

**MINUTES
REDWOOD VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023**

Call to Order: 5:02 p.m.

Directors Present:

Director, Ken Todd

Director, Adam Gaska

Director, Bree Klotter

Absent: Director, Cass Taaning, Director, Tom Schoeneman

Others Present:

Office Manager - Liz Patton, Board Secretary - Ashtyn Davis, RRFC - Beth Salomone, Public - Carrie Shaddick

Public Forum

None.

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

Add Agenda item 9B1) Consideration of Proposal from Fisch & Drilling Pump Estimate and Agenda item 9D)

Drought & Water Supply Updates

Agenda

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

Minutes

Director Todd made a motion, seconded by Director Klotter, to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, as amended. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Financial Statements

Director Klotter made a motion, seconded by Director Todd, to approve the financials for June 2023. The motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Staff Reports

a. General Manager

- i. GM, Walker reported that effective July 1st starts the last year of the 6% rate increase; August will start the new billing
- ii. Energea has sent a new modem out that will allow them to start monitoring things from their end
 1. All other equipment needed has been ordered and is anticipated to be here within the next 60-90 days
- iii. Water Treatment Plant has been running daily through the week, excluding the weekends
 1. There have been some minor problems when restarting the plant each morning; staff is working on addressing these issues

- iv. Paula, who has been Redwood Valley's Office Manager for the last 36 years, is planning to retire at the end of this year/first of next year
 - 1. She has a lot of vacation time accumulated and will start to use those hours before retirement
- b. **Office Manager**
 - i. None.

Old Business

a. Report on Upper Russian River Water Agency and Consolidation Efforts

- i. GM, Walker reported that he and Sean White from the City of Ukiah met with the State a few days ago and they are still awaiting a response from their legal counsel about the proposed JPA agreement
 - 1. Anticipating a response by the end of the week
 - 2. Possible Ad Hoc meeting at the end of the month if a response has been received from the State

b. Updates on Small Community Drought Relief Grant Project

- i. GM, Walker reported that the first round of reimbursement has been submitted to LACO and filed with the DWR
- ii. Modifications have been made to location of the test well drilling on the former Masonite Property and approved through DWR

1. Consideration of Proposal from Fisch & Drilling Pump Estimate

- i. Director Klotter made a motion, seconded by Director Todd, to approve the proposal from Fisch Drilling & Pump. The motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

c. Updates on Russian River Water Forum

- i. GM, Walker reported that the Russian River Water Forum (RRWF) met last Thursday
 - 1. Still hearing numerous comments from people supporting the removal of both Dam's; more information to follow
- ii. Director Klotter added that there have been several Working Group and Caucus meetings taking place; questions and concerns are being addressed by the members
 - 1. Significant efforts have been made on water shed from the Eel & Russian River

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.

b. Announcement that the Water Shortage Emergency has ended - Lifting Resolution No. 2021-01

- i. Director Todd made a motion, seconded by Director Klotter, to lift Resolution No. 2021-01. The motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

c. Consideration of FY 2023/2024 Annual Budget

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

d. Consideration of creating an Ad Hoc Committee for ongoing discussions with Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District

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

Director's Report

None

Adjournment

Director Klotter made a motion, seconded by Director Todd, to adjourn the meeting. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Adam Gaska - Board President

Date_____

Ashtyn Davis - Board Secretary

Date_____