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

Directors Present: Granville Pool, Ken Todd, Jeff Basili  
Directors Absent: Pamela Ricetti  
Staff Present: General Manager Bill Koehler

Call To Order: 6:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call

Granville Pool, President  
Pamela Ricetti, Director  
Ken Todd, Director  
Jeff Basili, Director

2. Hearing of Comments or Questions from the Attending Public

None.

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

None.

4. Acceptance of Agenda

**Motion: Accept the agenda with Item 8.i. moved up**

Motion by Basili, second by Dir Todd

In favor: Dir Pool, Dir Basili, Dir Todd

Absent: Dir Ricetti

Dir Pool advises the customer complaint that situations where a leak greatly increases someone's bill is put on hold while a new policy can be worked out. This customer was gone for a month and came back to a \$3300 water bill of which about \$2500 was from fines.

The committee to look into these matters consists of Dir Ricetti and Dir Todd. They met and looked into the situation. Of all the people who incurred significant fines, pretty much all have paid except for a few that are on payment schedules. Because of all the people who have paid in full, it would be very difficult to make right by them. Therefore, they recommend putting people on a payment schedule to take the shock out of the fines.

The subject customer rebuts that at the last meeting the Board said that the fines were to punish abusers and this customer is not an abuser. She argues that sometimes you need to start new policies without going back. They are looking into changing the policy from here on, but cannot let this customer off the hook because it isn't fair.

Dir Pool asks GM Koehler how involved this process would be and he says it would be very difficult. Some of the customers that come along and say it was a one-time spike actually have multiple spikes, though not as high as the main one. Then you'd have to look at what those other spikes are from and decide how much should be refunded. It all comes down to that the committee recommends that they just be put on a payment schedule.

The customer asks about a deal the Board gave to someone in her situation before. GM Koehler explains about the tier rates and how that will change the overuse rates. But that only cuts the cost of the water, but doesn't change the penalties.

The customer leaves and talk moves on to that hopefully the lake will be full enough by early January to let RVCWD pump again under their right, but even then, RRFCD can say there isn't enough surplus available to let RVCWD have any. The current water right is very poor and needs to be amended. A formal request is put to GM Koehler to look into the process of amending the water right, specifically into then the water can be used.

#### 5. Approval of Consent Calendar

**Motion: Approve the consent calendar**

Motion by Dir Todd, second by Dir Basili

In favor: Dir Pool, Dir Basili, Dir Todd

Absent: Dir Ricetti

#### 6. Approval of Minutes as Presented

**Motion: Accept the November 20th Regular Meeting minutes.**

Motion by Dir Todd, second by Dir Basili

In favor: Dir Pool, Dir Basili, Dir Todd

Absent: Dir Ricetti

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

Items are either not relevant or will be discussed later.

Another audience member comes in late and asks the board to discuss hopefully raising the rations from 50 to 75 gallons per person per day. Dir Pool says all of this will be discussed more in January when we can pump from the Lake again.

#### 8. General Manager's Report and Action Items

##### a. District Operations

The storm did not do any harm to the District and things are still operating smoothly. However, the computer that runs SCADA seems to have a faulty motherboard. Because the software only runs on old hardware, you can't just buy a new computer but have to cobble together another old computer out of old parts. Someone is working on that now. Probably in January, integrators will come in to look at upgrading the whole system. There are integrators working down at Millview right now and they could come up when they're done there to look at our system.

b. Water Supply

We did use up the 355 acre-feet for the year. We've got plenty of water for the rest of the year in the on-site reservoir. And now would be a good time to test the intertie system to see what impacts it really has. Also, because of the higher iron and manganese and lower chlorine from Millview (because it's well water), when it hits our water, that iron and manganese will precipitate out and bring in a lot of "brown water" complaints. There's really no way to avoid it. Also, GM Koehler wants the ability to rescind the 50 gallon restrictions when they can pump out of the Lake without calling a meeting.

**Motion: Give GM Koehler the authority to lift the water limitations when they can pump under their own right, without calling a special meeting**

Motion by Dir Todd, second by Dir Basili

In favor: Dir Pool, Dir Basili, Dir Todd

Absent: Dir Ricetti

c. High Usage Penalty Charges

**Motion: As of December 1st, drop the penalty phase for water overuse**

Motion by Basili, second by Dir Todd

In favor: Dir Pool, Dir Basili, Dir Todd

Absent: Dir Ricetti

d. Modification of High Usage Penalties

Already dealt with

e. Tank Repair

Back to the guys who said they could repair the clearwells for a certain price and then came and looked at them and gave a much higher repair cost. After some e-mails and conversations, they agreed to do it for a greatly reduced cost, but still about \$1000 higher than the initial quote.

f. Intertie

The intertie is up and going and will cost very little in all and a lot of it is due to Ernie from Wipff Construction not marking-up the cost of the sub-contractors. The work is great. Today the lock was changed to our lock. And all of the reimbursement has been filed for.

g. Monitoring Well

GM Koehler has asked Ludorff & Scalminini for options as to what to do with the busted well and they're going to do a presentation at the February board meeting. Basically, at the 200-ft level, this well would impact every well near it, including the Calpella well. We were hoping for water at 400 feet, but it's all tied up in the clay and we can't get to it. The State still has not given any of the promised grant money, but GM Koehler has stayed in close contact with the local State contact. Then it can be decided what's next.

Dir Pool asks about the well situation over in Coyote Valley. GM Koehler isn't sure all of what's going on there, but is sure they haven't received any money.

h. JPA

Last time we met, we agreed in conception, but there were too many typos and such to approve it. There are new drafts tonight showing the changes and a final version, with some typos. There is more discussion about some changes that were made to the JPA document.

**Motion: Pass resolution #2014-6**

Motion by Basili, second by Dir Todd

In favor: Dir Pool, Dir Basili, Dir Todd

Absent: Dir Ricetti

i. Customer Billing Issues

Already dealt with.

j. Resolution/Approval of JPA

Already dealt with.

9. Financial Report

If the reimbursable items are subtracted out of the total expenses, we're cruising along as usual. We're going to end this year approximately \$100,000 down, which considering the year is not too bad. Also, having the Ag customers pre-pay for water has incurred an additional \$60,000 of water owed.

**Motion: Approve the financial report**

Motion by Basili, second by Dir Todd

In favor: Dir Pool, Dir Basili, Dir Todd

Absent: Dir Ricetti

10. Local Agency Commission of Mendocino County (LAFCO)

No attendees.

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

GM Koehler believes that Janet is in the City right now attending a three-day meeting to do a feasibility study for a feasibility study about raising the dam.

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

They started out by talking about how not all of their customers are metered right now.

13. Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA)

Nothing.

14. Other Meetings

Dir Pool and GM Koehler both talk about how this JPA process has really brought about some connections between the small water districts and what a good thing that is.

Items 16-18

Nothing to discuss at this time.

**Motion to adjourn.**

Motion by Basili, second by Dir Todd

In favor: Dir Pool, Dir Basili, Dir Todd

Absent: Dir Ricetti

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Jeanette Wise

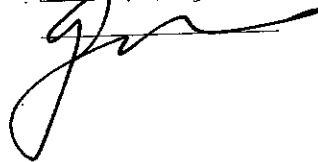
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Board of Directors

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