

Directors

Patrick Sweeney, President Robert Whitehouse, Director Elizabeth Miles, Director Steven Strickland, Vice President Ken Swenson, Director

Staff

Gordon Stankowski, General Manager Brenda Kane, Billing Manager Rick Trites, Meter Reading/Backflow Nancy Veerkamp, Clerk/Administrator Solano Irrigation District, Operation & Maintenance

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES APRIL 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm

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

Roll Call: Present were Patrick Sweeney, President; Elizabeth Miles, Director; Steven Strickland, Vice President, Ken Swenson, Director; Gordon Stankowski, General Manager (GM); Dale Motiska, Asst. GM; Nancy Veerkamp, Clerk/Admin; Weston Stankowski, RG West; Lori Mazzella, Deputy County Counsel;

Absent: Robert "Bob" Whitehouse, Director

Public (speaking): Jim Miles, Eileen Uthe-Smith

- 1. Call Meeting to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Approval of the Agenda

The meeting was called to order by President Patrick Sweeney at 7:00 pm.

Director Elizabeth made a motion to approve the Agenda and the motion was seconded by

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Elizabeth, Patrick, Steven, Ken; Noes: None; Absent: Bob

- 4. Public Comments: Jim Miles spoke against any further annexations
- 5. Consent Items- Public comments: None

- a) Consider for Approval the monthly financials and adjustments for January and February 2023. (Action Item)
 Director Steve made a motion to approve the financials with Director Ken seconding the motion. Discussion followed.
 Roll Call Vote: Yes: Elizabeth, Patrick, Steven, Ken; Noes: None; Absent: Bob
- b) Consider for Approval the Meeting Minutes of Regular Board Meeting February 14, 2023, (Action Item)
 Director Steve made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. Director Ken seconded the motion. Discussion: None
 Roll Call Vote: Yes: Elizabeth, Patrick, Steven, Ken; Noes: None; Absent: Bob
- 6. General Managers Verbal Informational Report- Public comments: None Dale made a presentation regarding his first 40 days in the office. Per GM: The Arsenic Remediation Facility Startup will be the week of the 24th. SID will work with DDW to receive final approval. The Solar Application has been submitted and PG&E has requested more documents which the district is providing. The SID agreement is still in negotiations with the next meeting on May 15th.
- 7. Continuing Business- Public Comments: None
- a) Consider for Approval Resolution 2023-68 update for District Boundary and Sphere of Influence (SOI). Solano Local Agency Formation Commission, LAFCO, will review this resolution request and formalize with a LAFCO Resolution SOI Update as part of LAFCO'S requirement to complete this year 2023 (Action Item)

President Patrick made a motion to dissolve the SOI AdHoc Committee. The motion was seconded by Steve.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Elizabeth, Patrick, Steven, Ken; Noes: None; Absent: Bob

Director Steve made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-68. Director Ken seconded the motion. Discussion and Public Comment followed.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Patrick, Steven, Ken; Noes: Elizabeth Absent: Bob

b) Consider for Approval the acceptance of the 74 Assessor numbered parcels that LAFCO states are "in the district without a water right" as a result of their study and reconciliation of LAFCO records of the last 20 years since formation of the District. See attached list as many of these Assessor Parcel Numbers, (APN's) are part of Legal Properties/Parcels in the District. Legal Parcels often included more than one APN. District Rules and Regulations provide for only one connection per legal parcel even if that parcel has more than one APN.

Director Steve made a motion to approve the list of APN's. Director Ken seconded the motion. Discussion and Public Comment followed.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Elizabeth, Patrick, Steven, Ken; Noes: None; Absent: Bob

- 8. New Business- Public Comments:
- a) Consider for Information the Draft Conditions Assessment report from Coastland. (Informational Item) The GM is awaiting comments from SID.
- b) Consider for Approval the annual review of Reserve Policy #2150 (Action Item)

Director Steve made a motion to increase the Reserve amount to \$1,500,000. Director Ken seconded the motion. Discussion and Public Comment followed. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Elizabeth, Patrick, Steven, Ken; Noes: None; Absent: Bob

c) Consider for Approval a request for a 5-year rate increase. Authorize the General Manager to prepare the public notice and workshops and proceed in accordance with Prop 218 requirements. Once the process is completed, the District will have a Resolution for approval as an action item at the June Board Meeting. (Action Item)

Director Steve made a motion to move forward with the Prop 218 process. Director Ken seconded the motion. Discussion and Public Comment followed. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Patrick, Steven, Ken; Noes: Elizabeth; Absent: Bob

d) Consider for Approval the 8-year Capital Improvement Plan (Action Item)

Director Steve made a motion to approve the 8-year Capital Improvement Plan. Director Ken seconded the motion. Discussion and Public Comment followed.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Elizabeth, Patrick, Steven, Ken; Noes: none; Absent: Bob

e) Consider for Approval the annual budget for FY 23/24. (Action Item)

Director Patrick made a motion to dissolve the budget AdHoc Committee. Director Steve seconded the motion. Discussion: None Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Elizabeth, Patrick, Steven, Ken; Noes: none; Absent: Bob

Director Steve made a motion to approve the annual budget and Director Ken seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Patrick, Steven, Ken; Noes: Elizabeth; Absent: Bob.

Lori, our legal counsel, stated that a super majority is required to pass the budget. (A subsequent email from Lori dated April 17, 2023 stated in part that "... I was mistaken....only requirement for a vote...supermajority was not specified.....the vote at the last meeting counted and effectively passed the budget")

Director Steve also asked for a future Agenda Item to increase the purchase price

of a Water Right.

f) Consider for Approval a contract extension for the current GM for 12 months from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, to train and assist the new GM. Authorize the Board President to negotiate the terms of the agreement for a fixed price of \$36,000. (Action Item)

Director Steve made a motion to approve the contract extension. Director Ken seconded the motion. Discussion and Public Comment followed.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Patrick, Steven, Ken; Noes: Elizabeth; Absent: Bob

g) Consider for Approval to hold a Special Board Meeting on the Second Tuesday of May. May 9th at 7:00 pm at 4135 Cantelow Road. Agenda will include Continuing Business and New Business as in a Regular Meeting. **(Action Item)**

Director Steve made a motion to hold a Special Board Meeting. Director Elizabeth seconded the motion. Discussion: None Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Elizabeth, Patrick, Steven, Ken; Noes: none; Absent: Bob

9. Adjourn

Date

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm by President Patrick Sweeney.

The next meeting is a Special Board Meeting on May 9th at 7:00 pm at the Vacaville Fire Protection District, Fire Station #67, 4135 Cantelow Road, Vacaville, CA 95688

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2023, at 7:00 pm 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 Patrick Sweeney, Presiden Patrick J. Sweeney	1
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