

MINUTES
HOPLAND PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TELECONFERENCE ZOOM MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021

President, Carol Gunter/Hall called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m., with the following roll call:

Present: Directors, Carol Gunter/Hall, Joan Norry, Bruce Nicolas, Gary Rosetti
GM, Jared Walker, Office Manager, Liz Patton, Secretary, Kate Barrett

Absent: None

Financial Report/Bills

Director Norry made a motion, seconded by Director Gunter/Hall, to approve the financials October 2021. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Minutes

Director Norry made a motion, seconded by Director Gunter/Hall, to approve the October 14, 2021 minutes. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Correspondence

None.

Public Expression

None.

Staff Reports

a. Office Manager

- i. Office Manager, Patton reported that the server in the office crashed several weeks ago and the District had to purchase a new one. The cost for the server has been split among all of the Districts.
 1. On next month's financials, there will be a quote for monthly backups and antivirus protection.
- ii. Checks will be ready for signatures on Friday, November 12, 2021 by 8:30am.

b. General Manager

- i. GM, Walker reported that staff has the building at Well 3 all cleaned up and is currently trying to get the new door in place. Staff purchased some paint and roofing, time permitting, we hope to have the project complete before next month's board meeting.

Old Business

a. Capacity Planning

- i. The Board reviewed the Capacity Planning charts.
- ii. Director Gunter-Hall commented that the water loss is higher than in previous months.
 1. GM, Walker noted that the water loss might be due to the Well 2 malfunction. It is showing up as a loss because the district didn't produce any more water from that well.

b. Inland Water & Power Commission (IWPC)

- i. GM, Walker reported that he spoke with Janet Pauli earlier this week. Our local Congressman, Huffman, is advocating strongly to remove Scott Dam which creates Lake Pillsbury.
- ii. The hydro plant at Van Arsdale, from the Potter Valley Project, has a transformer that has been down and will take 12-18 months to replace at a cost of 5-10 million dollars.
 1. When the hydro plant is down, we are limited on water that we could send through the diversion. There is another diversion that could be used, but it is just a bypass that only equates to about 45 CFS which is a third of what would normally be coming through the hydro plant.

- iii. April 14, 2022 is the deadline for PG&E, FERC, and IWPC to come together on an agreement for this re-licensing efforts.
 - 1. Janet Pauli mentioned that even if they get millions of dollars dumped in their laps tomorrow, there is no way they are going to be able to make the April 14 deadline due to the engineering and studies that need to be done.
- iv. Janet Pauli had a conversation with Congressman Huffman regarding the removal of Scott Dam and the impact it would have on our communities. Huffman does not believe that removing Scott Dam would cease all water diversions coming through the Potter Valley Project. He feels confident that they will keep flowing even after the removal of Scott Dam at Lake Pillsbury.

c. Update on Drought/Water Conservation Efforts

- i. GM, Walker reported that water production and water sales are down drastically.
- ii. The State Water Resource Control Board has temporarily suspended the curtailment notice on water rights. Staff cannot figure out why they would choose to do this at this time.

New Business

a. Update on Wells 2 & 3

i. Well 2 Motor Repair

- 1. GM, Walker reported that staff found out at the end of October that Well 2 was having some difficulties. During the Well rehab project done earlier this year, staff replaced the well pumps, the bowls, the shaft, and the turbines, but staff did not do any motor repairs. During that time, the motor checked out clean and had been in for motor work the year prior.
- 2. Staff anticipates something happened during the big rainstorm where there was moisture in the building, and the electrical conduits filled up with water and there was some breakdown in the electrical portion of that motor. Once staff discovered that, *Performance Pumps* came out and pulled the motor.
- 3. Staff had to turn on Well 3 in order to keep up with water production.
 - a. Staff pumped to discharge to flush the well and took a round of raw water samples. The raw water samples came back with elevated levels of coliforms. Due to the nature of it being a stand-by source, the State Water Resource Control Board issued a precautionary boil water notice for the community of Hopland.

ii. Well 3 Raw Water Quality - Precautionary Boil Water Notice

- 1. Staff picked up the motor from having electrical repairs done on Friday and installed the motor on Monday, November 8.
- 2. Staff has been taking raw water follow-ups as well as distribution samples frequently.
- 3. All drinking water samples have come back clean during this entire process.
- 4. The boil water notice has been lifted as of yesterday, Wednesday, November 10, 2021.
- 5. Since we got the all clear from the State, the District is back to “normal operations”.

b. Consideration of Resolution 2021-03- A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Hopland Public Utility District Re-Authorizing Remote Meetings Consistent with AB 361

- i. Director Gunter-Hall made a motion, seconded by Director Nicolas, to approve Resolution 2021-02 A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Hopland Public Utility District Re-Authorizing Remote Meetings Consistent with AB 361. This motion was passed with the following vote:

AYES: Norry, Rosetti, Gunter-Hall, Nicolas

NOES: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

ABSTAIN: -0-

Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Carol Gunter/Hall, President

Date _____

Kate Barrett, Board Secretary

Date _____