

# MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING - TELECONFERENCE

July 13, 2021 at 4:00 pm

**Directors Present:**

Chris Mann, President  
Lonni Granlund, Vice President  
Joyce McIntire, Director

**Staff Present:**

Jennifer Ares, Water Resource Manager  
Ashley Gibson, Regulatory Compliance Manager  
Dustin Hochreiter, Senior Engineering Technician  
Caleb Nazario, Utility Service Worker IV  
Matthew Porras, Implementation Manager  
Charles Thomas, Operations Manager  
Matt Vara, Utility Service Worker III  
Joseph Zoba, General Manager

**Directors Absent:**

Jay Bogh, Director

**Consulting Staff Present:**

David Wysocki, Legal Counsel

**Registered Guests and Others Present:**

Bassam Alzammar  
Matthew Chase  
Madeline Chen, Ortega Strategies Group  
Danny Friend  
Sheldon Jones  
Michelle Lopez, News Mirror  
Natalie O'Harra  
Nyles O'Harra

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This meeting was available for in person attendance as well as 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> using 765589.

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**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 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with Director Lonni Granlund, Director Chris Mann, and Director Joyce McIntire present.

Director Jay Bogh was absent

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Chris Mann moved to approve the consent calendar and Director Lonni Granlund seconded the motion.

A. Minutes of Meetings

1. Board Meeting – June 22, 2021

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

STAFF REPORT

General Manager Joseph provided information about the following items:

- The Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency will be conducting a special workshop on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at 10:30am.
- The Governor has requested residents to cut water use by 15% as a response to the ongoing drought.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

DM 21-121

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: Bassam Alzamar, Matthew Chase, Sheldon Jones, and Nyles O’Harra.

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 for Division 2 and the

process taken by the District to meet the requirements of Government Code Section 1780.

Michelle Lopez from the News Mirror randomly selected the order of candidates to be:

- Sheldon Jones,
- Nyles O’Harra,
- Bassam Alzammar, and
- Matthew Chase,

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

Applicant Nyles O’Harra 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 Matthew Chase provided an opening statement and then responded to questions by the Board of Directors.

Director Chris Mann opened the meeting to public comments. There were no public comments.

Chris Mann closed the public comment period and 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 Nyles O’Harra 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 - Absent
- Director Lonni Granlund - Yes
- Director Chris Mann - Yes
- Director Joyce McIntire - Yes

Director Chris Mann administered the Oath of Office to Nyles O’Harra as the newly appointed member of the Yucaipa Valley Water District Board of Directors.

DM 21-122

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE  
CREATION OF AN AD HOC  
COMMITTEE FOR THE INITIAL  
REVIEW OF RESPONSES TO  
THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL  
FOR LEGAL SERVICES

General Manager Joseph Zoba provided an overview of the Request for Proposals available for legal services.

Director Joyce McIntire moved that the Board appoint Director Chris Mann and Director Jay Bogh to the ad hoc legal committee.

Director Lonni Granlund seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Director Jay Bogh - Absent  
Director Lonni Granlund - Yes  
Director Chris Mann - Yes  
Director Joyce McIntire - Yes  
Director Nyles O'Harra – Yes

DM 21-123

OVERVIEW OF THE WATER  
INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE  
AND INNOVATION ACT (WIFIA)  
AND THE UPPER SANTA ANA  
RIVER WATERSHED  
INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING  
AUTHORITY

General Manager Joseph Zoba provided an overview of the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program and related Joint Powers Authority. Specific action will be requested from the Board of Directors at the meeting on July 20, 2021.

DM 21-124

CONSIDERATION OF A CLAIM  
FOR REPAIR COSTS RELATED  
TO WATER LINE LEAK ON  
CRESTVIEW DRIVE – NANCY  
BROWN

General Manager Joseph Zoba provided an overview of the damage that resulted in the claim as well as the next steps in the claim process.

Director Lonni Granlund moved that the Board deny the claim for damages and directs District staff to notify the District's insurance carrier of the denied claim for damages.

Director Joyce McIntire seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Director Jay Bogh - Absent  
Director Lonni Granlund - Yes  
Director Chris Mann - Yes  
Director Joyce McIntire - Yes  
Director Nyles O'Harra – Yes

BOARD REPORTS AND  
DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Lonni Granlund reported on the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts meeting held on July 12, 2021.

Director Joyce McIntire reported on the San Geronio Pass Water Agency meeting held on July 12, 2021.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph B. Zoba, Secretary

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