

Redwood Valley County Water District
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Board of Directors - Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 18, 2014

Directors Present: Granville Pool, Pamela Ricetti, Ken Todd, Jeff Basili

Directors Absent: none

Staff Present: General Manager Bill Koehler

Call To Order: 7:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call

Granville Pool, President

Pam Ricetti, Director

Ken Todd, Director

Jeff Basili, Director

2. Hearing of Comments or Questions from the Attending Public

Rosalind Peterson points out that one the posted agenda, Chuck Vau's name is absent even though he was appointed last meeting. Dir Pool explains that he has not sworn in yet and is therefore not a Board Member yet. She continues that when he went to be sworn in, there were some problems. Dir Pool adds that all this discussion will be an added agenda item tonight.

Diane Clatty asks if there have been any special meetings since the last regular board meeting. There have not and the minutes from the last special meeting will be approved tonight and will be posted after they are approved.

3. Consider Hearing of Urgent Items Received Since the Agenda Was Posted

GM Koehler requests the hearing of the problems with the appointment of Chuck Vau to the Board.

Motion: To add the agenda item as presented by GM Koehler

Motion by Dir Ricetti, second by Dir Todd

In favor: Unanimous

The Board decides to discuss this item immediately. GM Koehler explains that Dir Hallman resigned on June 20th, effective on June 20th, and there is a 60 day period where a new director can be appointed by the seated Directors. He made the mistake of assuming that August 21st was the 60 days, which worked out nicely since it is two board meetings away. However, that is 63 days if the days are counted, instead of assuming 30 days per month. Also, Chuck waited until the last minute to go down to the County to be

sworn in, so by the time we found out there was a problem, it was too late. In addition, the Board of Supervisors has already set their agenda and no new items may be added. The options now are to call a special election, which the District would have to pay for, or wait for the next Board of Supervisors meeting which is in November 2015. So that's the decision before the Board. While they can run as a 4-person board, it will require a unanimous vote for anything requiring a 4/5 majority.

Dir Todd asks about the cost of a special election and GM Koehler does not know. But since getting a small piece of a regular election is \$2,000, he's guessing it's a lot. Dir Pool asks GM Koehler to find out the cost but is thinking it will be too much.

It is asked if it's legal to have a 4-person board and GM Koehler answers that according to Carrie Brown, it is fine to do so until the next election comes around.

4. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion: Accept the agenda

Motion by Dir Ricetti, second by Dir Basili

In favor: Unanimous

5. Approval of Consent Calendar

There is no consent calendar because of the absence of Paula due to family emergency.

6. Approval of Minutes as Presented

There are two sets of minutes:

August 7th Special Meeting

There are a few typos pointed out by Dir Pool that GM Koehler will pass along to the Recording Secretary.

Motion: Accept the August 7th minutes with the corrections specified.

Motion by Dir Todd, second by Dir Ricetti

In favor: unanimous

July 7th Special Meeting

No corrections.

Motion: Accept the minutes for the August 21st regular meeting

Motion by Dir Ricetti, second by Dir Basili

In favor: unanimous

In favor: unanimous

7. Directors and Staff Reports and Discussion of Non-Action Topics

All items that would be in this section are part of the General Manager's Report

8. General Manager's Report and Action Items

a. Office Hours

Paula is out for a family emergency for a few weeks. We are surviving without her for now. Fortunately, this is our slow period in the monthly cycle.

b. District Operations

We are having some problems with the low flows. We are meeting quality requirements with the exception of the high total trihalomethanes (TTHMs) in the Tomki tank. Because the reporting to it is a yearly running average, it will not have to be reported until next summer, but GM Koehler has already notified the state about it. The by-products is a result of chlorine interacting with organic matter over time, and time is what there's more of than usual. There are some mechanical fixes that are very popular, such as painting the tank a light color to reduce the heat inside in the summer and using a mechanical mixer (about \$20,000 per tank) to aerate the water. We will be profiling the chlorine and temperature to find the layers in the tank.

c. Training

The new employee, Jason, has been put in contact with the ACWA/JPIA to set up the training. As directors, they are required to do ethics training and any other training that may be of interest.

d. Committees

IWPC and RRFC both have vacancies. There are also the meetings for Willow and Millview. Dir Todd mentioned going to the IWPC meeting. Dir Pool says he is willing to continue being the primary for RRFC but he would like an alternate for when he cannot attend. They meet the 2nd Monday of the month at 5pm. Dir Basili says that he can accommodate.

GM Koehler says it's good to stay in touch with those two districts since they are very similar to RVCWD, but it's not necessary to attend every month. Often, their managers will give a heads-up when a topic concerning RVCWD is coming up for discussion.

e. Minutes

Since the recording secretary does not attend the meetings, someone needs to sign the minutes. GM Koehler isn't comfortable asking Paula to do it. Dir Pool volunteers to sign them. Also, if a document is read or presented at a Board Meeting, instead of having the recording secretary paraphrase, write "Document Attached" and attach the document.

f. LAFCO Nominations

There are two seats coming up for LAFCO. Representatives are Shoemaker and McFadden. This Board can only nominate one or two people from this Board. Nobody on the Board wishes to be nominated for LAFCO. Russian River Flood Control had a meeting this week and LAFCO was an item. Richard Shoemaker was nominated in that meeting.

g. Intertie

The footings have been dug and rebar is not in the footings yet. There were some problems with the sizing of the pumps, too. The target deadline is still the end of October. Unfortunately, with the increase in size of the pumps, PG&E needs to install a new transformer.

The reservoir behind the office holds 67 acre-feet and the average use right now is about 40 acre-feet per month, but the last few acre-feet probably won't be very drinkable.

h. Well

The construction of the well is underway. The drilling mud has been purged and the well is ready to be monitored. They'll be working on three isolated layers. The top layer is water that we can't have since it'll most likely be classified as surface water. The main thing is to prove the water from the bottom of the well is different than the water in the river to prove that it is groundwater.

The grant has come through to the tune of \$320,000. There is another round of this grant for next year with more money to be portioned out.

Based on estimates from the geologists by looking at the tailings and the e-logs, we're looking at 100-300 GPM and possibly more. The max they can get from a 12-inch well pushing into a 115-psi water main is 400-600 GPM with a shaft-drive pump and 300-500 GPM with a submersible pump. Submersible pumps are much quieter and there is a house nearby.

The boring logs show sand at 160 feet and another layer at 400 feet. So there is water in the well, but quality and quantity are yet to be determined. Quality will be tested this week, but the only way to check quantity is to drill the well and then test it. The total depth is about 520 feet when the drill rate slowed to inches per hour and they called it quits. \$120,000 went to drilling the test well and there is money left over that have options. One is to spend what we can toward a production well or to put in another monitoring well on Barra's property to better understand what the groundwater is like under the valley. No decision needs to be made tonight.

A report on the quality will be available in about 2 months. Someone asks if that seems like a reasonable timeline for results (with incredulity). Testing isotopes is very specialized and takes about a month and then it takes about another month for Ludorff & Scalmanini to finish their report. The wells have been purged with air and they won't be pumping very much water to get the samples.

There is concern that this well may pull water away from the property of Luke McGehee. GM Koehler has told Luke that he is welcome to come over and observe when they do some sampling. GM Koehler also says that the earthquake

that hit Napa has affected many shallow wells in northern California. Discussion ensues that it could be from the drought, too.

i. Conservation

We picked up about 10 acre-feet this month as compared to previous months. We are still wheeling water to Redwood Valley Cellars. The decision before the Board is to allow the District to wheel domestic water (before it was only irrigation water). It's only 2 or 3 acre-feet, but it will not count toward our 355 acre-feet total, and RVCWD will get paid for the water minus what they pay to RRFC. Details on this agreement are included as Item I.

Motion: Approve the amendment for Irrigation and Domestic water for Redwood Valley Cellars

Motion by Dir Basili, second by Dir Ricetti

In favor: unanimous

j. School Way Bridge

They have begun to work. The first change-order is that they need to add a culvert on School Way that requires us to mark our water mains. The majority of work on our system will be during the construction season of 2015.

k. Toilet Rebate

We originally approved \$7,500 for a toilet rebate program. The money was allocated on an emergency basis 3 months ago and still hasn't come through yet. It might come through in October, but even after coming from the State, it needs to get through Sonoma County. The decision before the Board is to say if they're still willing to participate. Even after the money comes through, plumbers need to be solicited.

Motion: Sign the contract for the toilets

Motion by Dir Ricetti, second by Dir Basili

In favor: unanimous

l. JPA Operations Contract

Conversations are still ongoing, no paper has appeared yet. Dir Ricetti reports that Judy Hatch mentioned a meeting between the four water districts in this area. GM Koehler says he knows of no such meeting. He adds that Hatch went to a regular meeting in Calpella and that there is an agreement between Calpella and Willow but it is not a JPA. Nobody knows what Hatch may have been talking about.

Rosalind says she went to a Calpella meeting and they announced there was a meeting at 10am last Thursday where the ad-hoc committees of RV, Millview, Callpella, and Willow met on a JPA. She also says that GM Koehler was at that meeting and she'd like it for the record.

The Board rebuts that there is no more ad-hoc committee from RVCWD and GM Koehler states that what she is saying is hearsay. The meeting she's referring to was between three general managers and three board presidents. That meeting did have something to do with the JPA, and Calpella was not there. The discussion of that meeting was whether a JPA made sense. It did not form a JPA nor approve a JPA, but talks are still ongoing.

Discussion ensues about who said what and did what. Rumors abound about Chris Neery and his draft JPA.

m. Annexation/Consolidation

Nothing has changed from last month with LAFCO. They have not come back with any insights, but if they have us go to CEQA, that could cost about \$100,000. Now there is nothing but a draft pre-application that has been submitted to LAFCO for comment.

The main thing we need to nail down is what exactly is RRFC offering. If we become an entity equal with the other water districts, that's not good because the other districts are pretty unhappy with RRFC right now. Also, Judy Hatch and Lee Howard [of RRFC] have stated a position opposed to the annexation. Dir Basili asks what changed Lee Howard's mind since he was in favor when talks began. GM Koehler does not know but relates that Judy stated she's opposed because there isn't any water to share.

GM Koehler recommends the Board have a public, special meeting where these questions are fleshed out. Such as what section of the Water Code the new entity will be operating under. What is our guarantee to water? Is it enough to lift the [building] moratorium? (Dir Ricetti says it is not.) Lifting the moratorium is quite important. While none of these things are deal-breakers, they need to be figured out in writing.

Diane states that if RVCWD joined with RRFC, RRFC would have no choice but to give RVCWD the water they need. GM Koehler says that's probably true, but they could add stipulations to that such as "You need to shut off all Ag water." or other unfavorable demands.

Discussion comes up again about the debt and if it will be accelerated or changed if a merge happens.

GM Koehler asks for the Board to set a date for a special meeting to form an agenda for a mutual meeting to discuss details of the annexation. The date of Tuesday, October 7th is chosen for the special meeting.

It's important to get the public involved since if LAFCO approves things, it will come to a vote for the paying customers of RVCWD if they want to dissolve themselves to join with RRFC.

A couple speaks up and are upset that they haven't been able to vote on Board items in all the years they've been customers of RVCWD. GM Koehler says that there has been some oversight on our part, but that most of the new board members have come about by appointment since it's so hard to get people to try for the Board.

9. Financial Report

In Paula's absence, there is no financial report.

10. Local Agency Commission of Mendocino County (LAFCO)

Already discussed.

11. Mendocino County Inland Water & Power Commission (IW&PC)

Dir Ricetti went, but she left her notes at home. The notable thing was her conversation with Judy Hatch, as referenced above. There has been talk about raising the dam and RV would not be a participant since we are behind in paying for the feasibility study.

12. Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District (RRFC)

GM Koehler went to this meeting and already discussed most of what was said there. In addition, there is some pending legal action between RRFC board members White and Howard.

13. Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA)

Nothing.

14. Other Meetings

GM Koehler went to a meeting of the Farm Bureau and there was discussion about where the Russian River basin changes and how groundwater moves and flows. It also came up that PG&E is getting involved in repairing the tunnel from Eel River but they are under no obligation to put water in Lake Mendocino. This is a big problem for trying to fill Lake Mendocino because of when they are planning to repair the tunnel (November-March). Discussion ensues about what can be done and who to contact about this.

Items 15-18

Nothing to discuss at this time.

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Dir Ricetti, second by Dir Todd

In favor: unanimous

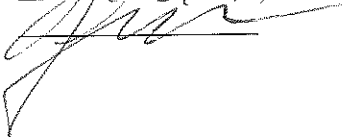
Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by Jeanette Wise

Approved:
Date Approved:
Signed:

Board of Directors

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