

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Directors of the
Aromas Water District
September 23, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Aromas Water District was called to order by President Norton on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the District office located at 388 Blohm Ave, Aromas, California.

II. ROLL CALL:

President Norton, Vice President Leap, Directors Dutra, Holman and Mahler were in attendance. General Manager Vicki Morris, staff: Maureen Cain, and Counsel Bob Bosso were also present.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Norton led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. STATEMENTS OF DISQUALIFICATION: There were no disqualification statements.

V. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: There were no additions or deletions.

VI. MINUTES: The minutes of the August 26, 2014 Regular Meeting were presented for acceptance and approval. V.P. Leap suggested that the wording about the Engineer's cost reflect that the neighbors in the area benefit. He also suggested that Director Dutra was the one that spoke about inspections.

Director Holman moved to approve the minutes as amended per the comments above. V.P. Leap seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

VII. ORAL COMMUNICATION: Vince Ferrante, Moss Landing Harbor District Board member and California Special District Association (CSDA) Board member introduced himself as a contact for Aromas Water District on CSDA. He explained that CSDA is shifting to a more regional approach where they will continue to advocate, provide communication and outreach on behalf of the Special District membership. CSDA assists with risk and financial management, education and scholarships. GM Morris mentioned that our Transparency Certificate of Excellence came from CSDA.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Director's Reports:

- Pres. Norton reviewed financials in the office last week and checked in with GM Morris.
- V.P. Leap visited the School Road new connection installation.

B. Attorney's Report:

- Bob Bosso shared that the Governor signed bills (AB 1739 & SB 1168) regarding groundwater. The Capistrano case is still pending.

C. Manager's Report: Detailed report in agenda packet. Highlights include:

Operations:

- We saw the lowest August usage in over 10 years.
- We had two new connections in August and 2 new connections in September.
- AWD's Chief Operator is going on medical leave and retiring at the end of the year. The District is receiving applications for the position.

Projects:

- Brian Lockwood, Senior Hydrologist at PVWMA will be making a presentation at the October Board meeting.
- Oak Ridge/Via Del Sol will fund on approximately October 9. The rate now is 4% which is better than the 4.125% originally quoted.
- AWD has received the Rate Study final report which is available at the office.
- The Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee of President Norton and V.P. Leap discussed reconvening early 2015.
- Staff is researching a State Water-Energy Grant for funding for the solar project at Carpentaria and for conservation projects.
- AWD photos: Staff in the Aromas Day Parade, Operators completing the Pinetree seismic retrofit project and engineering intern, Patrick Mojica at the rain catchment information table at the Aromas Harvest Faire.
- SDRMA recognizes AWD for no paid workers compensation claims.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution 2014-14 Certificate of Acceptance and Consent to Recordation:

Board of Directors to adopt resolution to accept four (4) easement deeds for water tank site and water pipeline purposes for the Oak Ridge/Via Del Sol water supply project.

- GM Morris explained that each time the District acquires easements the Board needs to accept them via resolution.
- The easements are with four homeowners adjacent to the water storage tank and out of the public right-of-way at Oak Ridge.
- The easements were purchased at the value of the appraisals.

Director Holman moved to pass Resolution 2014-14: Certificate of Acceptance and Consent to Recordation. It was seconded by V.P. Leap and passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Norton, Leap, Holman, Mahler, Dutra

Noes: None

Abstain: None

B. Discussion on San Benito County Measure J: Review the appropriate role for AWD and the request from Measure J advocates to support and endorse the Measure.

- GM Morris shared that there is no formal request at this time for AWD to endorse the measure.
- AWD has supported the ordinance amendment at the San Benito County Board of Supervisors limiting oil exploration via fracturing.

- Counsel Bosso suggested it is more traditional for individual Board members to endorse ballot measures instead of the organization as a whole.
- President Norton shared that since AWD has not been formally requested to endorse then it is best to not take an action at this time.

C. Presentation of the Financial Reports for the Month of August 2014: Revenue for August is \$79,614.89. Expenditures between August 21st and September 16th, 2014 are \$73,600.19. These financials and monthly expenditures will be presented for discussion and approval.

- GM Morris shared that the audit begins at the end of October.
- Summer months at AWD are high revenue months.
- There will be a large expense coming up. The District will need to invest in a new copier.

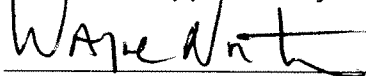
Director Dutra moved to accept the financials as presented and V.P. Leap seconded. The motion was accepted unanimously.

X. FUTURE MEETINGS & AGENDA ITEMS - October 28, 2014 - Brian Lockwood, Senior Hydrologist at PVWMA will present information about the Pajaro Basin and there will be a discussion of Director compensation.


XI. ADJOURNMENT - Pres. Norton adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Date: October 28, 2014

Read and approved by:



Board President, Wayne Norton

Attest: 
Lisa Dobbins, District Secretary