TUOLUMNE UTILITIES DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 23, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Tuolumne Utilities District convened at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office, 18885 Nugget Blvd., Sonora, California.

This meeting was held in accordance with Executive Order N-29-20, issued by California Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020, the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code Section 54950, et seq.), and the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act. No physical public meeting location was provided for this meeting. Instead, the Board held this meeting telephonically using Zoom. Members of the public were able to speak and provide oral comments during the meeting.

A verbal roll call was conducted by Melissa McMullen, Board Clerk.

Melissa McMullen, Board Clerk, conducted all voting by verbal roll call.

The following Directors and staff were present:

Director Balen, President
Director Ringen, Vice President
Director Boatright
Director Kerns
Director Murphy

Edwin R. Pattison, General Manager
Erik Johnson, District Engineer
Don Perkins, Operations Director
Steve Sheffield, Finance Director
Abby Parcon, Administrative Services Director
Jennifer Batt, Associate Engineer
Melissa McMullen, Executive Secretary, Board Clerk
Jesse Barton, District Counsel

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

I. Public Forum

Sally Rhodes addressed the Board regarding the Phoenix Lake Preservation and Restoration Project (PLPRP).

President Balen inquired what the Board's pleasure was to address the comments regarding the PLPRP.

Director Murphy and Director Ringen suggested the comments regarding the PLPRP be addressed in the Water Committee.

President Balen stated that the comments regarding PLPRP would be addressed in the Water Committee and that Sally Rhodes would be notified of the Committee date and time.

II. Consent Calendar

1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 9, 2021 and Special Board Meeting of February 11, 2021

2. Tuolumne Public Power Agency Joint Powers Agreement Amendments - Resolution No. 2-21

Director Ringen moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Kerns seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

III. Regular Business

3. Consider Approving the Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policy

Abby Parcon presented a summarization of the request to approve the Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policy and responded to questions.

This item was supported by the Human Resources/External Affairs Committee.

No public comment was heard.

Director Kerns moved to approve the Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policy. Director Murphy seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

4. Fiscal Year 2021 Mid-Year Budget Review

Steve Sheffield presented the Fiscal Year 2021 Mid-Year Budget Review.

This item was supported by the Finance Committee.

No public comment was heard.

Director Kerns moved to accept and file this report. Director Boatright seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

5. Approval of the Leak Adjustment Policy Amendments

Steve Sheffield presented a summarization of the request to approve the Leak Adjustment Policy Amendments and responded to questions.

This item was supported by the Finance Committee.

No public comment was heard.

Director Murphy moved to adopt Resolution No. 3-21 amending the Tuolumne Utilities District (TUD) Water Leak Adjustment Policy. Director Ringen, Vice President seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

6. Consider Authorizing the General Manager to Execute Procurement Contracts for Five Equipment Packages for the Sonora Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility Project

Erik Johnson (TUD), Jennifer Batt (TUD) and Andy Komor from Pacific Advanced Civil Engineering (PACE), presented a summarization of the request to authorize the General Manager to execute Procurement Contracts for Five equipment Packages for the Sonora Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility Project and responded to questions.

This item was supported by the Wastewater Committee.

No public comment was heard.

Director Boatright moved to approve the amended motion: Authorize the General Manager to Execute Procurement Contracts for Five Equipment Packages for the Sonora Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility Project and equipment acquired is of model and capacities equivalent or better to procurement documents and with no substitutions allowed without further Board approval. Director Ringen seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

7. Operational Update on the Water and Wastewater Departments – January 2021

Don Perkins presented the Operational Update on the Water and Wastewater Departments for January 2021 and responded to questions.

No public comment was heard.

IV. Staff Reports

Ed Pattison reported on the following items:
-Thursday, February 25, 2021: Tour of the Sonora Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility

V. Directors Communication and Reports

Director Kerns reported on the following items:
-February 10, 2021: Finance Committee meeting

Director Ringen reported on the following items:
-February 10, 2021: Finance Committee meeting as an observer
-February 10, 2021: Attended the Tuolumne County Natural Resources Committee meeting
-February 17, 2021: Attended the Tuolumne-Stanislaus IRWMP meeting
-Suggested items for Committee review: Phoenix Lake Preservation and Restoration Project, Teleli Agreement, and Valley Vista Agreement

Director Balen reported on the following items:
-Mountain Counties Water Resources Association 2021 Board of Directors Election Ballot Results: Barbara Balen, Randy Fletcher and Mike Lee

President Balen moved to hear Item B before Item A in Closed Session. Director Murphy seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

President Balen recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 11:23 a.m.

VI. Closed Session

b. Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: APN 085-050-001 et. al
Agency Negotiators: Ed Pattison, General Manager, Jesse Barton and Tom Johnson
Other Party to Negotiations: Mike Schonherr, Pacific Gas and Electric Co.
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

a. Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Position: General Manager

VII. Reconvene to Open Session

a. Closed Session Disclosure

President Balen reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 2:43 p.m. with no reportable action taken during Closed Session.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Date: November 30, -1

ATTEST:

Barbara Balen, President
Board of Directors

Melissa McMullen,
Executive Secretary/Board Clerk