

**Directors**

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

**Staff**

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**  
**MARCH 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.

Absent: James Miles

Public (Speaking): None

**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)** Director Eileen made a motion to approve the Agenda and the motion was seconded by VP Alan.  
 Vote: 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 February 11, 2025. President Steven made a motion to approve item a with corrections changing 2024 to 2025 in three places. VP Alan seconded the motion.  
 Vote: All approved.

b) Consider for Approval the Monthly financial reports and adjustments for January 2025. VP Alan wanted to know how often the long term loan has required payments.  
 GM: twice a year.

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

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

a) GM Patrick stated there will be a Special Meeting in the near future regarding a potential Solar project. Bill Brooks wasn't ready for tonight. There will also be a Special Meeting regarding the addition of 10 water rights. There is no further information available regarding the accident that took out a fire hydrant. There will be no more credits given to customers for water leaks.

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

a) Drafting FY25-26 budget – the GM and Exec. Assistant/Treasurer are evaluating a change in format for the upcoming Budget.

**8. Continuing Business: Public Comment: None**

a) Discuss and provide direction on the following options for solar power: a) Evaluate funding for the solar installation without a PPA; b) the financial status of the district; c) schedule special meeting once the district receives all proposals and financing options from engineering consultants. **(Discussion Item)** Bill Brooks will make a presentation at a Special Meeting in April. The Agenda and packet will go out a week early.

**9. New Business- Public Comments: None**

a) Consider the option of transitioning to a new banking institution. (Discussion Item). The GM and Executive Assistant are looking into changing banks to eliminate fees the district is required to pay when customers make their monthly payment by credit card. The current bank fees at Wells Fargo Bank are too high.

b) Consider for approval removing six (6) board meetings from the annual schedule. The meetings will be every other month on the second Tuesday of the month. This adjustment will enhance our ability to fulfill our responsibilities effectively while maintaining a strong focus on achieving our goals and objectives. (Action Item). Director Eileen made a motion to change to six yearly meetings. Director Gary seconded the motion. Discussion: If a situation comes up that needs attention a Special Meeting will be called. Alan would like the financials to be sent to all board members monthly.

Vote: All approved


**10. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

**The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 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:

  
President

4/15/25  
Date