

AGENDA ITEM III.1a

Regular Board Meeting Approved Minutes September 14, 2020

District Attendees

Gary Page Misha Sarkovich Michael McRae Randy Marx Tom Gray Michael Nisenboym Chi Ha-Ly Shawn Huckaby Josh Heavenston Board President Board Vice President Board Member Board Member General Manager Operations Manager Finance Manager Customer Service Manager Operations Superintendent

Other Attendees

None.

Absent Nadine Reid

Board Member

AGENDA ITEMS

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - Board President Page called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.
 - General Manager Gray stated that in accordance with the California Department of Public Health's and the Governor's Executive Orders N-29-20 and N-33-20, the District's boardroom is closed, and this meeting will take place solely by teleconference.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

• None.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following consent calendar items were considered and acted upon as follows:

- 1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Board Meeting of August 10, 2020
- 2. Accept and File Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2020
- 3. Accept and File Investment Report for the month of July 2020
- 4. Accept and File Financial Expense Report
- 5. Approval of Warrants
- 6. Approval of Cal-Card Statements for the month of August 2020
- 7. Approval of Board Expense Report for the month of August 2020

Vice President Sarkovich moved to approve the consent calendar as presented.

Director Marx seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following votes: McRae – aye, Page – aye, Marx – aye, and Sarkovich – aye.

Absent: Reid – aye.

IV. PRESENTATION & CORRESPONDENCE

1. None.

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS

1. Update and discussion on FOWD Water Supply for the month of August 2020

• Operations Manager Nisenboym reported that during the month of July the average temperature was 79.5° with zero precipitation. The total system demand for the month was recorded at 1,706 AC-FT. Wholesale connections provided 75.4% and groundwater sources provided 24.6%. All surface water was provided by the CTP connection. FOWD participated in a water transfer; 246.75 AC-FT was transferred to Carmichael Water District.

2. Update and discussion on FOWD Groundwater Wells Projects (verbal)

- General Manager Gray provided an update on the FOWD's groundwater wells projects. The well driller is mobilized on both sites. Notices have been distributed to the surrounding neighbors. The projects are scheduled to be completed this year.
- Staff to coordinate to have a Board tour of the well sites during the drilling period.

3. Update and discussion on the FOWD Corporation Yard Project

• General Manager Gray provided an update on the FOWD Corporation Yard Project. Staff followed Board's direction to have the Architect submit the FOWD Corporation Yard Project plans to the County.

4. Update and discussion on the 2020 Water Transfer Project

• General Manager Gray provided the Board with an update on the 2020 Water Transfer Project.

5. Update and discussion on the Hazel Avenue Main Replacement Project (verbal)

- General Manager Gray provided an update on the Hazel Avenue Main Replacement Project. The water improvement bid amount is \$1.33 million.
- Vice President Sarkovich inquired about the start of the water improvement portion of the project.
- General Manager Gray replied that the improvements are scheduled to start in January of 2021.
- President Page inquired about FOWD's responsibility for the Hazel Avenue Main Replacement Project.
- General Manager Gray replied that FOWD is at the mercy of the County.

VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action on additional funding for 2020 expenses

• General Manager Gray recommended that the Board authorize the General Manager to transfer \$144,532.16 from 2020 reserves fund and contingency fund to cover 2020 expenses.

Vice President Sarkovich moved to authorize the General Manager to transfer \$144,532.16 from 2020 reserves fund and contingency fund to cover 2020 expenses.

Director Marx seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following votes: McRae – aye, Page – aye, Marx – aye, and Sarkovich – aye.

Absent: Reid – aye.

2. Discussion and possible action to approve contract for Sunset Avenue and Fair Oaks Boulevard Main Replacement

• General Manager Gray recommended that the Board authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with Martin General Engineering, Inc. for Sunset Avenue and Fair Oaks Boulevard Main Replacement Projects.

Vice President Sarkovich moved to authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with Martin General Engineering, Inc. for Sunset Avenue and Fair Oaks Boulevard Main Replacement Projects. Director Marx seconded the motion.

- Vice President Sarkovich stated that Martin General Engineering, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder.
- Director McRae stated that he liked that staff checked past references and change orders.
- President Page agreed that staff did a good job inquiring about the change orders.

Motion carried with the following votes: McRae – aye, Page – aye, Marx – aye, and Sarkovich – aye.

Absent: Reid – aye.

VII. UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1. San Juan Water District Finance Committee Meeting / September 22, 2020
 - Information Only.
- 2. San Juan Water District Board Meeting / September 23, 2020
 - Information Only.

VIII. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- 1. Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA)
 - None.
- 2. Regional Water Authority (RWA)
 - Director Marx stated that the meeting covered performance review, subscription program cost, and a subcommittee to discuss water banking. He stated that water banking will affect FOWD's ability to do water transfers.
 - President Page stated that he is concerned about the water bank and the ability to provide high quality water to the rate payers.
 - Director Marx stated that Rio Linda Water has dropped out of RWA.

3. Sacramento Water Forum

• None.

IX. DIRECTORS' REPORTS & COMMENTS

1. Budget Committee – (Sarkovich, Reid)

• General Manager Gray provided an overview of the 2021 FOWD's Annual Budget schedule.

2. Technical Advisory Committee – (Marx, McRae)

- Discussed whether to schedule a meeting for capital improvements with a full Board or with a Technical Committee.
- 3. Capital Improvement Committee (Sarkovich, Reid)
 - None.
- 4. Personnel Committee (McRae, Page)
 - None.
- 5. Public Relations Committee (Page, Reid)
 - President Page commented on Board alignment.
- 6. Wholesale Water Agreement Ad–Hoc Committee (Page, McRae)
 - None.
- 7. Carmichael Water District Ad–Hoc Committee (Marx, McRae)
 - None.

X. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Maintenance Work Report

• Report provided, no discussion.

2. Capital Projects Status Reports

- Report provided, no discussion.
- 3. Authorizations of Additional Funding
 - Report provided, no discussion.
- 4. Water Transfer Status Report
 - None.
- 5. Claims Against District
 - None.
- 6. Employee Update
 - General Manager Gray reported that the District implemented a referral program which current employees can earn \$100 for a referral's successful hire.
- 7. Water Issues Update on Regional Involvement
 - General Manager Gray stated that he appreciates Director Marx mentioning water quality for the FOWD rate payers relative to water transfers. The water transfers are in support of the water bank.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

• None.

President Page closed the open session meeting at 7:08 p.m.

President Page called the closed session meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

XII. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956

1. Conference on Anticipated Litigation (Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) - one case

President Page closed the closed session meeting at 7:15 p.m.

President Page reopened the meeting to the public at 8:24 p.m.

XIII. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

• None.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

• None.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, President Page adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

The Board approved the preceding minutes on October 12, 2020

Tom R. Gray
General Manager/Board Secretary

Date