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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, August 4, 2021 – 3 p.m.
7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427
Virtual Meeting

OPEN MEETING

1. President Scalzitti called the August 4, 2021, regular board meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. The meeting was turned over to Board Secretary Sandra L. Janzen to verify all board members, staff and members of the public could hear one another and that everyone could identify the board members by voice recognition or video image.

The roll call showed a quorum of the board present via electronic conferencing software. Directors Scalzitti, Hedberg, McMillan, Gracyk and Verbeke were present.

Staff present: Lugo, Tomasulo, Olney, Miller, Bryant, Ross, Janzen, Lyford, Valdez, Pearce, Annett, Doubrava, Curtis and Uhrhammer. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull of Best Best & Krieger was also present.

Others present: WSP USA Inc. Project Manager Violetta McDaniel and Principal-in-Charge Javier Galindo were present with attendee Mike James.

2. Vice President Hedberg 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. There were no public comments. The motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Hedberg
Second: Verbeke

PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. President Scalzitti 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. The motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously by roll call vote. There were no public comments.

Motion: Hedberg

Second: Verbeke

- a) Memorandum dated August 4, 2021, from the Secretary of the Board Sandra L. Janzen submitting expense and per diem claims was approved.
- b) The board approved the July 21, 2021, regular board meeting minutes.
- c) The operating account checks submitted for ratification were approved:
 - i. Checks dated July 23, 2021
 - ii. Checks dated July 30, 2021

ACTION ITEMS

6. The board appropriated and approved the expenditure of funds in the amount of \$565,000 from the fiscal year 2021-22 capital budget project CIP22201 and authorized the sole source purchases of a chlorinator, ozone power supply and generator equipment, and a zeta meter for the R.M. Levy Water Treatment Plant. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: McMillan

Second: Hedberg

Water Treatment Plant Manager Larry W. Lyford provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered all questions regarding the operational details of the zeta meter to identify and neutralize particles for the most efficient use of chemicals to provide clean drinking water. President Scalzitti verified the consultant would be available to ensure the ozone power supply and generator equipment is installed properly. Directors McMillan and Verbeke appreciated the ongoing maintenance of equipment to ensure safe drinking water. Director Gracyk verified that chlorine shortages and transportation issues had not limited the district's supply.

7. The board authorized General Manager Carlos V. Lugo to execute a professional services agreement with WSP USA Inc. for a two-year term, in an amount not-to-exceed \$600,000 for construction management support services on an as-needed basis. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Gracyk
Second: Hedberg

Engineering Manager Luis Valdez provided a PowerPoint presentation. President Scalzitti and Director Verbeke highlighted the importance of having resources available to cover workload peaks such as oversight during construction of district projects, administration of construction contracts and interface construction activities with other district departments and agencies. Director Gracyk verified the terms of the agreement and that Engineering Manager Luis Valdez would serve as the daily consultant contact. Director McMillan and General Manager Carlos V. Lugo discussed the flexibility that the professional services agreement could provide the district.

8. The board adopted Resolution 21-41 awarding construction of the large valve replacement project CIP19019, to the lowest responsible bidder submitting a responsive bid, Cass Construction Inc. DBA Cass Arrieta of El Cajon, California, in the amount of \$793,655.34 and appropriated funds in the amount of \$1,030,000 from the fiscal year 2021-22 capital budget. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Hedberg
Second: Verbeke

Director of Engineering James A. Tomasulo provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered all questions regarding the timing of the project. Vice President Hedberg and Director McMillan appreciated the competitive bids.

DISCUSSION

9. President Scalzitti shared that he and General Manager Carlos V. Lugo were preparing for the Saturday, August 7, 2021, board workshop at the Lake Jennings recreation building. In addition, President Scalzitti shared that select members of the San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors have used official letterhead to convey their personal views.

Board Secretary Sandra L. Janzen reported the district received two complimentary emails regarding the outstanding service provided by Construction Supervisor Michael Schuff, Inspector William O. Gaston, Biologist John A. Cid, and Valve Maintenance Technicians Roberto A. Mineo and Michael T. Pepin.

10. President Scalzitti, Director McMillan and Director Gracyk provided written reports. In addition, Director Verbeke reported the Water Conservation Garden Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors would meet August 5, 2021. Vice President Hedberg shared that she attended the August 4, 2021, meeting of the WateReuse Communications

Collaborative Group. Director McMillan shared details from the August 3, 2021, San Diego East County Chamber meeting would be included in an upcoming written report. In addition, Director McMillan referred to letters received August 4, 2021, in regards to regional detachments and mergers. Director McMillan referenced a political "friend raising" event he and President Scalzitti attended.

11. General Manager Carlos V. Lugo reminded the board of the special meeting on Saturday, August 7, 2021, at Lake Jennings. Mr. Lugo detailed upcoming agenda items for the August 18, 2021, board meeting and reported the special Water Quality and Resources committee would meet on August 20, 2021, at 3 p.m. Mr. Lugo suggested the board wait for a presentation from the San Diego County Water Authority until after the SDCWA's board retreat and congratulated Director of Administrative Services Jennifer C. Bryant and her team for affirmation from Fitch of the AA+ rating. Mr. Lugo also reminded the board that the Harry Griffen Regional Park Joint Powers Authority proposed a meeting on August 24 or August 31, 2021, at 2 p.m. There were no public comments.
12. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull had nothing additional to report. Director McMillan thanked Ms. Hull for her assistance reviewing a labor agreement. There were no public comments.

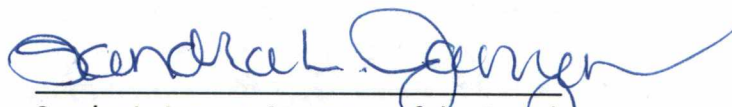
ADJOURNMENT

13. President Scalzitti adjourned the regular board meeting at 4:02 p.m.



Joel A. Scalzitti, President

ATTEST:



Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board