

**MINUTES  
REDWOOD VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023**

**Call to Order: 5:01 p.m.**

Directors Present:

Director, Tom Schoeneman

Director, Ken Todd

Director, Bree Klotter

Director, Cass Taaning

Director, Adam Gaska

Absent: None

Others Present:

Office Manager - Liz Patton, Board Secretary - Ashtyn Davis, RRFC - Beth Salomone, Public - John Reardon, Monica Huettl

**Public Forum**

None.

**Consider hearing of urgent items received since the Agenda was posted:**

None.

**Agenda**

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

**Minutes**

Director Todd made a motion, seconded by Director Schoeneman, to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

**Financial Statements**

- i. Director Taaning made a motion, seconded by Director Klotter, to approve the financials for May 2023. The motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

**Staff Reports**

**a. General Manager**

- i. GM, Walker reported that there were some minor issues being worked on with the installation of the new valve at the treatment plant
  1. Water has been recirculated from the Water Treatment Plant to the reservoir so far; all systems seemed to be operating smoothly at this time
- ii. Staff has received several water complaints from Eastside Rd. and Gowan Ct. due to the iron-manganese deposits.
- iii. Still waiting on a final date and time from the Fire Chief concerning the fire hydrant testing
- iv. Several leaks are happening among the districts between Hopland and Redwood Valley. Staff has been notified and is addressing these issues.

**b. Office Manager**

- i. Office Manager, Patton reported that Redwood Valley's new rates will go into effect July 1st and a report will be available for August's Regular Board Meeting

**Old Business**

**a. Drought and Water Supply Updates**

- i. GM, Walker reported that Lake Mendocino water level is slowly starting to decline; still sitting at around 97,000 acre feet
- ii. Still waiting on an update from RRFC to see how much water is going to be available for Redwood Valley to purchase

**b. Report on Upper Russian River Water Agency and Consolidation Efforts**

- i. GM, Walker reported that the Ad Hoc committee has started to meet bi-weekly
- ii. Discussions are still ongoing concerning rate structure, governance, expenses, etc
- iii. Working group meetings will be conducted bi-weekly moving forward
- iv. A final draft agreement will be presented to the State SAFER Program to find out their thoughts on the current proposed agreement and what the next steps will be moving forward with consolidation

**c. Updates on Small Community Drought Relief Grant Project**

- i. GM, Walker reported that invoices are being sent to LACO for reimbursement
- ii. Still in communication with a well driller to set a time and day for them to come out to start testing
- iii. Staff has been given direction to propose a draft agreement between Millview & Redwood Valley concerning the rights to the well testing taking place on Millview's property

**d. Updates on Russian River Water Forum**

- i. GM, Walker reported that several comments were made to support the removal of the Dam's
- ii. Director Klotter stated that PG&E will need to have submitted a final proposal of surrender by December of 2023 and that the Working Group's first meeting would take place next week

**New Business**

**a. Consideration of Invoice from Mendocino County Inland Water and Power Commission**

- i. This item will be brought back to the next meeting.

**Director's Report**

- i. Director Klotter reported that there was a potential grant opportunity worth looking into applying for that would help to improve community benefits for Redwood Valley.

**Adjournment**

Director Klotter made a motion, seconded by Director Schoeneman, to adjourn the meeting. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

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**Adam Gaska - Board President**

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

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**Ashtyn Davis - Board Secretary**

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