TUOLUMNE UTILITIES DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 9, 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 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 Ringen, Vice President
Director Boatright
Director Kerns
Director Murphy

Don Perkins, General Manager
Erik Johnson, District Engineer
Steve Sheffield, Finance Director
Abby Parcon, Administrative Services Director
Melissa McMullen, Executive Secretary/Board Clerk
Lisa Westbrook, Community Affairs Specialist

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 26, 2021, and Special Board Meeting of October 28, 2021.

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

3. Consider Adopting a Resolution Making Findings in Support of Continuing Remote Meetings Pursuant to AB 361

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

No public comment was heard.

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

III. Regular Business

4. Interview, Discuss and Possibly Select Communication/Public Relations Firms for Community Outreach

Abby Parcon stated that the District invited three Board-selected communications firms to attend the November Board meeting to make a presentation and answer questions from the Board about the services they provide. Lucy & Company and Raftelis accepted the Board's invitation and made presentations to the Board.

No public comment was heard.

The Board moved to table selecting a Communication/Public Relations Firm but directed staff to request proposals for community outreach services from the two consulting firms. This item will be brought back before the Board for review and possible selection of a Communications/Public Relations Firm at the December 14, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

5. Recognizing District Personnel Eligible for the Employee Longevity Recognition Award 2021

Abby Parcon presented the Resolution Recognizing District Personnel Eligible for the Employee Longevity Recognition Award 2021.

20-Year Award
Robert Ditler
Trevor Cowden

10-Year Award
Louie Paz

No pubic comment was heard.

The Board expressed their appreciation to Robert Ditler, Trevor Cowden and Louie Paz for their years of service and dedication to the District and community.

IV. Staff Reports

No Staff Reports were given at this time.

V. Directors Communication and Reports

Director Ringen reported on the following items:
-October 27, 2021: Attended the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association (MCWRA) event in Loomis, CA
-November 1, 2021: Attended/participated in the Water Committee meeting
-Requested an agenda item regarding steel toe boot allowance for employees

Director Murphy reported on the following items:
-October 27, 2021: Attended the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association (MCWRA) event in Loomis, CA
-Attended with Columbia College students and staff a tour of the District's water infrastructure

Director Balen reported on the following items:
-October 27, 2021: Attended the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association (MCWRA) event in Loomis, CA
-October 28, 2021: Tuolumne County Water Policy Committee meeting
-November 1, 2021: Attended/participated in the Water Committee meeting
-November 5, 2021: Attended the MCWRA meeting

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Date: December 14, 2021

ATTEST:

Barbara Balen, President
Board of Directors

Melissa McMullen,
Executive Secretary/Board Clerk