

MINUTES
REDWOOD VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

1. Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

2. Directors Present:

Director Ken Todd

Director Schoeneman

Director Adam Gaska

Absent: Director Klotter, and Director Taaning.

Others Present: General Manager - Jared Walker, Office Manager - Liz Patton, Board Secretary – Kim Saylor, Public - Elizabeth Salomone, John Rearden, Russian River Flood Control District, Monica Huettl, and Freedom Smith.

3. Public Forum

Freedom Smith regarding leak at 2251 Rancheria Road, Redwood Valley. Information received; a discussion occurred. The Board offered a no interest rate, no late fee one year window to pay the bill.

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

None.

5. 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.

6. Minutes

Director Todd made a motion, seconded by Director Schoeneman, to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, as amended. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

7. Financial Statements

Director Schoeneman made a motion, seconded by Director Todd to approve the financials for September 2024. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

8. Staff Reports

a. General Manager

- i. GM, Walker reported that Redwood Valley should consider a quote for more meters and end points to be changed out prior to the EOY. Meter lifecycle is approximately 15-20 years. The Board approved the purchase of the meters.
- ii. GM, Walker reported that operators are getting caught up on meter change outs and state mandated lead testing and reporting to the state.
- iii. Solar – Energea substantially less money than prior plan – cost savings of approximately \$2,000 per month.
- iv. Draft audit should be on next Agenda.
- v. The amended JPA Agreement includes minor language changes and adding back in language for sewer.

b. Office Manager

- i. Office Manager Patton reported that the City of Ukiah will be doing the first test billing for Redwood Valley customers October 1, 2024.
- ii. Letters have been sent out and the bottom of the bill has had information regarding the transition to the City of Ukiah in January.

9. Old Business

a. Water Supply Updates

- i. Lake Mendocino is measuring 5,000-acre ft lower than this time last year time. With approximately 400-acre ft per day being released.

b. Updates on Eel-Russian Project Authority (ERPA)

- i. None.

c. Updates on Small Community Drought Relief Grant Project

- i. This item will be covered under New Business 10a.

d. Report on Ukiah Valley Water Authority (UVWA)

- i. GM, Walker reported that there were no real updates due to the last meeting being canceled due to lack of quorum.

e. Report on Annexation Efforts with Russian River Flood Control District

- i. There will be an Ad/Hoc meeting on Thursday September 26, 2024 with Flood Control and LACO. Discussions should include mapping costs and who absorbs the costs associated.

10. New Business

a. Consideration of Amendment No. 2 to the Redwood Valley County Water District Standard Consultant Agreement for Professional Services

- i. Director Schoeneman made a motion, seconded by Director Todd, to approve Amendment No. 2 to the Redwood Valley County Water District Standard Consultant Agreement for Professional Services. This motion was passed unanimously with a roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Directors: Todd; Gaska; and Schoeneman.

Noes: None.

Absent: Klotter; and Taaning.

Abstain: None.

b. Consideration of Draft Letter to be Sent to Ratepayers about Transition to the City of Ukiah

- i. Director Schoeneman made a motion, seconded by Director Todd, Draft Letter to be Sent to Ratepayers about Transition to the City of Ukiah. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote as follows:

Director's Report

Director Todd reported that the GSA - TAC meetings to be announced when schedule is available.

Adjournment

Director Todd made a motion, seconded by Director Schoeneman, to adjourn the meeting. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

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Adam Gaska - Board President

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Kim Saylor - Board Secretary