TUOLUMNE UTILITIES DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 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
Melissa McMullen, Executive Secretary, Board Clerk
Lisa Westbrook, Community Affairs Specialist
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.

II. Consent Calendar

Director Kerns recused himself from consideration of the Consent Calendar because his business has provided services to the parties listed in Item #4.

Director Boatright pulled Item #2 and Item #3 of the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

Director Ringen pulled Item #4 of the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 9, 2021

2. Authorization to Declare Surplus Property

3. Consider Authorizing the General Manager to Execute a Construction Agreement with Sierra Mountain Construction, Inc. for the Phoenix Dam Spillway Rehabilitation Project and authorize Staff to approve construction contingencies of up to $45,000

4. Request for Variance from Water Rules and Regulations Section 6.02 and Wastewater Section 3.01 Regarding Service to a Non-Adjacent Parcel-Haydnmyer and Gardella

5. Board Consideration and Approval of Changing the High School Scholarship Program to a Columbia College Scholarship

Director Ringen moved to approve Item #1 and Item #5 of the Consent Calendar. Director Boatright seconded the motion and it was approved (4-0).
Ayes: Balen, Boatright, Murphy, Ringen
Recuse: Kerns

Director Ringen moved to approve Item #2 and Item #3 of the Consent Calendar. Director Boatright seconded the motion and it was approved (4-0).
Ayes: Balen, Boatright, Murphy, Ringen
Recuse: Kerns

The consensus of the Board, with Director Kerns recused, was to postpone consideration of Item #4 of the Consent Calendar: *Request for Variance from Water Rules and Regulations Section 6.02 and Wastewater Section 3.01 Regarding Service to a Non-Adjacent Parcel-Haydnmyer and Gardella.* The Board requested that this item be added to an upcoming Regular Board meeting agenda under Regular Business for full Board discussion.

III. Regular Business

6. Consider Authorizing the General Manager to Execute an Agreement Regarding Construction and Transfer of Water Main Line Extension to Serve the Bank of Stockton Project - Miner Joaquin Building Corporation

Erik Johnson presented a summarization of the request to authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement regarding construction and transfer of a water main line extension to serve the Bank of Stockton Project - Miner Joaquin Building Corporation and responded to questions.

Public comment was received.

Director Kerns moved to authorize the General Manager to Execute an Agreement Regarding Construction and Transfer of Water Main Line Extension to Serve the Bank of Stockton Project - Miner Joaquin Building Corporation. Director Ringen, Vice President seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

7. Discussion of the Treated Water System Optimization Plan

Erik Johnson and Don Perkins presented a summarization of the Treated Water System Optimization Plan (TWSOP) and responded to questions.

No public comment was heard.

8. Discussion of the CEQA Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program for the Sierra Pines Regional Water Treatment Facility Project

Erik Johnson presented a summarization of the CEQA Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Sierra Pines Regional Water Treatment Facility Project and responded to questions.

No public comment was heard.

Director Ringen moved to hold a Board workshop for further discussion on:
Item #7 - Discussion of the Treated Water System Optimization Plan
Item #8 - Discussion of the CEQA Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program for the Sierra Pines Regional Water Treatment Facility Project
Director Murphy seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

9. Operational Update on the Water and Wastewater Departments – February 2021

Don Perkins presented an update on the Water and Wastewater Department for February 2021 and responded to questions.

No public comment was heard.

IV. Staff Reports

Ed Pattison reported on the following items:
-Upcoming Special Board meetings: April 8, 2021 Legislative Advocacy Priorities and April 22, 2021 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Abby Parcon reported on the following items:
- California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) approved the District's FY 2020-21 Community Power Resiliency Grant request in the amount of $297,202, ACWA included the District's news release regarding the award of this grant in the March 17, 2021 ACWA ENEWS

V. Directors Communication and Reports

Director Ringen reported on the following items:
-March 10, 2021: Attended the Tuolumne County Natural Resources meeting
-March 17, 2021: Attended/participated in the Tuolumne-Stanislaus IRWMP meeting
-March 18, 2021: Wastewater Committee meeting

Director Boatright reported on the following items:
-March 18, 2021: Wastewater Committee meeting

Director Kerns reported on the following items:
-March 18, 2021: Wastewater Committee meeting, attended as an observer

Director Balen reported on the following items:
-March 8, 2021: Water Committee meeting

Director Murphy reported on the following items:
-Community Watershed/IRWMP Committee meeting will be held on March 30, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

President Balen recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 11:13 a.m.

VI. Closed Session

a. Conference with Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 Property: APN # 044-590-007-000 Agency Negotiators: Ed Pattison, General Manager, Erik Johnson, Don Perkins Other Party to Negotiations: Stephen Dietrich Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

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

VII. Reconvene to Open Session

a. Closed Session Disclosure

The meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 2:05 p.m. with no reportable action taken during Closed Session.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Date: April 13, 2021

ATTEST:

Barbara Balen, President
Board of Directors

Melissa McMullen,
Executive Secretary/Board Clerk