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Nancy Veerkamp, Clerk/Admin
Solano Irrigation District, Operation
& Maintenance

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2025 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; Brenda Kane, Billing Manager.

Absent: None

Public (Speaking): Ken Swenson

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President, Steven Strickland, at 7:01 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.
Vote: All approved.

4. Public Comments (Non Agenda Items): President Steven introduced David J. Gallego the District's new Deputy County Counsel from Solano County.

5. Consent Items: Public Comment: None

a) Consider for Approval the Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting January 14, 2025.

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

VP Alan made a motion to approve items b after asking if Income/Expenses was reversed in the report. The GM commented that the new budget will be itemized differently so there

will be no confusion. Director Eileen seconded the motion.
Director Eileen made a motion to approve item a. VP Alan seconded the motion.

Vote: All approved both motions.

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

a) System Update – Leaks, repairs and current issues.

Jan. 9 Well #1 tested high for chloroform and the district switched to Well #2. Well #1 was back in production on Jan. 17. Jan. 21 the chlorine sensor malfunctioned and Well #1 was shut down for 8 days. Feb. 8 a car hit a fire hydrant and the driver fled– The district will follow up with the insurance carrier after getting a copy of the police report. These issues caused a loss of water and revenue. A 2024 usage vs. production report shows the district is not billing for approx. 20% of water produced. The GM plans on logging all water losses to better understand why the water produced is not billed at a higher rate. GM will start investigating where the district is losing water i.e: undiscovered leaks, unauthorized hydrant usage, flushing tanks, fire department, etc. The average district loss should be under 10%. The future budget will need to include the replacement of media in the Arsenic plant during 2025 at an approximate cost of \$50,000. There needs to be a cover installed over the Arsenic plant controls as the sun is damaging the controls.

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

a) 6-month recap: July-December

The first six months the District costs are under budget and revenue is in the black. The Eaton bill was paid in full in December 2024. Solano County has paid Ghilotti for the work at the Cantelow bridge and the District has an agreement to repay the county over 7 months. The first payment has been sent.

Director Gary made a motion to accept the above reports. Director Eileen seconded the motion.

Vote: All approved.

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. **(Action Item)** Discussion: After many ideas were presented President Steven and GM Patrick asked for a Special Meeting after the Ad Hoc committee has met with Bill Brooks, a solar advisor and member of the District. The Ad Hoc committee has been asked to present their recommendation at the upcoming Special Meeting. Board Members need to come to a decision soon so the GM can move forward. The project must be completed by April 26th of 2026. The construction period currently is estimated to be 12 months. Director Eileen made a motion to table this item until the Special Meeting, (date to be determined). VP Alan seconded the motion.

Vote: All approved

9. New Business- Public Comments: None

a) Consider for approval the issuance of ten (10) additional water rights to be owned by the District and reserved for future connections as approved for the Board for each sale. Engage in the process of hearings as outlined in the Rules and Regulations Section 3 Expansion of the Water System. Reference Modeling of distribution system report by Coastland Civil Engineers available on the RNVWD website. Water Rights may be financed by the district, at District's sole option. The sale amount and interest rate to be determined. Fees for engineering may be applicable and the physical service connection to the District distribution system are additional costs to the Buyer. (Action Item) Director Eileen made a motion to add the ten (10) water rights. Director Gary seconded the motion. Discussion: GM Patrick commented that these water rights could potentially be for ADU's. This would be additional revenue for the district. There will be two public hearings in the future to inform the members of the District. The Coastland Report shows the District has the ability to have a total of 630 water rights, currently there are 533.

Vote: All approved

b) Consider for approval to appoint a new JPIA Alternate Board Member to fill the vacancy with Ken Swenson's departure. JPIA is the insurance carrier for the District's general liability. (Action Item). VP Alan made a motion to appoint Director Eileen. Director Gary seconded the motion. Discussion: None

Vote: All approved.

10. Adjourn


The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Future Special meetings: TBD – Solar and the addition of 10 water rights.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 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:


Steve Strickland (Mar 21, 2025 16:12 PDT)

President

Mar 21, 2025

Date