

**MINUTES**  
**HOPLAND PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**TELECONFERENCE ZOOM MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023**

President, Joan Norry called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m., with the following roll call:

Present: Directors - Joan Norry, Gary Rosetti, Carol Gunter-Hall, Bruce Nicolas, General Manager - Jared Walker, Office Manager - Liz Patton, LACO - Jordan Blough, Christine Manhart

Absent: None.

**Financial Report/Bills**

Director Gunter-Hall made a motion, seconded by Director Rosetti, to approve the financials for April 2023. The motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

**Minutes**

Director Rosetti made a motion, seconded by Director Norry, to approve the April 13, 2023 minutes.

**Correspondence**

GM, Walker reported that the board had received a letter from Jason Pierpoint, regarding his outstanding balance that he still owes.

Direction was given to staff.

**Public Expression**

None.

**Staff Reports**

**a. Office Manager**

- i. Office Manager, Liz Patton, had no report.

**b. General Manager**

- i. GM, Walker reported that staff has been completing routine outdoor maintenance at the facilities including Well 3 and the Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- ii. During the annual inspection last month, they were unable to access the West Tank due to the excessive rain we had this Winter. Will follow up at a later date.

**Old Business**

**a. Capacity Planning**

- i. GM, Walker reported that it appears the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians have found the main water leak and their water usage is down 300,000 gallons this month.

**b. Inland Water & Power Commission (IWPC)**

- 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
  - i. A new group being formed that will consist of around 30+ members
  - ii. The goal is to bring together the Russian River and Eel River water sheds to discuss the Potter Valley Project and the possibilities of reaching an agreement so the project does not get decommissioned

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

- i. GM, Walker reported that Sonoma Water has filed for a TUCP to go from 185 cfs to 125 cfs.

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

- i. GM, Walker reported that the districts and the City along with their legal counsel are continuing to meet monthly, although there have not been any changes to the proposed agreement.
  - i. There are still several items that need to be addressed before any progress is made.

**New Business**

**a. Update on Draft Waste Discharge Requirements**

- i. Jordan Blough and Christine Manhart from LACO have been working alongside GM, Walker to figure out what is going to be required to comply with the new Waste Discharge Requirements.
  - i. Christine Manhart presented to the board what the State will be looking for from the groundwater study that was conducted, running test wells, etc
  - ii. Direction was given to staff.

Director Nicolas arrived at 7:31 p.m.

**a. Caltrans Project - Highway 101 ADA Improvements**

- i. GM, Walker reported that he had received follow up correspondence from David Dominick stating that there are some design changes being primarily made at the intersection 101 and 75
- ii. Additional potholing will be necessary, possible revisions to the original conflict map
- iii. Caltrans will approve of the final design when completed

**b. Choose Meeting Location for Monthly Board Meetings**

- i. Director Gunter-Hall made a motion, seconded by Director Rosetti, to host the monthly board meetings in-person at Brutocao Cellars Tasting Room. The motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

**Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Director Gunter-Hall, seconded by Director Norry at 8:47 p.m., and passed with a unanimous aye vote.

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Joan Norry, President

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Ashtyn Davis, Board Secretary

Date \_\_\_\_\_