

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INDIAN HILLS WATER DISTRICT
JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO**

For the Meeting Held November 16, 2023

The meeting was held in person at the Grace Hills Community Church and was attended by Directors Kepley, Cunningham, Ryplewski, Pesce and Mosby and Manager Kristin Waters, and one community member.

Meeting called to order 6:30 pm

Posting of Notice. The meeting agenda was posted in advance as required by law.

Meeting Agenda: Board President asked to remove the Executive Session. Motion to approve the agenda made with the change was made and seconded. It was approved by a vote of 5 – 0.

Meeting Minutes: After review, a motion was made to approve the October 19, 2023 minutes, seconded and the minutes were approved 5 – 0.

Audience/Customer Comments or Concerns:

none

Administration/Financial Reports: Check report was reviewed with a motion made to approve checks 15298 – 15329 and EFT's, and Void check 15326. Report approved by a vote of 5 – 0. Cash Balance Status, Fund Class Report, Cash Flow Statement, and Accounts Receivable Aging/Customer Past Due reports were reviewed.

Budget Calendar:

10/13/2023 Draft Budget presented to Board

11/9/2023 Post Notice of Public Hearing in newspaper

11/16/2023 Public Hearing & adoption of Budget, approve Resolutions for Budget & Mill Levy

12/15/2023 Budget adoption deadline and Mill Levy certification due to County.

1/31/2024 Annual Budget filing due to Dept of Local Govt

Legal/Information Updates: Proposition HH was defeated. Special legislative session will be held to review and pass other property tax reductions. This may affect Special District 2024 budgeting.

Board Items:

Truck Hail Damage – Insurance needs to confirm repair. Discussion about truck value and condition representing the District. KW will find a repair shop and schedule the repairs.

Public Hearing - Customer Rates, Fees, and Charges Review -

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:52 pm by a motion that was seconded, to discuss changes to Rates, Fees, and Charges, according to C.R.S. 32-1-1001(1)(j). Motion passed 5 - 0

Rate Structure options reviewed:

1. Increase Base Rate from \$40 to \$50, Lowest tier increase from \$8.00 to \$12.00 per 1000 gal, keep same tier gallons
2. Increase Base Rate from \$40 to \$50, lowest tier increase from \$8.00 to \$12.00 and increase same tier from 2,000 to 3,000 gal
3. Increase Base Rate from \$40 to \$50, lowest tier increase from \$8.00 to \$16.00 and increase same tier from 2,000 to 3,000 gal

The District wants to consider lower income households in the rate structure. Affordability tool shows each option at mid and low level affordability in different categories. Promoting conservation is another important consideration.

Public comments: No input from 1 attendee who is not a customer or resident of IHWD.

Board Discussion: Calculate Option 3 with first tier at 2500 gallons instead of 3000. This option could meet the budget goal, but does not meet operations expenses in 2024.

Notice of 12/21/2023 Public Rate Hearing will be posted by 11/21/2023 to meet the 30-day requirement and will include Option 3 rates.

Public Hearing end 7:20 pm. Motion made and seconded to end the public hearing, approved 5 - 0

Budget – Draft budget given to Board on 10/13/2023. Line items, Operations recommendations, and upcoming projects were reviewed at the Board Meeting on 10/19/2023. All expenses have been increasing in recent years. Engineering estimates that project costs have increased by 20% plus 10% in fuel costs since 2020.

Budget Hearing - At 7:22 pm a motion was made, citing C.R.S. 29-1-103(2), to hold a public hearing to discuss the 2024 proposed budget. The motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 5 – 0.

Discussion about several line items including property tax income, Operating income, and capital improvement projects. Adjustments were made to Administrative and Capital expenses.

At 8:08 pm a motion was made to end the Budget Hearing which was seconded and passed by a vote of 5 – 0.

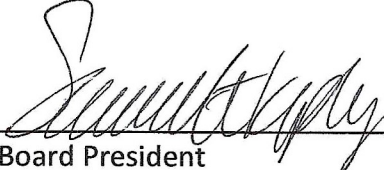
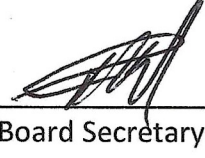
A motion was made to adopt Resolution 2022-002 Concerning the Adoption of a Budget and appropriation of funds for Fiscal year 2024. The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 5 – 0.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 2022-003 Levying General Property Taxes for the year 2023 to help defray the costs of Government for the Indian Hills Water District, for the 2024 Budget year. The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 5 - 0.

Other Business – None

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was thereupon adjourned at 8:23 pm with a motion made and seconded, passing by a vote of 5 – 0.



	<u>12/21/23</u>
Board President	Date
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Board Secretary - Acting	Date