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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, September 21, 2022 – 3 p.m.
7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427
Virtual/Hybrid Meeting**

OPEN MEETING

1. President Hedberg called the September 21, 2022, 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.

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

Staff present: Olney, Valdez, Ross, Miller, Bryant, Janzen, Pope, Rocco, Curtis, Uhrhammer and Mackey. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull of Best Best & Krieger was also present.

Others present: Customer Andrea Beth Damsky was present.

2. Director Scalzitti led the Pledge of Allegiance. No invocation was provided.
3. General Manager Brian M. Olney 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: Verbeke

Second: Scalzitti

PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. President Hedberg 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: Verbeke
Second: McMillan

- a) Memorandum dated September 21, 2022, from Secretary of the Board Sandra L. Janzen submitting expense and per diem claims was approved.
- b) The board approved the minutes for the September 7, 2022, regular and special board meetings.
- c) The board ratified the following operating account checks:
 - i. Checks dated September 9, 2022
 - ii. Checks dated September 16, 2022

At President Hedberg's request, General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull reported the \$50,000 payment to Best Best & Krieger special counsel was in relation to the United States Environmental Protection Agency loan in the amount of \$18,972,800.

- d) The board reaffirmed the minute order approving virtual/hybrid public meetings as needed pursuant to Assembly Bill 361.
- e) The board approved the following attendance consideration:
 - i. Environmental Protection Agency Visit to Helix Water District
Lake Jennings Bait Shop
September 13, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

- 6. The board adopted Resolution 22-52 proclaiming the week of October 1-9, 2022, as Water Professionals Appreciation Week. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Hedberg
Second: Verbeke

President Hedberg clarified that the employees would be celebrated during the week. Vice President Verbeke expressed gratitude to the district employees on behalf of the board. There were no public comments.

- 7. The board authorized General Manager Brian M. Olney to execute a professional services agreement with Christian Wheeler Engineering, not to exceed \$635,000, for as-needed geotechnical consulting services. No public comments were received. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion: Scalzitti
Second: McMillan

Director of Water Quality/Systems Operations Luis Valdez provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered all policies and procedures questions regarding approval of contracts, requests for proposals, amendments and terms. Director Gracyk confirmed the November 1, 2022, effective date for the professional services agreement.

REPORTS

8. The board received the following reports for the months of July and August 2022:

- a) Financial
- b) Rainfall, Use and Storage
- c) System Demand
- d) Monthly Demand
- e) Conservation Status

Finance Manager Amy L. Pope detailed the financial reports highlighting the general fund, capacity fee reserve fund, Lake Jennings capital reserve and the cash and investment allocations. Discussion ensued. General Manager Brian M. Olney detailed reports b, c, d and e. There were no comments from the public.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. Directors Hedberg, McMillan, Gracyk and Scalzitti provided written reports. In addition, Director Scalzitti highlighted agenda items to be covered during the September 22, 2022, San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors meeting. President Hedberg and Directors McMillan, Gracyk and Scalzitti reported attending the September 20, 2022, Council of Water Utilities meeting with speakers: American Water Works Association Executive Director Susan Mosburg, SDCWA Operations and Maintenance Manager Martin Coghill and SDCWA Water Resources Manager Elizabeth Lovsted. Discussion ensued regarding the water audit model. Director McMillan requested that a field trip to Lake Cuyamaca campground be scheduled with General Manager Brian M. Olney prior to the October 13, 2022, special Parks, Land, Lakes and Garden Committee meeting to view the tipis. Vice President Verbeke provided an update from the fundraising, membership, elections and conference committees she attends for the Association of California Water Agencies. There were no public comments.
10. President Hedberg reported that the board attended the September 13, 2022, event at Lake Jennings bait shop to meet United States Environmental Protection Agency Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water Bruno Pigott and USEPA Pacific Southwest Region

Director of Tribal and State Assistance Hector Aguirre. The board agreed to send Mr. Pigott and Mr. Aguirre thank you letters for their assistance with the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act loan for \$18,972,800.

President Hedberg requested Board Secretary Sandra L. Janzen share that the district received a customer compliment regarding Utility Crew Supervisor Miguel Pilar Jr., Equipment Operator Michael T. Pepin, and Utility Crew Members Dakota J. Evans and Jose R. Ramirez. There were no additional public comments.

11. General Manager Brian M. Olney detailed the agenda items to be covered during the 4 p.m. September 22, 2022, special Finance and Administration Committee meeting, the 3 p.m. September 28, 2022, Committee of the Board meeting and the 3 p.m. October 5, 2022, regular board meeting. New Engineering Manager Melody C. Rocco was introduced to the board. There were no public comments.
12. General Counsel Elizabeth W. Hull reported Assembly Bill 361 was still in effect and that she would be working with staff as new bills are signed. In addition, for the public, Ms. Hull reported the item to be discussed in closed session. There were no public comments.

RECESS

13. President Hedberg recessed the meeting to closed session at 4:04 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d)(4)
Significant Exposure to Litigation: One Case

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

14. President Hedberg adjourned closed session at 4:13 p.m. and reconvened open session at 4:13 p.m. There was no reportable action taken during closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

15. President Hedberg adjourned the regular board meeting at 4:14 p.m.



Kathleen Coates Hedberg, President

ATTEST:



Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board