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Regular Meeting
March 22, 2023

Members Present: Jack Fallon, B.J. Lupton, Bill Matthews, T.J. Wendt and General Manager, Cindy Murray

Members Attending by Video Conference: Dennis Falcon

Members Absent: Butch Clark and Bob Balding

Also, Present: Mark James, Chad Wambach, Paul Maestas, and Wayne Evert from the Staff, Kurt Playstead and Dave Green from Jacobs Engineering

Jack Fallon, President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 a.m. and welcomed the public and staff in attendance.

Cindy Murray noted that Agenda item 9 is actually two separate agenda items. T.J. Wendt moved to adopt the Agenda as amended. Bill Matthews seconded the motion. The Board passed the motion by unanimous vote.

B.J. Lupton moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 18, 2023, which was seconded by Dennis Falcon. The Board approved the minutes by unanimous vote.

Cindy Murray presented the Manager's Report. Mark James addressed several operations issues and answered questions from the Board. Bill Matthews moved to accept the Manager's Report, which was seconded by B.J. Lupton. After discussion, the Board approved the motion by unanimous vote.

Mark James presented an update on FY23 Capital Expenditures. Chad Wambach presented the Staff proposal to purchase a Skid Steer. T.J. Wendt moved to authorize purchasing a Skid Steer not to exceed \$65,000. Bill Matthews seconded the motion. After discussion, the Board approved the motion by unanimous vote.

The Board then proceeded to consider Agenda Item 10 out of order due to the availability of the rate consultants. Jacobs Engineering Firm representatives, Kurt Playstead and Dave Green, then presented the results of a rate study update. The Board then considered Resolution 2023-04 concerning the Intent to Raise Rates and Fees and conduct a public hearing. After considerable discussion, the Board decided to table consideration of the Resolution until the next meeting.

The Board then returned to the normal Agenda considering Item 7. Mark James presented the Staff recommendations, including review by Jeff Walla, District Engineer, based on the review of plans for the Elwood Apartment Project. Staff recommended approval of the Plans with conditions. T.J. Wendt moved to approve Resolution 2023-03 for Conditional Approval of the Plans, which was seconded by Bill Matthews. After discussion, the Resolution was approved by unanimous vote.

Next, Cindy Murray and Mark James presented an update on the District's ARPA and FEMA projects.

Cindy Murray provided an update on FY 22, 23, and Federal Audits.

The Board next discussed possible options for the District rental property at 2596 Mission Trail. There was consensus after the discussion not to pursue any further formal actions involving a sale of the property.

The Board then went into closed session at 9:25 to discuss confidential personnel matters.

At 9:36, the Board ended the closed session and resumed Agenda #13. No action was taken in the closed session.

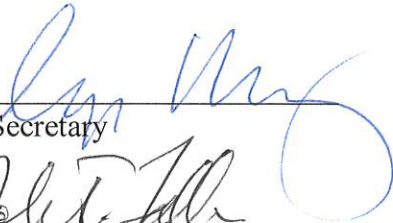
The Board then considered the request of Cindy Murray to authorize the new position of Office Manager. T.J. Wendt moved to approve the new position, which was seconded by B.J. Lupton. After discussion, the Board approved the motion by unanimous vote.

Jack Fallon presented Bob Balding's Oversight Report for February. Bob will present the January and March reports at the April meeting.

Dennis Falcon moved to approve the checks and credit card charges and accept the financial statements for the months of January and February, which was seconded by B.J. Lupton. After discussion, the Board passed the motion by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 9:48 a.m. The next regular meeting will be on April 18, 2023.

Submitted by _____
Cynthia Murray, Secretary



Signed by _____
Jack Fallon, President

