

**MINUTES  
CALPELLA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
DECEMBER 12, 2023**

Director Bogart called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: Steve Bogart - President, Tami Baarsch-Bogart - Director, Bob Mahaffey - Director  
Others Present: Willow GM - Jared Walker, Office Manager - Liz Patton, Board Secretary - Ashtyn Davis,  
Public - Mark Hildebrand

Absent: None.

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**Minutes**

Upon a motion made by Director Baarsch-Bogart, seconded by Director Mahaffey and passed with a unanimous aye vote, the minutes of the November 15, 2023 Special Board Meeting were approved.

**Review of Bills and Financial Statements**

Director Baarsch-Bogart made a motion, seconded by Director Mahaffey, to approve the financials and pay the bills for November 2023. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

**Public Forum**

None

**New Business**

- a. **Rate Study Presentation on Preliminary Recommendations from Hildebrand Consulting**
  - i. Mark Hildebrand presented the board with a finalized rate study plan for raising water and sewer rates in Calpella.
  - ii. Director Mahaffey made a motion, seconded by Director Baarsch-Bogart, to approve the preliminary recommendations of scenario two with modifications for raising rates in Calpella presented by Mark Hildebrand and to direct staff to send out Prop 218 Notices to the public. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

**Staff Reports**

- a. **Office Manager**
  - i. None.
- b. **General Manager**
  - i. GM, Walker reported that Calpella sludge testing level report came back good; staff is working on routine maintenance and clean-up at this time.

- ii. There was an odor complaint last month at the WasteWater Treatment Plant; the State came out to conduct an inspection and follow-up of sludge monitoring.
  1. The inspection went well; 3 out of the 4 ponds had less than 6 inches of sludge in them and 1 of the ponds that was 10 feet deep had a little over a foot of sludge in it.
  2. The inspector also noted in her report that there was no odor present upon her arrival or throughout the duration of her inspection.

#### **Old Business**

##### **a. Report on PG&E Potter Valley Project**

- i. GM, Walker reported that IWPC met last week; 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 that is included in the packet under New Business item C) for the Board to discuss.

##### **b. Report on Local Water District Projects**

- i. GM, Walker reported that there are no new updates at this time; the same projects are taking place among the districts from last month's report.

##### **c. Report on JPA and Consolidation Efforts**

- i. GM, Walker reported that there is a scheduled Ad Hoc meeting next Monday regarding discussions over the modified redline draft agreement with one major addition stating that once any district receives over \$1 million dollars in grant funding it automatically triggers an application for annexation.

#### **New Business**

##### **b. Consideration of Invoice from Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

- i. Direction was given to staff.

##### **c. Consideration of Support Letter for the New Eel-Russian Facility in PG&E's Initial Draft Surrender Application**

- i. Director Baarsch-Bogart made a motion, seconded by Director Mahaffey, to approve the Support Letter for the New Eel-Russian Facility in PG&E's Initial Draft Surrender Application. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

**Adjournment**

Director Mahaffey made a motion, seconded by Director Baarsch-Bogart, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

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**Steve Bogart, President of the Board**  
**Calpella County Water District**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Ashtyn Davis - Board Secretary**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_