

**WILLOW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 4, 2023  
6:30 P.M.**

Present: Mike Hildreth, Director  
Gary Nevill, Director

Devin Gordon, Director

Absent: Ross LaRue, Director

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Others Present: Jared Walker - GM, Liz Patton - Office Manager, Ashtyn Davis - Board Secretary,  
Attorney - Colin Pearce, Public - Chris Watt

Director Devin Nevill called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Roll Call was taken.

**Closed Session**

**The board adjourned into closed session at 6:32pm.**

**a. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation**

Information received; direction given.

**The board returned to open-session at 7:25pm.**

**Minutes**

Director Gordon made a motion, seconded by Director Nevill, to approve the minutes, as amended, of the April 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

**Financial Statement**

Director Gordon made a motion, seconded by Director Hildreth, to approve the financials for April 2023. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

**Public Forum**

- None.

**Staff Reports**

**a. General Manager**

- i. GM, Walker reported that Willow's Annual State Inspection went well; due to weather conditions they were unsuccessful at accessing some of the tanks and additional access points and roads
  1. Fire extinguishers need to be serviced
- ii. New surveyor, Vance Ricks, has been on site; waiting on the final cost report
- iii. The Board of Supervisors have approved the Bella Vista Project; unsure of what's to come at this point in time

**b. Office Manager**

- i. None.

**Old Business**

**a. Report on PG&E Potter Valley Project**

- i. GM, Walker reported that the first official Russian River Water Forum meeting will be taking place on May 17th from 10am to 3pm at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center and/or via Zoom
  1. A new group being formed that will consist of around 30+ members
  2. The goal is to bring together the Russian River and Eel River watersheds to discuss the Potter Valley Project and the possibilities of reaching an agreement so the project does not get decommissioned

**b. Report on Water Districts Service Contracts**

- i. GM, Walker reported that Hopland also had their State Annual Inspection completed; CalTrans is proposing two projects
  1. CalTrans is stating there are conflicts with water mains and services, the sewer system, potholes, etc
    - a. They are suggesting that Hopland fund to have everything relocated so they can complete their ADA project
- ii. GM, Walker also reports that Redwood Valley is continuing upgrades at their Water Treatment Plant
  1. Russian River Flood Control has excess water available for Redwood Valley to purchase this year

**c. Update on Drought and Water Conservation Efforts**

- i. GM, Walker reported that all curtailments have been lifted in the Russian River Watershed
- ii. Sonoma Water has filed for a TUCP to go from 185 cfs to 125 cfs.
  1. Concerns whether it will be enough to divert water if under 150 cfs
- iii. Lake Mendocino remains full at this time, sitting at 99,000 acre feet

**d. Report on JPA and Consolidation Efforts**

- i. GM, Walker reported that the working group and Ad Hoc continues to meet monthly
- ii. Still questions and concerns regarding rates for each of the districts, voting power and funding
- iii. The main goal still remains to move forward in efforts of consolidating

**New Business**

**a. Consideration of opening a Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) Account**

- i. Director Gordon made a motion, seconded by Director Hildreth, to approve of opening a Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) Account. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

**Adjourn**

Director Gordon made a motion, seconded by Director Hildreth, to adjourn. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
WILLOW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD  
WILLOW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Date \_\_\_\_\_