

MINUTES

UNION PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 15, 2023

Directors Present: Greg Rasmussen, Vice-President

Tom Quincy, Secretary Bruce Tallakson, Treasurer Ralph Chick, Director

Directors Absent:

Eric Bottomley, President

Staff Present:

Jessica Self, General Manager

Elaine Urruty, Board Clerk

Jenna Mayo, Administrative Analyst

Others Present:

Dean Atyia, Special Legal Counsel

Joel Metzger, UWPA General Manager

Public at Large

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER & THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. **ROLL CALL**

Vice President Rasmussen called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion:

Director Tallakson

Second:

Director Chick

Ayes:

Directors Rasmussen, Quincy, Tallakson, and Chick

Nays:

None

Absent:

Director Bottomley

Abstained:

None

MINUTE ENTRY, MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

- 3. <u>CLOSED SESSION:</u> The meeting was adjourned into Closed Session at 5:33 p.m.
 - a. Conference with Legal Counsel Consider initiation of Litigation (Gov. Code 54956.9(d)(4)): one case
- 4. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: The meeting returned to Open Session at 6:15 p.m.

5. REPORTABLE ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

Director Rasmussen reported that per Election Code 9310, we have 10 days to decide if the initiative will be adopted or submitted.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was public discussion regarding irrigation rates. The Board thanked the community for their comments.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes October 25, 2023 Special Board Meeting
- **b.** Expenditures October 2023
- c. Fund Balance Report October 2023
- d. Balance Sheet & Revenues October 2023
- e. YTD Budgets to Actuals October 2023
- f. Legal Fees 2023 Calendar Year-to-Date Review

Motion: Director Tallakson Second: Director Quincy

Ayes: Directors Rasmussen, Quincy, Tallakson, and Chick

Nays: None

Absent: Director Bottomley

Abstained: None

MINUTE ENTRY. MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

8. OLD BUSINESS: None.

9. <u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>

a. Discussion/Action Regarding Updates to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) (Jessica Self, General Manager)

General Manager, Jessica Self, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on UPUD CIP, suggesting updates. Subsequently, they addressed inquiries from the public. The matter is slated for further examination by the Board.

b. Presentation by Calaveras County Registrar of Voters to certify signatures pursuant to Elections Code § 9309(f), as it relates to citizen's initiative to amend, repeal, or replace water rates.

Rebecca Turner, of Calaveras County, stated that she had forwarded all relevant documentation regarding this matter to UPUD. She also mentioned her availability to address any inquiries related to the initiative. General Manager, Jessica Self, inquired about the method by which Calaveras County identified the initiative for which the signatures were collected. Rebecca clarified that all the signatures received pertained to the second initiative.

10. <u>REPORTS</u>

a. General Manager

No report was given.

b. UWPA

UWPA General Manager, Joel Metzger, stated that the annual maintenance is progressing smoothly and is anticipated to conclude over the Thanksgiving Holiday.

11. <u>DIRECTORS REPORTS, INFORMATION, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</u>

Director Rasmussen informed the public that their concerns had been heard and assured them that a review of irrigation rates would be conducted prior to the upcoming irrigation season.

12. NEXT BOARD MEETINGS & EVENTS

- 1. Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 5:30 PM Regular Meeting
- 2. Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 5:30 PM Regular Meeting

13. AJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: ATTEST:

om E. Quincy, Board Secretary Elaine Urruty, Clerk to the Board