

MINUTES
HOPLAND PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TELECONFERENCE ZOOM MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022

President, Joan Norry called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m., with the following roll call:

Present: Directors, Carol Gunter-Hall, Joan Norry, Gary Rosetti

General Manager, Jared Walker, Office Manager, Liz Patton, Secretary, Kate Barrett

Absent: Bruce Nicolas

Financial Report/Bills

Director Gunter-Hall made a motion, seconded by Director Rosetti, to approve the financials for April 2022. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Minutes

Director Norry made a motion, seconded by Director Gunter-Hall, to approve the April 14, 2022 minutes. This motion was passed with the following vote:

AYES: Norry, Gunter-Hall

NOES: -0-

ABSTAIN: Rosetti

ABSENT: Nicolas

Correspondence

None.

Public Expression

None.

Staff Reports

a. Office Manager

- i. None.

b. General Manager

- i. GM, Walker reported that day to day operations are going well. Staff is weedeating and mowing at the wastewater treatment plant.

Old Business

a. Capacity Planning

- i. GM, Walker reported that staff has been chasing the water loss and trying to figure out where it is coming from. Office staff found that on Waterfowl's 6" compound meter the high flow has been registering, however the low flow has been registering zero usage for the last several months.
 1. GM, Walker reached out to Waterfowl's facilities manager and will get the meter changed out.
 2. Based upon their historical usage, staff believes it is somewhere between 1.3-1.5 million gallons that has gone through the meter that has not been billed.

b. Inland Water & Power Commission (IWPC)

- i. GM, Walker reported that there have been requests for their biannual funding.
 1. Redwood Valley agreed to pay \$25,000 of the \$50,000 invoice they received.
- ii. As of March 15, 2022, there will be increased diversions coming through the Potter Valley Project.

c. Update on Drought/Water Conservation Efforts

- i. GM, Walker reported that he is still working with a group with the State regarding the voluntary water conservation agreement.

1. The District should be in a better position than they were last year, but a lot of that is based upon Potter Valley releases, downstream flows, etc.

New Business

a. 13551 HWY 101 (Account 100620) Outstanding Balance

- i. GM, Walker reported that staff has been attempting to contact the customer via mail, phone, and email. A certified signature required letter was sent out to the property owner on the 5th of May; staff has yet to hear back.
- ii. This item will be brought back to next month's agenda.

b. Consideration of Quote from MIT Diving and Coating

i. Tank Inspection and Coating to Address Leakage

1. GM, Walker reported that staff has found some substantial leaks in the West Tank.
2. Director Rosetti made a motion, seconded by Director Gunter-Hall, to approve up to \$5,000 to inspect and repair the West Tank. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

c. Report on URRWA and Consolidation Efforts

- i. URRWA (aka the JPA) is made up of five member agencies: Willow CWD, Calpella CWD, Millview CWD, Redwood Valley CWD, and the Ukiah Valley Sanitation District.
 1. The JPA was originally created to work towards some sort of consolidation.
- ii. Recently there has been a push from the State for a regionalized agency from Redwood Valley to the southern end to Willow.
- iii. GM, Walker has had meetings with the City of Ukiah, and they seem onboard to work towards a consolidation. There are many options on how to make this consolidation work.
- iv. There is a large amount of money the State is offering to make it happen; approximately \$60,000 per water connection.
- v. With SB88 in place, GM, Walker is concerned that if we can't make the consolidation happen, then the State will come in and do it for us.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Director Rosetti, seconded by Director Gunter-Hall, and passed with a unanimous aye vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Joan Norry, President

Date _____

Kate Barrett, Board Secretary

Date _____