

**MINUTES  
REDWOOD VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022**

**Call to Order: 5:06 p.m.**

Directors Present:

Director, Ken Todd

Director, Bree Klotter

Director, Tom Schoeneman

Director, Jeff Basili

Absent: None

Others Present:

GM Jared Walker, Office Manager Liz Patton, Board Secretary Kate Barrett, Russian River Flood Control John Reardan, Chris Watt

Members of the Public, Issac Nevarez, Deborah Hughes, Adam Gaska, Dan Lowden, Fred Nickel, Mary Camp, Granville Pool

**Public Forum**

None.

**Consider hearing of urgent items received since the agenda was posted**

None.

**Agenda**

Director Basili made a motion, seconded by Director Todd, to accept the agenda. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

**Minutes**

Director Klotter made a motion, seconded by Director Basili, to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2021 regular board meeting. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

**Financial Statements**

Director Todd made a motion, seconded by Director Basili, to approve the financials for November 2021. The motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

**Staff Reports**

**a. General Manager**

- i. GM, Walker reported that the Infrastructure Retrofit Project has been completed in full. The papers have been signed, the fire hydrants have been added.
  1. Staff is currently working with the RV Fire Department, as well as Calpella, on flushing the hydrants. The Fire Departments want to do a pressure check on the new hydrants.
    - a. When the hydrant lines get flushed or tested, complaints come in about having dirty water. It is something that happens in the system and there is no way around it. Historically, the more the lines are flushed, the worse it gets.
  2. If there is a good time to go flush the hydrants, winter time is the time to do it.

- ii. URRWA did not meet in January. GM, Walker has had conversations with Ernie Wiph, the Chair of UVSD, about having open communications with the City of Ukiah on where they stand.
    - 1. At Millview’s public hearing in December for an annexation request of a portion of the old Masonite property as well as some other properties they have acquired.
      - a. The City of Ukiah, as well as LAFCo, sent in comment letters.
    - 2. GM, Walker had a conversation with Sean White, the Director of Water and Sewer for the City of Ukiah, to discuss the possibility of having a regional water and sewer entity that would benefit the entire valley.
- b. Office Manager**
- i. None.

**Old Business**

**a. Drought and Water Supply Updates**

- i. GM, Walker reported that as of January 15, 2022, Lake Mendocino’s water storage is starting the downward trend.
  - 1. There has been an increase in releases from the Lake. Releases were around 35 CFS and now it is about 120 CFS.
  - 2. As of January 1, the current storage in Lake Mendocino triggered a point that says we are in a “normal” rainfall year. That is why the releases were increased.
  - 3. Several months back, the PG&E Potter Valley Project hydro plant went down; they lost one of their transformers. It is estimated to take 18-24 months to repair and 5-10million dollars.
  - 4. It is not anticipated that PG&E will make the repair.
  - 5. There is a bypass around the hydro plant; the bypass is releasing 35 CFS. The maximum is 140-145 CFS. If they were to increase the releases, there could be an additional 20,000 acre feet in Lake Mendocino.
- ii. Director Klotter commented that during a conversation she had with her Vineyard Manager, many people in Redwood Valley are under the impression that they are going to get Ag water this year. If this is not the case, then the board needs to send out letters to customers letting them know as soon as possible.

**b. Redwood Valley CWD Infrastructure Retrofit Project**

- i. GM, Walker reported that the project has been completed.

**c. Upper Russian River Water Agency**

- i. URRWA did not have a meeting.

**d. Grant Funding Opportunities**

- i. GM, Walker reported that things are still trending forward positively.

**New Business**

**a. Master Service Agreement with Willow CWD for 2022**

- i. GM, Walker reported that there was not an increase in the Master Service Agreement for 2021 due to Covid, the drought, and turnover in staff.
- ii. Director Klotter made a motion, seconded by Director Todd, to approve the Master Service Agreement with Willow CWD for 2022. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

**b. Formation of Ad Hoc Committee to Interview Candidates for Upcoming Board Vacancy**

- i. GM, Walker commented that it was his recommendation to form an ad hoc committee to interview candidates.
  - 1. Director Basili has indicated that he will be resigning from the board, but has not turned in an official resignation letter.
- ii. Director Schoenman and Director Todd volunteered to be in the ad hoc committee.

**c. Nomination for President of Board of Directors**

- i. Director Todd nominated Director Schoeneman to remain the President of the Board of Directors. Director Basili seconded the nomination. Director Schoeneman accepted the nomination. The nomination was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

**Director's Report**

Director Schoenman reported that he attended the IWPC meeting.

Director Klotter reported that she attended the Farm Bureau water committee meeting.

**Closed Session**

The board did not adjourn into a closed session.

**Adjournment**

Director Todd made a motion, seconded by Director Klotter, to adjourn the meeting. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

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**Tom Schoeneman - Board President**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Kate Barrett - Board Secretary**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_