

Directors

Steven Strickland, President
 Alan Hanger, Vice President
 Gary Hensley, Director
 James R. Miles, Director
 Eileen Uthe-Smith, Director

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Patrick Sweeney, General Manager
 Ashwin Swenson, Exec. Assistant/Treasurer
 Brenda Kane, Billing Manager
 Nancy Veerkamp, Clerk/Admin
 Solano Irrigation District, Operation
 & Maintenance

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm

The Rural North Vacaville Board of Directors met in Regular Meeting session on this date.

Roll Call: Steven Strickland, President; Alan Hanger, Vice President; Gary Hensley, Director; James Miles, Director; Eileen Uthe-Smith, Director; Patrick Sweeney, General Manager; Ashwin Swenson, Exec. Assistant; Nancy Veerkamp, Clerk/Admin

Absent: None

Public (Speaking): Ken Swenson

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Steven Strickland, at 7:02 pm.

2. Roll Call (Board Clerk)

3. Approval of the Agenda (Board President) VP Alan made a motion to approve the Agenda and the motion was seconded by Director Eileen.
 All approved.

4. Public Comments (Non Agenda Items): None

5. Consent Items: Public Comment: None

a) Consider for Approval the Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 10, 2024.

b) Consider for Approval the Monthly financial reports and adjustments for November 2024.

Director Gary made a motion to approve item a. Director Eileen seconded the motion.
 All approved

Director Alan made a motion to approve item b. Director Gary seconded the motion.
 All approved.

6. General Managers Report (verbal update)- Public Comment: None

- a) Transition – We are spending 4-5 hours a week training with Gordon. There is a lot to learn.
- b) Eaton – paid off
- c) Ghillotti – pending negotiations for terms- The County of Solano is paying Ghillotti and a note is being written up with no interest for the district to pay back the \$84,000 at \$14,000 first payment and followed with 7 months of \$10,000 each.

Director Eileen thanked the GM for the tour of the facilities. It really helped to understand how things work.

7. Executive Assistant/Treasurer's Report (verbal update)- Public Comment:None

- a) Transition- The training with Weston and Gordon started in mid-December. The GM and I will start working on the new budget in March before the June deadline. The district fiscal year is July 1 to June 30. We will be creating a new format using the prior budget for information.

8. Continuing Business: Public Comment: None

- a) Discuss and provide direction on the following options for solar power: a) Negotiate and sign a power purchase agreement, PPA; b) Drop the solar application completely; c) Evaluate outside funding to do the solar installation without a PPA or d) Evaluate other reduced scope scenarios such as for only Well 1 and 2 and obtain additional bids. Consider for approval the selection of two Board Members to an "Ad Hoc" committee to review solar project. **(Action Item)** Director Gary made a motion to appoint Directors Alan and Steven to the Ad Hoc committee with the addition of Ken Swenson as a consultant to the committee. Director Eileen seconded the motion. Discussion: President Steven wants more information before a decision on this subject is to be made at the February meeting. VP Alan: He has contacted two credit unions to receive a proposal for financing and he has contacted an additional solar company for a bid.

Vote: All approved.

9. New Business- Public Comments:

- a) Consider for approval Electronic Communications Policy 3300 (Action Item)) Director Gary made a motion to approved Policy 3300. Director Eileen seconded the motion. Discussion: None

Vote: All approved

- b) Consider for approval Coastland Hydraulic Model 1-2-25 (Action Item)) Director Gary made a motion to approve the report. Director Eileen seconded the motion. Discussion: VP Alan: are there any weak spots that should be planned for in the future budget?: GM: we have identified some and you can see them on the colored map. Currently there is no budget for these areas. Ken Swenson: It would be good for the district to look for grant

money related to fire protection. The district could potentially increase the size of the pumps to refill the tanks faster. Director Gary: David Stevens is looking into grants for the district

Vote: All approved.

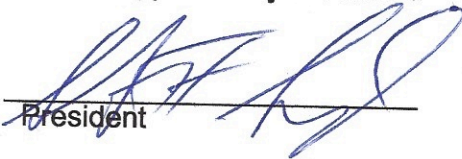
10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Vacaville Fire Protection District, Fire Station #67, 4135 Cantelow Road, Vacaville, CA 95688.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Veerkamp, Clerk of the Board

Minutes approved by President:



President

2-11-25

Date