

MINUTES
HOPLAND PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TELECONFERENCE ZOOM MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021

President, Carol Gunter/Hall called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m., with the following roll call:

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

Absent: Director Norry

Financial Report/Bills

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

Minutes

Director Gunter-Hall made a motion, seconded by Director Nicolas, to approve the November 11, 2021 minutes. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Correspondence

GM, Walker reported that included in the packet is an email from Duncan Peak Wines requesting a water service connection.

Director Gunter-Hall made a motion, seconded by Director Nicolas, to add Duncan Peak Wines water hookup proposal to January's agenda. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Public Expression

None.

Staff Reports

a. Office Manager

- i. Office Manager, Patton reported that on next month's financials, there will be a quote for monthly backups and antivirus protection.

b. General Manager

- i. GM, Walker reported that staff has installed a new door and windows at Well 3.
- ii. Staff has been receiving calls about a sewage odor in Old and New Hopland. GM, Walker sent operators to Hopland to assess the situation.
 1. Staff could not find anything that could be causing the smell, but they preventably cleaned the sewer pipes and are going to check the manholes as well as well known trouble areas.

Old Business

a. Capacity Planning

- i. The Board reviewed the Capacity Planning charts.
- ii. GM, Walker noted that the water loss was most likely due to flushing the pipes after the boil water notice and the fact staff had to run two wells.

b. Inland Water & Power Commission (IWPC)

- i. GM, Walker reported that he has had conversations with Janet Pauli and the Potter Valley Project, including the removal of Scotts Dam, is not looking promising.
- ii. A transformer at PG&E's hydro plant malfunctioned and it will cost \$5-10 million and 18-24 months to fix it. It does not seem like it is going to be fixed considering PG&E is walking away from the Potter Valley Project.

c. Update on Drought/Water Conservation Efforts

- i. GM, Walker reported that he, and several other water entities, have been in weekly meetings with the State working on a voluntary conservation agreement for 2022.

New Business

a. Consideration of Resolution 2021-04 - 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 commented that the next board meeting is more than 30 days away.
 - 1. GM, Walker noted that the Board can either have a special meeting prior to the regular board meeting, or they can move their regular board meeting to be within the 30 days.
- ii. Director Nicolas made a motion, seconded by Director Gunter-Hall, to approve Resolution 2021-04 - A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Hopland Public Utility District Re-Authorizing Remote Meetings Consistent with AB 361 and to move the regular board meeting to January 6, 2022 at 6:30 pm. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

b. Consideration of Quotes from PumpMan NorCal to Re-Line the Casing at Well #2

- i. GM, Walker commented that there are two quotes included in the packet; one is for a stainless steel wire wrap and casing and the other is carbon steel casing with mill slot perfs.
- ii. Director Gunter-Hall made a motion, seconded by Director Nicolas, to approve the quote for the stainless steel wire wrap and casing for the price of \$36,346.96. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

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 8:14 p.m.

Carol Gunter/Hall, President

Date _____

Kate Barrett, Board Secretary

Date _____