TUOLUMNE UTILITIES DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 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 Assembly Bill 361; and the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act. AB 361 allows the Board of Directors to participate by teleconference.

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

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
Emily Long, Administrative and External Affairs Specialist
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 October 25, 2022

2. Approval of Reimbursement Claims for Directors Statement of Meetings Attended and/or Travel Expenses and Claim Summary for October 2022

3. Consider Adopting a Subsequent Resolution No. 23-22 Making Findings in Support of Allowing Remote Meetings Pursuant to AB 361

4. Reject Claim for Damages – Claim No. 22-14; Diane Knepper; Claimant

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

No public comment was heard.

Director Ringen moved to approve Items #1, #3, and #4 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 Murphy seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

III. Regular Business

5. Consider Approval of Agreement Regarding Water and Sewer Main Extensions and Sewer Service to a Non-Adjacent Parcel in the City of Sonora – Schroeder and Kalenda

Director Kerns recused himself from this item prior to discussion because his business has provided services for the party(s) listed.

Antonio Ramirez provided a summarization of the request to approve the agreement regarding water and sewer main extensions and sewer service to a non-adjacent parcel in the City of Sonora for Schroder and Kalenda.

No public comment was heard.

Director Ringen moved to authorize the General Manager to execute the Agreement Regarding Water and Sewer Main Extensions and Sewer Service to a Non-Adjacent Parcel in the City of Sonora – Schroeder and Kalenda. Director Boatright 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

6. Adopt Resolution Recognizing District Personnel Eligible for the 2022 Employee Longevity Recognition Award

Abby Parcon presented the Resolution recognizing District Personnel eligible for the 2022 Employee Longevity Recognition Award for the following employees:

20-Year Award
Matthias Pfeiffer

10-Year Award
Travis Emerald
Emily Long
Josh Kappl
Robert Betzler

No public comment was heard.

The Board expressed their appreciation to the employees being recognized for their dedication and service to the District.

Director Boatright moved to adopt Resolution No. 24-22 Recognizing District Personnel Eligible for the 2022 Employee Longevity Recognition Award. Director Ringen seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

7. Consider Approving General Manager Employment Agreement Amendment

Abby Parcon presented a summarization of the request for the Board to approve the General Manager Employment Agreement Amendment.

No public comment was heard.

Director Ringen moved to approve the General Manager Employment Agreement Amendment effective December 26, 2022. Director Kerns, Vice President seconded the motion and it was approved 4-1.
Yes: Director Balen, President, Director Kerns, Vice President, Director Boatright and Director Ringen
No: Director Murphy

IV. Staff Reports

Don Perkins reported on the following items:
-November 2, 2022: Attended the Tuolumne County Natural Resources Committee meeting
-November 17, 2022: Will be traveling to Grizzly Flats Community Services District with Eric Hall to meet with Ken Payne for a tour of their system
-Continuing to meet with and/or speak with other Community Leaders to continue to develop strong partnerships with the District

V. Directors Communication and Reports

Director Ringen reported on the following items:
-October 28, 2022: Attended the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association Legislative Committee meeting
-November 2, 2022: Attended the Tuolumne-Stanislaus Joint Water Advisory and JPA Committee meeting

Director Murphy reported on the following items:
-November 2, 2022: Attended the Tuolumne-Stanislaus Joint Water Advisory and JPA Committee meeting

Director Balen reported on the following items:
November 1, 2022: Was asked to participate in the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association Ad Hoc Committee to review dues structuring

VI. Closed Session

a. Conference with Labor Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 Agency Representative: Don Perkins, Abby Parcon Employee Organization: Northern California District Council of Laborers' Construction, Production and Maintenance Laborers' Local Union Number 1130

No public comment was heard.

President Balen recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 9:52 a.m.

VII. Reconvene to Open Session

a. Closed Session Disclosure

President Balen reconvened the meeting into Open Session at 10:59 a.m.

President Balen reported that the Board has reached a tentative agreement with the Northern California District Council of Laborers' Construction, Production and Maintenance Laborers' Union Number 1130 on a Side Letter of Agreement to extend the expiration of the current MOU.

No public comment was heard.

b. Consider Resolution Approving a Side Letter of Agreement between Tuolumne Utilities District and the Northern California District Council of Laborers' Construction, Production and Maintenance Laborers' Union Number 1130

Don Perkins presented a summarization of a Side Letter of Agreement between Tuolumne Utilities District and the Northern California District Council of Laborers' Construction, Production and Maintenance Laborers' Union Number 1130.

No public comment was heard.

Director Ringen moved to adopt Resolution No. 26-22 Approving a Side Letter of Agreement between Tuolumne Utilities District and the Northern California District Council of Laborers' Construction, Production and Maintenance Laborers' Union Number 1130. Director Boatright seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.
Yes: Director Balen, President, Director Kerns, Vice President, Director Boatright and Director Ringen
Abstentions: Director Murphy

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Date: December 13, 2022

ATTEST:

Barbara Balen, President
Board of Directors

Melissa McMullen,
Executive Secretary/Board Clerk