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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, April 3, 2019 – 5 p.m.
7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427

1. President McMillan called the regular board meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. The roll call showed a quorum of the board present: Directors McMillan, Gracyk, Verbeke and Scalzitti. Director Hedberg was absent.

Staff present: Lugo, Tomasulo, Bryant, Olney, Miller, Janzen, Curtis, Annett, Lyford and Ross. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull was also present.

Others present: Lemon Grove City Councilman Matt Mendoza, San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission Special District Candidate Barry Willis and Customers Jennifer and Tim Yate.

2. President McMillan led the Pledge of Allegiance. No invocation was provided.
3. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo reported there were no additions or deletions to the agenda. The motion to approve the agenda carried 4:0.

Motion: Verbeke
Second: Gracyk
Ayes: McMillan, Gracyk, Verbeke, Scalzitti
Absent: 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. San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission Special District Candidate Barry Willis requested board support for agenda item 10. Following item 11, the board voted to recall public comments for Customer Jennifer Yate to address the board. The motion to recall public comments carried 4:0.

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

Ms. Yate addressed the board regarding capacity fees. President McMillan requested capacity fees be placed on the April 17, 2019, regular board meeting agenda to discuss the cost of placing a meter at the Yate’s property. President McMillan also requested General Manager Carlos V. Lugo follow up with Mr. and Mrs. Yate prior to the April 17, 2019 meeting.

DISCUSSION

- 5. President McMillan reported receiving a legislative update regarding the proposed safe drinking water tax and Assembly Bill 1588 during the March 28, 2019, San Diego County Water Authority meeting and provided the board with a review of the district’s upcoming meetings.

- 6. President McMillan, Vice President Gracyk, Director Verbeke, Director Scalzitti and Director Hedberg provided written reports. In addition, Vice President Gracyk reviewed upcoming events he plans to attend and thanked the Helix Helps volunteers for the work they accomplished during the opening of the city of Lemon Grove’s community garden. Director Verbeke attended the Association of California Water Agencies Board meeting on March 29, 2019, and reported there are recent retirements and that the ACWA office building will be sold for approximately \$5 million allowing for the lease of another space offering added security and functionality. Director Verbeke provided a Water Conservation Garden events report and a classroom construction update. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo reported that a summary from the SDCWA board meeting was emailed to the board.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 7. The motion to approve the consent agenda carried 4:0. There were no public comments.

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

- a) Memorandum dated April 3, 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. March 13, 2019, Finance and Administration Committee meeting
 - ii. March 20, 2019, special board meeting
 - iii. March 27, 2019, special board meeting

- c) The following operating account checks submitted for ratification were approved:
 - i. List dated March 20, 2019
 - ii. List dated March 27, 2019

- d) The board adopted Resolution 19-14 declaring construction complete and authorized filing a notice of completion for the Grossmont Hospital 10-inch asbestos cement pipeline project RMB18086.

- e) The board approved the following attendance considerations:
 - i. Local Agency Formation Commission
Special Districts Advisory Committee
March 15, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.
County of San Diego Administration Center

 - ii. Assembly Bill 1588 (Gloria/Gray) Public Hearing
Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee
April 9, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 444, Sacramento

ACTION ITEM

- 8. The board adopted Resolution 19-15 awarding construction of pipeline project Broadway, Main, Pepper and Flume CIP19006, to the lowest responsible bidder submitting a responsive bid, CCL Contracting Inc., in the amount of \$2,289,285; and appropriated funds in the amount of \$2,880,000 from schedule 64, item 6 of the fiscal year 2018-19 capital budget. There were no public comments. The motion carried 4:0.

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

Director of Engineering James A. Tomasulo answered all questions regarding traffic control, public outreach and the top three bids.

9. The board adopted the following resolutions regarding pending legislation and directed staff to submit associated position letters to elected officials:

- i. Resolution 19-17 supporting the Colorado River drought contingency plans agreed to by basin states
- ii. Resolution 19-18 opposing (unless amended) the safe and affordable drinking water fund: budget trailer bill, Assembly Bill 134, Assembly Bill 217 and Senate Bill 200
- iii. Resolution 19-19 supporting Senate Bill 414 (Caballero): Small System Water Authority Act of 2019
- iv. Resolution 19-20 supporting Senate Bill 669 (Caballero): Water Trust Fund
- v. Resolution 19-22 supporting Assembly Bill 533 (Holden): Income Tax Exemption for Water Efficiency Rebates
- vi. Resolution 19-23 opposing (unless amended) Assembly Bill 1486 (Ting): Local Agencies Surplus Land

The board determined Resolution 19-21 supporting Assemble Bill 510 (Cooley): Records Retention Policy and Resolution 19-24 supporting Assembly Bill 1588 (Gloria/Gray): Drinking Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Programs for Veterans require additional monitoring before adoption of said resolutions or mailing of support letters. There were no public comments. The motion carried 4:0.

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

Senior Public Affairs Representative Michelle M. Curtis provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered all questions regarding AB 510 and AB 1588 with the assistance of District Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull.

10. The board cast a vote for Barry Willis to serve as a regular San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission member and cast a vote for Erin Lump to serve as an alternate member for the 2019 special districts election. Secretary of the Board Sandra L. Janzen was directed to submit the ballots and vote certifications for the San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission. There were no public comments. The motion carried 4:0.

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

DISCUSSION

11. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo detailed upcoming agenda items for the meetings scheduled on April 4, 10, 17, 24, and May 1, 2019. Mr. Lugo also reported the Presidents and General Managers meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2019; the Regional Collaboration Day is scheduled for April 12, 2019 and the SDG&E Energy Showcase is scheduled for April 30, 2019. There were no public comments. Director Scalzitti requested May 2, 2019, be reserved for day two of the budget workshop in the event additional time is needed to review the budget. Mr. Lugo also reported that a fence company drilled into a 42-inch pipe at Center Drive. The pipe has been plugged with future cleanup scheduled.

Director of Administrative Services Jennifer C. Bryant reported that the first Tyler/Munis payroll was successfully completed and that the HP system will remain only to provide history. Ms. Bryant reported that the paystubs include an additional line reflecting the taxable value of life insurance coverage. One temporary staff member remains on the payroll portion of the Tyler/Munis software conversion.

12. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull reported papers were successfully served April 2, 2019, regarding board approved litigation to remove an encroachment and trespass to district property done by grading from the adjacent property located at 6928 San Miguel Avenue, Lemon Grove, California.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

13. President McMillan adjourned the meeting to closed session at 6:12 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: Real Estate Related to Conveyance System, Capacity Rights and Operation of the Proposed East County Advanced Water Purification Program

Agency Negotiators: Helix Water District General Manager Carlos V. Lugo, Director of Administrative Services Jennifer C. Bryant and Director of Water Quality/System Operations Brian M. Olney

Negotiating Party: Padre Dam Municipal Water District

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms for Proposed Conveyance of Property

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION/RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

14. President McMillan adjourned closed session at 7:03 p.m. and reconvened open session. There was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

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


Daniel H. McMillan, President

ATTEST:


Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board