TUOLUMNE UTILITIES DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 8, 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

Erik Johnson, District Engineer
Don Perkins, Operations Director
Steve Sheffield, Finance Director
Abby Parcon, Administrative Services Director
Melissa McMullen, Executive Secretary/Board Clerk
Glen Nunnelley, Senior Engineer
Jennifer Batt, Associate Engineer
Eric Hall, Water Master

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

I. Public Forum

No public comment was heard.

II. Consent Calendar

1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting May 25, 2021 and Special Board Meetings of June 3, 2021 and June 4, 2021

2. Approval of Reimbursement Claims for Directors Statement of Meetings Attended and/or Travel Expenses and Claim Summary for May 2021

3. Reject Claim for Damages – Claim No. 21-03; Ed and Misty Carpenter; Claimants

Director Ringen pulled Item #2 of the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

Director Boatright pulled Item #3 of the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

Director Ringen moved to approve Item #1 of the Consent Calendar. Director Kerns seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Director Ringen moved to approve Item #2 of the Consent Calendar. Director Boatright seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Director Boatright moved to approve Item #3 of the Consent Calendar. Director Ringen seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

III. Regular Business

4. Consider and recommend the Board review and hear presentations on the 2020 update to the Urban Water Management Plan and new Water Shortage Contingency Plan

Glen Nunnelley, TUD and Jennifer Lau Larsen, Kennedy Jenks, presented a PowerPoint summarization of the 2020 Update to the Urban Water Management Plan and new Water Shortage Contingency Plan and responded to questions.

The Public Hearing regarding the adoption of the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan will be held at the June 22, 2021 Regular Board meeting.

No public comment was heard.

5. Consider Executing a Construction Contract with Sutton Enterprises for the Matelot Pipeline Project

Jennifer Batt presented a summarization of the request to execute a construction contract with Sutton Enterprises for the Matelot Pipeline Project and responded to questions.

No public comment was heard.

Director Kerns moved to authorize the Board President to execute a construction agreement with Sutton Enterprises for the Matelot Pipeline Project in the amount of $479,165.00 and authorize the District Engineer to approve change orders up to, but not to exceed, approximately 10% ($48,000) of the total value. Director Ringen, Vice President seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

6. Board to Hear an Update on the Water Supply

Glen Nunnelley presented an update to the current water supply outlook and provided information related to an early "end of spill" for Lyons Reservoir and how it may affect TUD's operations. Mr. Nunnelley responded to questions.

No public comment was heard.

7. Discussion and Possible Decision to Resume In-Person Board Meetings

Abby Parcon introduced this item for the Board's discussion. The Board previously discussed this item at its April 27, 2021 meeting and elected not to resume in-person meetings at the time. Some members of the Board have recently expressed a desire to revisit the topic of resuming in-person meetings and requested staff prepare this item for the Boards discussion and possible decision.

No public comment was heard.

Director Murphy moved for the Board to receive an update from staff, if more information is available, on the State and Cal-OSHA COVID-19 guidelines for further Board discussion and possible decision to resume in-person Board and Committee meetings at the June 22, 2021 Regular Board meeting. Director Kerns seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

IV. Staff Reports

Erik Johnson reported on the following items:
-June 7, 2021: Bid opening for the Sonora Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility Project. Five bids were received. The low bid was Kiewit Infrastructure West at approximately $37 million. This value was significantly more than the estimated budget of $25.6 million. Staff will be evaluating ways to reduce costs and find more funding.

Abby Parcon reported on the following items:
-Estimate for Workers Comp Insurance Premium for FY22, approximate savings of $5,000

V. Directors Communication and Reports

Director Ringen reported on the following items:
May 26, 2021: Participated in the City of Sonora EAP meeting

Director Balen reported on the following items:
May 20, 2021: TUD Water Committee meeting

VI. Closed Session

Director Kerns recused himself from Closed Session because his business has provided services to the party listed.

President Balen recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 11:39 a.m.

a. Conference with Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 Property: APN #083-200-002-000 Agency Negotiators: Don Perkins, Erik Johnson Other Party to Negotiations: Christopher Hatler Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

VII. Reconvene to Open Session

b. Closed Session Disclosure

President Balen reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 12:58 p.m. with no reportable action taken during Closed Session.

Director Kerns was absent.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Date: June 22, 2021

ATTEST:

Barbara Balen, President
Board of Directors

Melissa McMullen,
Executive Secretary/Board Clerk