

**WILLOW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2023
6:30 P.M.**

Present: Ross LaRue, Director
Gary Nevill, Director

Mike Hildreth, Director

Absent: Devin Gordon, Director

Others Present: Jared Walker - GM, Liz Patton - Office Manager, Ashtyn Davis - Board Secretary, Colin Pearce - Attorney

Director Nevill called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Roll Call was taken.

Minutes

Director Hildreth made a motion, seconded by Director LaRue, to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Financial Statement

Director LaRue made a motion, seconded by Director Hildreth, to approve the financials for November 2023. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Public Forum

- None

Closed Session

The board adjourned into closed session at 6:33pm.

a. Conference with Legal Counsel

- i. Real Estate Negotiations per Government Code Section 54956.8**
 - A. Information received.
- ii. Potential Litigation per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)(2)**
 - A. Information received.

The board returned to open-session at 7:40pm.

Staff Reports

a. General Manager

- i. GM, Walker reported that the grant funding has been approved and LACO is drafting the final agreement for the project; should be ready for the board's approval by the next month's meeting.
- ii. Anticipating the Bella Vista Subdivision Project to start at the beginning of Spring time; lots of earthwork and underground work will need to be completed.

b. Office Manager

- i. Office Manager, Liz reported that the third year of Willow’s rate increase of 5% will go into effect after the current billing cycle is set to go out on the 21st of this month.

Old Business

a. Report on PG&E Potter Valley Project

- i. GM, Walker reported that a local attorney has drafted a support letter to PG&E stating the importance of the Eel River Diversions continuance and is asking for support of approval from each of the districts

b. Report on Water Districts Service Contracts

- i. GM, Walker reported that there are no new updates at this time.

c. Report on JPA and Consolidation Efforts

- i. Covered in Closed Session.

d. Consideration of Connection Fee Deferment for Bella Vista Subdivision

- i. Covered in the General Manager’s report; this item will be removed from the Agenda.

New Business

a. Consideration of Invoice from Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

- i. Covered in Closed Session.

b. Consideration of Support Letter for the New Eel-Russian Facility in PG&E’s Initial Draft Surrender Application

- i. The board unanimously declined to sign the Support Letter for the New Eel-Russian Facility in PG&E’s Initial Draft Surrender Application.

Adjourn

Director Gordon made a motion, seconded by Director LaRue, to adjourn. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WILLOW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Date _____

ATTEST _____
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD
WILLOW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Date _____