TUOLUMNE UTILITIES DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 22, 2022

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 the Governor's State of Emergency, declared on March 4, 2020; Cal/OSHA's recommendations for social distancing; the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code section 54950, et seq.) as amended by Assembly Bill 361; 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 Kerns, Vice President
Director Boatright
Director Murphy
Director Ringen

Don Perkins, General Manager
Erik Johnson, District Engineer
Steve Sheffield, Finance Director
Abby Parcon, Administrative Services Director
Eric Hall, Operations Director
Melissa McMullen, Executive Secretary/Board Clerk
Antonio Ramirez, Engineering Customer Service
Jennifer Batt, Associate Engineer II
Jesse Barton, District Counsel

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

I. Public Forum

No public comment was heard.

II. Consent Calendar

1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 8, 2022

   No public comment was heard.

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

III. Regular Business

2. Consider Executing a Construction Contract with Mozingo Construction, Inc. for the Curtis Creek Elementary School Water System Consolidation Project

   Jennifer Batt presented a summarization of the request to execute a construction contract with Mozingo Construction, Inc. for the Curtis Creek Elementary School Water System Consolidation Project and responded to questions.

   This project was reviewed by the Water Committee on February 16, 2022. The Committee

recommended that this item be brought before the full Board for review and possible approval.

Public comment was heard.

Director Murphy moved to approve the General Manager to execute a construction agreement with Mozingo Construction, Inc. for the Curtis Creek Elementary School Water System Consolidation Project in the amount of $1,451,643 and authorize the District Engineer to approve change orders up to, but not to exceed, the grant funding amount. Director Ringen seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

3. Consider Approval of Variance for Sewer Service to Non-Adjacent Parcel – Tennyson

Director Kerns recused himself before consideration of Item #3 because his business has provided services for the parties listed.

Antonio Ramirez presented a summarization of the request for a sewer service to a non-adjacent parcel - Tennyson and responded to questions.

This item was reviewed by the Wastewater Committee on February 1, 2022. The Committee recommended that this item be brought before the full Board for review and possible approval.

No public comment was heard.

Director Boatright moved to approve a Variance from Wastewater Ordinance 3.01 regarding Sewer Service to Non-Adjacent Parcel – Tennyson. Director Ringen seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.
Yes: Director Balen, President, Director Boatright, Director Murphy and Director Ringen
Recusals: Director Kerns, Vice President

4. Mid-Year Capital Improvement Program Progress Report

Erik Johnson presented the Mid-Year Improvement Program Progress Report and responded to questions.

No public comment was heard.

5. Fiscal Year 2022 Mid-Year Budget Review

Steve Sheffield presented the FY 2022 Mid-Year Budget Review and responded to questions.

No public comment was heard.

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

6. Operational Update on the Water and Wastewater Departments January 2022

Eric Hall gave an Operational Update on the Water and Wastewater Departments for January 2022 and responded to questions.

No public comment was heard.

7. Sonora Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Progress Report

Erik Johnson and Jennifer Batt presented the Sonora Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Progress Report and responded to questions.

No public comment was heard.

IV. Staff Reports

Abby Parcon reported on the following items:
-Email and/or phone message received from a member of the public extending appreciation for District staff

V. Directors Communication and Reports

Director Ringen reported on the following items:
-February 15, 2022: Attended the Tuolumne-Stanislaus (T-Stan) Outreach Sub-Committee
-February 16, 2022: Attended the T-Stan Water Advisory and JPA meetings
-February 17, 2022: Met with Don Perkins to tour Gibbs Ranch inground pump station, Mill Villa lift station and Valley Vista for a possible lift station location
-February 18, 2022: Attended the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association (MCWRA) Governance Committee meeting

Director Kerns reported on the following items:
-February 2, 2022: Met with Don Perkins to discuss District issues
-February 16, 2022: Attended TUD Water Committee meeting

Director Balen reported on the following items:
-February 16, 2022: Attended TUD Water Committee meeting
-February 17, 2022: Authored response letter to Grand Jury
-Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Spring Conference and Exhibition: May 3-5, 2022

Director Murphy reported on the following items:
-Met with Don Perkins to tour the Columbia College Fuel Reduction Project

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Date: March 8, 2022

ATTEST:

Barbara Balen, President
Board of Directors

Melissa McMullen,
Executive Secretary/Board Clerk