, to approve the financials for January 2024. The motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Minutes

Director Gunter-Hall made a motion, seconded by Director Rosetti, to approve the January 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes.

Correspondence

None.

Public Expression

None.

Staff Reports

a. Office Manager

- i. Office Manager Liz reported that Form 700's are due by April 1st and paper copies are provided for each of the directors.

b. General Manager

- i. GM, Walker reported that staff member Kim Saylor will be training to take over The District Board Meetings when Ashtyn goes out on Maternity Leave in March.
- ii. There were no violations or citations in the follow-up report from the sludge monitoring that took place last month.
- iii. All of the updates for the West Tank will be finished tomorrow.
- iv. Master Service Agreements for each of the districts are being reviewed and will be available to review at next month's meeting.

Old Business

a. Capacity Planning

- i. GM, Walker reported that the Band of Pomo Indians went half an acre foot over their allowed allotment for the year of 2023.
- ii. All in all, it was a good year for production, water usage and water loss.

b. Inland Water & Power Commission (IWPC)

- i. GM, Walker reported that the GSA hosted a meeting earlier today and are hosting a rate and fee workshop in Redwood Valley at this time to discuss and finalize budget costs.

- ii. The letter of support to PG&E was submitted on December 22nd; some districts
 - iii. chose not to support the proposed letter.
 - a. There are no updates regarding a response to the submitted draft letter at this time.
 - iv. As of now, there is currently no scheduled PVP meeting.
- c. Report on URRWA and Consolidation Efforts**
- i. GM, Walker reported that the Ad Hoc committee met the Thursday before Christmas; the meeting was very informative and involved multiple discussions regarding the Potter Valley Project and the new language that had been added to the latest draft agreement for the JPA.
 - ii. Stating that if any agency receives more than \$1 million dollars in grant funding infrastructure improvements it will automatically trigger an application for annexation to LAFCO.
 - iii. There was no clear direction from the board on what to do or how to move forward at this point.
 - iv. GM, Walker also reported that he had a phone call with the city attorney today with discussions being had regarding how to move forward with or without other districts in this newly formed JPA.
- d. Update on Draft Waste Discharge Requirements**
- i. GM, Walker reported that LACO is working on a couple of upcoming projects and is looking for funding on both the Waste Discharge Requirements and the Caltrans project.
- e. Caltrans Project - Highway 101 ADA Improvements**
- i. GM, Walker reported that he has submitted the funding requests to Senator McGuire but has yet to receive any plans from Caltrans regarding the scope of the project taking place.

New Business

- a. Nomination of President to Hopland Public Utility District Board of Directors for 2024**
 - i. Director Gunter-Hall made a motion, seconded by Director Nicolas, to nominate Director Joan Norry for Board President. The motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote. Director Nicolas made a motion, seconded by Director Rosetti, to nominate Director Carol Gunter-Hall for Board Vice President. The motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Director Gunter-Hall, seconded by Director Rosetti at 7:40 p.m., and passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Date _____
Joan Norry, President

Date _____
Ashtyn Davis, Board Secretary