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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, January 2, 2019 – 6 p.m.
7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427

1. President McMillan called the regular board meeting to order at 6 p.m. The roll call showed a quorum of the board present: Directors McMillan, Gracyk, Verbeke, Scalzitti and Hedberg.

Staff present: Lugo, Bryant, Tomasulo, Miller, Olney, Janzen and Annett. General Counsel Lutfi Kharuf was also present.

Others present: Customer John L. Wood.

2. Vice President Gracyk provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo reported there were no additions or deletions to the agenda. The motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously.

Motion: Verbeke
Second: Hedberg

4. President McMillan provided opportunity for members of the public to address the board on any item under the subject matter jurisdiction of the district. There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION

5. President McMillan reported the agenda order changed to allow an open forum for the board to provide discussion items for future agendas and respond to public comments. President McMillan explained that if time becomes a problem, General Manager Carlos V. Lugo will request staff shorten their reports and presentations. President McMillan provided a review of future conferences and training opportunities.
 - a) President McMillan provided a redlined spreadsheet of the 2019 appointment of board members to committees and associations. Discussion ensued. Director Hedberg requested the Urban Water Users Association be added. President

McMillan added Director Hedberg as the third alternate to the proposed Parks, Land, Lakes and Garden Committee to be brought to the January 16, 2019, regular board meeting to establish said committee. Through general consensus the board agreed to drop membership in the National Water Resources Association during the upcoming budget process. President McMillan reported there will be multiple board workshops for the public to provide input regarding the employee compensation study. President McMillan suggested Customer Larry Nichols will coordinate public participation. There were no public comments.

- b) President McMillan opened discussion regarding per diem compensation for the board. Discussion ensued. Director Hedberg reported she will provide the secretary of the board with the per diem compensation survey from the Orange County area. Staff was directed to place the item on the January 16, 2019, regular board meeting agenda with options for board consideration. There were no public comments.
 - c) Secretary of the Board Sandra L. Janzen reported the district received customer compliments regarding the professional customer service received from Valve Maintenance Technician III Michael T. Pepin; Utility Crew Supervisor Slade L. Livermore; Utility Crew Members Michael J. Russell and Ashley J. Bond; Equipment Operators James E. Conder and Eduardo C. Gonzales; and Associate Engineer Aneld A. Anub.
6. President McMillan, Vice President Gracyk, Directors Verbeke, Scalzitti and Hedberg provided written reports. In addition, Director Verbeke reported she met with Cindy Miles and Betty Evans of the Water Conservation Garden Joint Powers Authority to collect all the minutes, resolutions, agreements and other documents for Secretary Miles. Director Verbeke also reported that the Association of California Water Agencies Region 10 Board of Directors will meet February 8, 2019, to discuss topics for future meetings. The board was encouraged to provide ideas.

Vice President Gracyk stated he will be meeting with General Manager Carlos V. Lugo to discuss opportunities to open district facilities for groups that do not have space to conduct meetings. Director Scalzitti suggested several restaurants that provide meeting spaces. Vice President Gracyk also reported he will meet with Mr. Lugo to encourage a community garden and conservation garden at Harry Griffin Park, while highlighting that the City of La Mesa's municipal code does not allow for community gardens. Vice President Gracyk expressed appreciation to Mr. Lugo, Director of Water Quality/System Operations Brian M. Olney and Reservoir Recreation Ranger Kira M. Haley for meeting with community members interested in the birds at Lake Jennings.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. The motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously. There were no public comments.

Motion: Scalzitti
Second: Hedberg

- a) Memorandum dated January 2, 2019, from the Secretary of the Board Sandra L. Janzen submitting expense and per diem claims was approved.
- b) The board approved the following sets of minutes:
 - i. December 17, 2018, special Finance & Administration Committee meeting
 - ii. December 19, 2018, special closed session meeting
 - iii. December 19, 2018, regular board meeting
- c) The following operating account checks submitted for ratification were approved:
 - i. List dated December 19, 2018
 - ii. List dated December 26, 2018
- d) The board approved the following attendance considerations:
 - i. President Orientation Meeting with the General Manager
December 26, 2018 at 3 p.m.
General Manager's Office
Helix Water District Administration Office

ACTION ITEM

8. The board adopted Resolution 19-01 rescinding Resolution 17-03 and reestablishing the regular meeting dates and time of the Helix Water District Board of Directors, effective February 1, 2019. There were no public comments. The motion carried 4:1.

Motion: Scalzitti
Second: Verbeke
Ayes: McMillan, Verbeke, Scalzitti, Hedberg
Noes: Gracyk

Vice President Gracyk reported 5 p.m. meetings may be challenging for customers to attend. Director Scalzitti reminded the board that agenda items can be placed in an

order to accommodate customer participation and that special workshops can be set at a convenient time for those wishing to participate.

DISCUSSION

9. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo detailed upcoming agenda items for the meetings scheduled on January 9, January 16, January 23 and February 6, 2019. There were no public comments. Vice President Gracyk suggested additional meetings may be required regarding the East County Advanced Water Purification project in preparation for the Joint Ad Hoc Committee meeting January 31, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.
10. General Counsel Lutfi Kharuf reported he will serve as the point person at Best Best and Krieger regarding the ECAWP project. There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

11. President McMillan adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.


Daniel H. McMillan, President

ATTEST:


Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board