

**MINUTES
REDWOOD VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023**

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Directors Present:

Director, Ken Todd

Director, Bree Klotter

Director, Adam Gaska

Director, Tom Schoeneman

Absent: Director, Cass Taaning

Others Present: General Manager - Jared Walker, Board Secretary - Ashtyn Davis, Public - John Reardon, Monica Huettl, Candace Horsley, Scott Shapiro, Janet Pauli

Public Forum

None.

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

Add Agenda item New Business 11B) Fire Mitigation around North Tank

Agenda

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

Closed Session

The board adjourned into closed session at 5:03pm.

- a. Conference with legal counsel.**
 - i. Information received.**

The board returned to open-session at 5:43pm.

Minutes

Director Klotter made a motion, seconded by Director Todd, to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. 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 September 2023. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Staff Reports

- a. General Manager**
 - i. GM, Walker reported that quarter three reimbursement has been submitted; still awaiting quarter one and two reimbursements. LACO is looking into why reimbursements haven't been received yet.**

- ii. The contractor was been successful in widening the road leading to the Lake Pump in order to get a cane truck out there to start the installation of the VFD drives
 - 1. Should be completed within the next couple of weeks.
- iii. The insurance agent regarding the claim from the Hopkins Fire that happened a little over a year ago contacted GM, Walker stating that a final payment of about two hundred thousand dollars should mailed soon.
- iv. GM, Walker gave a report on behalf of the Office Manager stating that Redwood Valley's FY audit report is being finalized by the Auditor and upon completion he would like to meet with at least one of the members from the board for discussion.

b. Office Manager

- i. None.

Old Business

a. Water Supply Updates

- i. GM, Walker reported that approximately 600 acre feet has been sold so far and that will continue to increase through the end of the year.

b. Updates on Russian River Water Forum

- i. GM, Walker reported that the last meeting was on October 5th.
- ii. Director Klotter reported that she attended the last meeting and they gave a presentation over Lake Pillsbury.

c. Updates on Small Community Drought Relief Grant Project

- i. GM, Walker reported that he met with LACO today and the well drillers yesterday; having issues with loose gravel
 - 1. Well drillers have drilled a second hole and installed a sealed conductor pipe down to 85 feet
 - 2. Anticipating the project to be completed with all three test wells over the next two weeks
- ii. Well 6 will be taken offline next Tuesday for maintenance.

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

- i. GM, Walker reported that the working group plans to meet on the 25th of this month; more information to follow.

New Business

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

- i. Director Schoeneman made a motion, seconded by Director Klotter, to contribute twenty-five thousand dollars to Mendocino County Inland Water and Power Commission. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

b. Fire Mitigation around North Tank

- i. GM, Walker reported that the North Tank Site needs tree and brush removal.
- ii. Grant Yates came out and gave an estimated cost of no more than \$8,500 to complete the project.
- iii. Director Klotter made a motion, seconded by Director Schoeneman, to approve Grant Yates to clean-up around the North Tank. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Director's Report

Director Gaska gave a report regarding the UVBGSA budget recommendation to increase from two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to two million dollars.

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 6:31 p.m.

Adam Gaska - Board President

Date_____

Ashtyn Davis - Board Secretary

Date_____