

MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING - TELECONFERENCE

May 19, 2020 at 4:00 P.M.

Directors Present:

Chris Mann, 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
Tim Mackamul, Operations Manager
Matthew Porras, Implementation Manager
Mike Rivera, Public Works Supervisor
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:

Bassam Alzammar
Melisa Alzammar
David Gee
Bruce Granlund
Jan Leja
Dennis Miller
George Sardeson
Ron Duncan, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
Leonard Stephenson, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

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 Lonni Granlund, Director Chris Mann, and Director Joyce McIntire were present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

George Sardeson requested to provide comments during agenda item V.A. Appointment of a Director to the Yucaipa Valley Water District Board of Directors - Division 2.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Lonni Granlund moved to approve the consent calendar and Director Jay Bogh seconded the motion.

- A. Minutes of Meetings
 - 1. Board Meeting - May 12, 2020
- B. Payment of Bills
 - 1. Approve/Ratify Invoices for Board Awarded Contracts
 - 2. Ratify General Expenses for April 2020

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

STAFF REPORT

A staff report was not provided at this meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

DM 20-076

APPOINTMENT OF A
DIRECTOR TO THE
YUCAIPA VALLEY
WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- DIVISION 2

Director Chris Mann welcomed the four applicants that applied for the position of Director for Division 2: David Gee, Bassam Alzammar, Jan Leja, and Dennis Miller.

Director Chris Mann then discussed the format of the appointment process which included:

- Presentation by General Manger Joseph Zoba;
- Random selection of applicant order for statements and questions by board members;
- Statements by each applicant;
- Board member questions of applicant;
- Public comments; and
- Board of Director open deliberation and selection.

General Manager Joseph Zoba provided an overview of the resignation of the board member seat by Director Bruce Granlund and the process taken by the District to meet the requirements of Government Code Section 1780.

Legal Counsel randomly selected the order of candidates to be:

- David Gee;
- Bassam Alzammar;
- Jan Leja; and
- Dennis Miller.

Applicant David Gee provided an opening statement and then responded to questions by the Board of Directors.

Applicant Bassam Alzammar provided an opening statement and then responded to questions by the Board of Directors.

Applicant Jan Leja provided an opening statement and then responded to questions by the Board of Directors.

Applicant Dennis Miller provided an opening statement and then responded to questions by the Board of Directors.

Prior to opening the meeting to public comments, Director Chris Mann stated that a letter from Diane Smith was received in support of David Gee, and an email from Steve Ledbetter was received in support of Bassam Alzammar.

Director Chris Mann opened the meeting to public comments. A public comment was received from George Sardeson and another resident in support of Bassam Alzammar.

After receiving information from the applicants and the public, the members of the Board of Directors conducted an open deliberation of the applicants.

Following discussions by each member of the Board of Directors, Director Lonni Granlund moved to appoint Dennis Miller to the Board of Directors for Division 2.

Director Joyce McIntire seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Director Jay Bogh - No
Director Lonni Granlund - Yes
Director Chris Mann - Yes
Director Joyce McIntire - Yes

General Manager Joseph Zoba administered the Oath of Office to Dennis Miller as the newly appointed member of the Yucaipa Valley Water District Board of Directors.

BOARD REPORTS AND
DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Joyce McIntire reported on the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District board meeting held on May 11, 2020.

Director Joyce McIntire and Director Chris Mann reported on the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency board meeting held on May 18, 2020.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CLOSED SESSION

A closed session conference was not conducted at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph B. Zoba, Secretary

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