

MINUTES

Thursday, February 21, 2019
Mammoth Community Water District
Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Directors convened in session at the hour of 5:37 p.m. A brief recess was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Prepared by:



Stephanie Hake
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ATTEST:



Patrick A. Hayes
Board Secretary

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Directors of the Mammoth Community Water District held on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 5:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Present

Director: Tom Cage
Director: Robert Creasy
Director: Dennis Domaille
Director: Tom Smith
Director: Gary Thompson

Board Absent

None

Staff Present

General Manager: Pat Hayes
District Engineer: John Pedersen
Operations Superintendent: Clay Murray
Maintenance Superintendent: Mark Busby
Finance Manager: Jeff Beatty
Information Services Manager: Justin Mulbay
Human Resources Manager: Kay Hartman
Executive Assistant: Stephanie Hake
District Counsel: Joshua Horowitz

Guests Present

Pam Bold – High Sierra Energy Foundation
Gil Campos – Mammoth Middle School Science Teacher
Holly Alpert – IRWMP
Lori Salvador

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:37 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM

President Smith opened the public forum at 5:37 p.m.

No one addressed the Board.

President Smith closed the public forum at 5:37 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

C-1 Approval of January 2019 Check Disbursements (Springbrook #'s 55643 – 55785)

C-2 Approval of Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held January 17, 2018

C-2 Approval of Minutes from the Special Board Workshop held January 23, 2018

There was no discussion. President Smith called for a motion.

BOARD ACTION – To approve the Consent Agenda items C-1, C-2, and C-3

MOVED BY: Director Creasy
SECONDED BY: Director Cage
AYES: Directors Cage, Creasy, Domaille, Smith, and Thompson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

CURRENT BUSINESS

D-1 Discussion and Possible Approval of Sponsorship Funding for the High Sierra Energy Foundation's (HSEF) LivingWise Program in the Amount of \$5,110.20

Director Creasy declared a conflict of interest because he is on the Board of Directors of the High Sierra Energy Foundation; therefore he recused himself from the discussion and vote. Director Creasy left the room during this item.

Pam Bold of the High Sierra Energy Foundation provided a brief background of the program. She and Mammoth High School science teacher, Gil Campos, then provided a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the past year's LivingWise program, which focused on encouraging residents and visitors to drink District tap water instead of bottled water, and exhibiting the participating students' enthusiasm for the program.

Director Cage commended Ms. Bold and Mr. Campos for their dedication to the successful program. There was no further discussion and Director Cage made a motion.

BOARD ACTION – To approve sponsorship funding for the High Sierra Energy Foundation's LivingWise Program in the amount of \$5,110.20

MOVED BY: Director Cage
SECONDED BY: Director Thompson
AYES: Directors Cage, Domaille, Smith, and Thompson
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Director Creasy

D-2 Presentation on the Inyo-Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Group (IRWMP) and Consideration of Annual Funding Support

Holly Alpert of the IRWMP described the genesis and scope of the IRWMP along with the priorities of the organization. A few questions were asked by Board members.

Following a brief discussion, Director Domaille made a motion.

BOARD ACTION – To approve funding of the IRWMP in the amount of \$4000.00 for the coming fiscal year and the subsequent five fiscal years

MOVED BY: Director Domaille
SECONDED BY: Director Creasy
AYES: Directors Cage, Creasy, Domaille, Smith, and Thompson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

D-3 Presentation and Discussion of Draft FY 2020 Capital and Operating Budget

Jeff Beatty engaged the Directors in a discussion of the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 budget. Mr. Beatty noted that, following discussions during the Finance Committee, he had made a couple of corrections and enhancements to tables that were reflected in the revised document. Mr. Beatty said he would be make further refinements to the document before final presentation at the March Board meeting.

Director Cage noted that the Finance committee thoroughly reviewed the draft budget and only minor adjustments had been suggested. He complimented Mr. Beatty and the Finance team on their good work in preparing the budget.

BOARD ACTION – None

D-4 Discussion and Possible Direction to Staff Concerning Enacting an Ordinance to Authorize Automatic Annual Increases to Director Compensation for Meeting Attendance

Patrick Hayes and Attorney Horowitz explained the various options the Board has regarding establishing an automatic annual increase in Director compensation for a day of service.

Director Cage expressed concern for wasting staff time and District resources to prepare the discussion item annually and suggested that an automatic increase be incorporated into the District Code and that it would be based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Southern California.

Following a brief discussion, staff and legal counsel were directed to draft a proposed ordinance to be presented at the March Board meeting for final discussion and direction before agendizing it for final approval.

BOARD ACTION – None

CONSENT AGENDA NO. 2 – MANAGEMENT REPORTS

E-1 Operations Superintendent's Report

E-2 Maintenance Superintendent's Report

E-3 Finance Manager's Report

E-4 District Engineer's Report

- E-5 Information Services Manager's Report**
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- E-6 Human Resources Manager's Report**
- E-7 Public Relations / Environmental Specialist's Report**
- E-8 General Manager's Report**

There was a brief discussion of the operations report, and Director Domaille made a motion.

BOARD ACTION – To approve the Consent Agenda items E-1 through E-8

MOVED BY: Director Domaille
SECONDED BY: Director Cage
AYES: Directors Cage, Creasy, Domaille, Smith, and Thompson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Meetings Held During the Month

Technical Services Committee – *February 20, 2019*

Dennis Domaille
Gary Thompson

Investment Committee – *February 20, 2019*

Robert Creasy
Tom Cage

Finance Committee – *February 20, 2019*

Robert Creasy
Tom Cage

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Technical Services Committee:

Directors Domaille said there was nothing to report.

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Investment Committee:

Director Cage reported that the Investment committee met and the new advisors, Chandler Asset Management, were in attendance by telephone. Discussions were about strategy of the portfolio moving forward with a focus on safe-rated investments.

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Finance Committee:

Director Cage reported that the discussion at the Finance Committee meeting was focused on the draft budget.

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There were no other committee meetings held during the month.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Horowitz reported that the Governor has brought back the proposed water tax with three different bills being the potential vehicle for the tax. ACWA and other associations are actively lobbying to defeat the tax or present alternatives to funding the needs. Attorney Horowitz's office will continue to monitor and report on the developments.

The Board members went into closed session at 6:59 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

H-1 Conference with Legal Counsel

Anticipated Litigation – Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(a); consideration of initiation of litigation involving the Acquisition of Easements on Ranch Road, Woodcrest Trail and Adjacent Common Areas Adjacent to the Site of Proposed District Well 32, Town of Mammoth Lakes from Snowcreek VI Condominium Owner's Association and The Ranch at Snowcreek Owners' Association

H-2 Conference with Legal Counsel

Existing Litigation -- Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(a); International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 12 v. Mammoth Community Water District; Public Employment Relations Board

H-3 Conference with Legal Counsel

Existing Litigation – Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54954.5 (c) and 54956.9 (a) and (d)(1); Case: Southern California Edison Company vs. Mammoth Community Water District, et al. – Mono County Superior Court Case No. CV160085

ADJOURNMENT

There was no report from closed session.

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.