

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Aromas Water District Board of Directors August 22, 2023

- I. CALL TO ORDER.** The regular meeting of the Aromas Water District Board of Directors was called to order by Vice-President Holman on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in a hybrid setting; attendees were present in the Board Room, and online via Zoom.
- II. ROLL CALL.** Vice-President Holman and Director Powers were present in the Board Room along with General Manager Johnson. President Morris, Director Norton and Counsel Bosso attended via Zoom. Director Capron was absent.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** President Morris led the pledge of allegiance.
- IV. STATEMENTS OF DISQUALIFICATION.** There were no statements of disqualification.
- V. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS.** There were no additions or deletions.
- VI. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION ON JULY 25, 2023.** GM Johnson was given direction.
- VII. MINUTES.** The minutes of the July 25, 2023, Board Meeting were presented for review and approval. Director Powers moved for approval of the minutes; President Morris seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote of the Directors who were present (in the room or via Zoom): Morris, Holman, Norton, and Powers. Director Capron was absent.
- VIII. ORAL COMMUNICATION.** There was no public in attendance.

IX. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

- A. Attorney's Report.** Counsel Bosso reported that the State passed some new guidelines for water agencies, though they do not affect the District since the guidelines pertain to water agencies that deliver 3,000 acre-feet or more on an annual basis.

B. Manager's Report:

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

Production & Well Levels

Total production in July 2023 was 11,005,112 gallons; roughly 21% higher than June's production, and 16% lower than July's average production. The daily average production was 355,004 gallons.

The District has 975 total connected meters – one new connection on Cole Road was installed.

San Juan well was operated the entire month, while Carpenteria well was operated 27 days, then taken offline for repairs, and Pleasant Acres well was operated only one day. All water testing reports were filed on time and showed satisfactory results.

Operational well levels: Carpenteria well was up three feet and San Juan well was down three feet. Observational wells: Marshall Well showed no change from the previous month and Aimee Meadows was down one foot.

INCIDENTS

There were no incidents since the previous Board meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Staff & Board Recognition

GM Johnson reported on the following staff activities: 1) CSR Bowman and MA Girõn prepared well for the Interim Testing (pre-Audit), 2) Cooky Hurst is learning more about her position, 3) Chief Operator (CO) DeAlba and Operator Smith have been keeping the system running smoothly with Carpenteria well down, 4) CO DeAlba worked long days with the Tank Cleaners to complete the effort in two days.

Conservation & Rainfall

The beginning of the new rainfall year was on October 1, 2022. Since then 38.52 inches of precipitation has been recorded by the rain gauge at Chittenden Pass, with no rain falling in July.

PROJECTS

Orchard Hill Road proposed annexation progress

The group of residents has the information developed by the financial advisors, and are currently working through it. The group will provide information to the folks who may want to be a part of the project. The District has informed the group that if no progress is achieved in the near future, the temporary water service will be terminated in October.

Cole and Rocks Road Annexation

Customers are being connected, based on initial request and payment timing. Actually about four or five connections have been installed.

New Water Source

This matter was discussed in the July Closed Session, and the General Manager was given direction.

Follow-up on the Kang Annexation effort

The Kang Annexation, approved by the District Board in November 2022, went to the PVWMA Board of Directors for approval on March 15, 2023.

The PVWMA policy for District annexations was approved and recently shared with the San Benito County CAO and Planning Director to be sure all entities involved have the same information.

C. Correspondence:

GM Johnson went through the monthly correspondence list and provided information on specific items.

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IX. ACTION ITEMS

A. Financial Reports for the Month of July 2023

Total Assets / Liabilities & Equity are \$16,179,890.50. In the P&L Report, Revenue for July was \$233,344.28. Total Expenditures were \$298,295.64 between July 18 and August 14, 2023.

Vice President Holman moved to adopt the Financial Reports; seconded by President Morris. Financial reports were unanimously approved by roll call vote of the Directors who were present (in the room or via Zoom): Morris, Holman, Norton, and Powers. Director Capron was absent.

XI. FUTURE MEETINGS & AGENDA ITEMS.

The next meeting date will be Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at the District office. At that meeting, there may be another Closed Session related to continuing the discussion regarding well site options, as well as a report on the water tank cleaning effort.

XII. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING TO CLOSED SESSION.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION.

Closed Session discussion of real property negotiations occurred.

XIV. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:05pm.

XV. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION.

The General Manager was given direction related to real property negotiations.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT.

President Morris adjourned this meeting at 8:06pm.

Read and approved by: V. Morris
President, Vicki Morris

Date: 9-26-23
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Attest: [Signature]
Board Secretary, Robert Johnson

Date: 9/26/23