

MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING - TELECONFERENCE

April 28, 2020 at 4:00 P.M.

Directors Present:

Chris Mann, President
Bruce Granlund, Vice President
Jay Bogh, Director
Lonni Granlund, Director
Joyce McIntire, Director

Staff Present:

Jennifer Ares, Water Resource Manager
Madeline Blua, Water Resource Specialist
Allison Edmisten, Chief Financial Officer
Chelsie Fogus, Administrative Assistant I
Ashley Gibson, Regulatory Compliance Manager
Kathryn Hallberg, Implementation Manager
Dustin Hochreiter, Senior Engineering Technician
Mike Kostecky, Operations Manager
Tim Mackamul, Operations Manager
Matthew Porras, Implementation Manager
Charles Thomas, Operations Manager
John Wrobel, Public Works Manager
Joseph Zoba, General Manager

Directors Absent:

None

Consulting Staff Present:

David Wysocki, Legal Counsel

Registered Guests and Others Present:

Ronica Hochreiter

Due to the spread of COVID-19 and in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (a copy of which was attached to the meeting agenda), the Yucaipa Valley Water District conducted this meeting by teleconference.

The meeting was available to the public by calling (888) 475-4499 using passcode 676-950-731 and live presentation material was available at <https://zoom.us/j/676950731>.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yucaipa Valley Water District was called to order by Chris Mann at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and Director Jay Bogh, Director Bruce Granlund, Director Lonni Granlund, Director Chris Mann, and Director Joyce McIntire were present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Lonni Granlund moved to approve the consent calendar and Director Joyce McIntire seconded the motion.

A. Minutes of Meetings

1. Board Meeting - April 21, 2020

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Director Jay Bogh - Yes
Director Bruce Granlund - Yes
Director Lonni Granlund - Yes
Director Chris Mann - Yes
Director Joyce McIntire - Yes

STAFF REPORT

General Manager Joseph Zoba provided information on the following item(s):

- The Yucaipa Valley Regional Water Filtration Facility is online and operating at 8 cubic feet per second. Flows will be increased to 10 cubic feet per second this week.
- The District has posted a display ad in the News Mirror for the vacancy in Division 2. The display ad will be published during the week of April 27, 2020 and May 4, 2020.

Chief Financial Officer Allison Edmisten provided information on the following item(s):

- On April 21, 2020, Xpress Bill Pay has completed upgrades to their computer systems which stabilized and enhanced the bill payment process for online customers.
- Since January 2020, about 200+ online accounts were created each month with 5,184 active online accounts at this time.
- There are 3,376 customers using auto pay and 1,558 customers using the paperless billing services.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

DM 20-060

STATUS REPORT REGARDING THE PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE CORONAVIRUS AND COVID-19 IN THE YUCAIPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT SERVICE AREA WITHIN THE COUNTIES OF RIVERSIDE AND SAN BERNARDINO

General Manager Joseph Zoba provided an overview of the current coronavirus and COVID-19 situation. As of April 28, 2020, there are currently 168 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 21 related deaths in the City of Yucaipa, and 15 confirmed cases in the City of Calimesa with 1 confirmed death, a change over the past week from 162 and 16 confirmed cases, respectively.

The District instituted a “hard closure” of the District office and stay at home orders for District staff effective on April 1, 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 cases in Yucaipa. The District transitioned to a “soft closure” of the District office with most of the employees back at work as of Monday, April 20, 2020.

DM 20-061

PRESENTATION OF EXISTING AND FUTURE ELECTRICAL POWER COSTS FOR DRINKING WATER, SEWER, AND RECYCLED WATER OPERATIONS

Implementation Manager Kathryn Hallberg provided an overview of recent electrical power rate increases by Southern California Edison. The approved electrical power rate changes will increase the District’s electrical costs beyond the estimated forecast provided in the January 2020 water/sewer rate study.

The District will be implementing new solar, renewable gas, and energy storage programs to reduce the impact of the increased electrical costs.

DM 20-062

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2020-24 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT 12834 SECOND STREET, YUCAIPA

General Manager Joseph Zoba provided a summary of Resolution No. 2020-24 which authorized the purchase of property at 12834 Second Street, Yucaipa.

Director Jay Bogh moved that the Board adopt Resolution No. 2020-24.

Director Lonni Granlund seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

- Director Jay Bogh - Yes
- Director Bruce Granlund - Yes
- Director Lonni Granlund - Yes
- Director Chris Mann - Yes
- Director Joyce McIntire - Yes

DM 20-063

SELECTION OF A
SPECIAL DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE FOR
THE RIVERSIDE
COUNTY LOCAL
AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION

General Manager Joseph Zoba provided an overview of the Local Agency Formation Commission representation for special districts. Based on information received from the Riverside County Local Agency Formation Commission, the Board of Directors took the following actions:

Director Lonni Granlund moved that the Board rank the Regular Special District Member of the Local Agency Formation Commission in the following order:

1. Nancy Wright, Mission Springs Water District
2. Karen Borja, Desert Healthcare District
3. Debra Canero, Valley Sanitary District

Director Bruce Granlund seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

- Director Jay Bogh - Yes
- Director Bruce Granlund - Yes
- Director Lonni Granlund - Yes
- Director Chris Mann - Yes
- Director Joyce McIntire - Yes

Director Lonni Granlund moved that the Board rank the Alternate Special District Member of the Local Agency Formation Commission in the following order:

1. Robert Stockton, Western Municipal Water District
2. Steve Pastor, Lake Hemet Municipal Water District
3. Arthur Shorr, Desert Healthcare District
4. Danny J. Martin, Rancho California Water District
5. Karen Alexander, Northwest Mosquito & Vector District
6. Scott Sear, Valley Sanitary District
7. Dale Qualm, Temecula Public Cemetery District

Director Bruce Granlund seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

- Director Jay Bogh - Yes
- Director Bruce Granlund - Yes
- Director Lonni Granlund - Yes
- Director Chris Mann - Yes
- Director Joyce McIntire - Yes

BOARD REPORTS AND
DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Joyce McIntire and Director Chris Mann reported on the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Strategic Planning workshop held on April 23, 2020.

Director Joyce McIntire, Director Lonni Granlund and Director Bruce Granlund reported on the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District board meeting held on April 23, 2020.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Chris Mann called attention to the announcements listed on the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

Director Jay Bogh, Director Bruce Granlund, Director Lonni Granlund, Director Chris Mann, and Director Joyce McIntire were present in closed session with Legal Counsel David Wysocki, Chief Financial Officer Allison Edmisten, and General Manager Joseph Zoba to discuss the following items.

- C. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation (Government Code 54956.9(d)(2) & (4)) - One Case

After reconvening out of closed session, Legal Counsel David Wysocki reported that direction was provided and that there were no other reportable actions taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph B. Zoba, Secretary

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