



SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SOUTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT February 21, 2019 MINUTES

The South Tahoe Public Utility District Board of Directors met in a regular session, 2:01 p.m., at the District Office, located at 1275 Meadow Crest Drive, South Lake Tahoe, California.

ROLL CALL:

Board of Directors: President Vogelgesang, Directors Jones, Sheehan, Exline

Absent: Director Cefalu

Staff: John Thiel, Paul Hughes, Shannon Cotulla, Gary Kvistad, Melonie Guttry, Bren Hoyle, Chris Stanley, Jared Aschenbach, Tony Prieto, Brent Goligoski, Ivo Bergsohn, Jim Kelly, Shelly Thomsen, Star Glaze, Trevor Coolidge, Steve Caswell

Guests: Rick Lind, El Dorado County Water Agency Liaison

CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA OR CONSENT CALENDAR:

President Vogelgesang announced Action Item 6a is being pulled from the Agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Moved Sheehan/Second Exline/Vogelgesang Yes/Cefalu Absent/Jones Yes/Sheehan Yes/Exline Yes to approve the Consent Calendar with changes as presented.

- a. **DECEMBER 31, 2018, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
(Paul Hughes, Chief Financial Officer)
Received and filed the December 31, 2018, Income Statement and Balance Sheet Reports.
- b. **SOUTH Y FATE AND TRANSPORT MODEL**
(Ivo Bergsohn, Hydrogeologist)
Authorized staff to raise the cost ceiling for Task Order No. 4 by \$6,885 and extend the schedule to May 1, 2019, to accommodate additional time required for development of remedial alternatives for modeling services approved for the South Y Feasibility Study.
- c. **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES: February 7, 2019**
(Melonie Guttry, Executive Services Manager/Clerk of the Board)
Approved February 7, 2019, Minutes.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

- a. Field Communications Improvements Projects (Julie Ryan, Engineering Department Manager) – **Shannon Cotulla** provided an overview of the project and addressed questions from the Board. District staff is planning to provide the labor for this project. **Jared Aschenbach** and **Chris Stanley** provided additional details regarding the proposed upgrades.

Moved Sheehan/Second Exline/Vogelgesang Yes/Cefalu Absent/Jones Yes/ Sheehan Yes/Exline Yes to approve proposal from Thunderbird Communications for upgrades to the Fallen Leaf Lake radio system in an amount not to exceed \$61,000.

- b. 2019 Well and Pump Test Performance Monitoring (Ivo Bergsohn, Hydrogeologist) – **Ivo Bergsohn** provided details including a PowerPoint presentation and addressed questions from the Board. This project is being 50% funded by El Dorado County Water Agency, with a 50% match by the District.

Moved Jones/Second Exline/Vogelgesang Yes/Cefalu Absent/Jones Yes/Sheehan Yes/Exline Yes to accept the Proposal from Wood Rodgers received to provide engineering services for the 2019 well project in response to the District's Routine Well and Pump Performance Monitoring Request for Proposals and accept the revised cost proposal in the amount not to exceed \$66,717.

- c. Approve Payment of Claims (Debbie Henderson, Accounting Manager)

Moved Sheehan/Second Vogelgesang/Vogelgesang Yes/ Cefalu Absent /Jones Yes/Sheehan Yes/Exline Yes to approve Payment of Claims in the amount of \$1,485,106.49.

STANDING AND AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Vogelgesang reported the Ad-Hoc City Council Committee met this morning and discussed several issues including the street lighting deadline of March 31, 2019, and the future of Snow Globe. **Attorney Kvistad** offered suggestions regarding covering the cost for the street lighting increase.

Director Jones reported the Operations Committee met on Tuesday, February 19, and provided details regarding the discussions. **Director Exline** added comments regarding the importance of collecting data to optimize savings.

Director Sheehan reported there was a Finance Committee Meeting on February 20, where the entire budget was reviewed. The next Board Workshop is March 13, at 2:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Nothing to report

EL DORADO COUNTY WATER AGENCY PURVEYOR REPORT:

Director Sheehan reported **Rick Lind**, El Dorado County Water Agency liaison, is attending the Board Meeting today. She and **John Thiel** were unable to attend the meeting last week due to weather.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:

John Thiel reported on several items:

- Provided a staff update

- Updated the Board regarding the budget process, including discussions regarding proposed heavy equipment purchases. The next Proposition 218 Public Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.
- Provided an update regarding Public Outreach and acknowledged **Shelly Thompson** for her assistance with those efforts. He provided information regarding several upcoming presentations, a lunch on Monday, February 25, with other local Chief Executive Officers, and a Meet and Greet at South Lake Tahoe Brewery on March 7, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Provided a PCE update including a joint presentation for the Lahontan Board scheduled for March 14, at 8:30 a.m. The next PCE Public Meeting is scheduled for March 6, at 6:00 p.m.
- Provided a Lukins intertie meter update

STAFF/ATTORNEY REPORTS:

Shannon Cotulla provided a storm update including maintaining the District systems throughout the storm. There were daily flows up to 8.5 million gallons per day during the storm.

Chris Stanley reported that **Trevor Coolidge** discovered a system called Quick Lock Sewer Repair System as a potential solution for the Tahoe Keys sewer leak. **Chris Stanley** explained the details and addressed questions from the Board. A Proposal has been received from Sierra Plumbing from Gardnerville who will perform the work for approximately \$5,500, which is a huge savings compared to other alternatives. The Board commended staff on their efforts.

Chris Stanley provided photos of the manhole cover situation near Sawmill Pond in the County. The County used a loader to move snow off the road in the area and in the process moved the District's manhole, allowing up to 400,000 gallons of water per day into the District's system. Thanks to the District's flow monitoring system and quick reaction from staff, the manhole has been fixed. The Board commended staff for their efforts in mitigating the situation and precautions have been taken to prevent this situation from happening in the future.

Chris Stanley showed an example of deteriorated steel pipe from a leak on Bertha Avenue in the Sierra Tract.

Attorney Kvistad reported he has been working with staff to update the District's Administrative Code, due to a recently discovered customer meter bypass. They have found examples from other District's that are helpful, which are appropriate to address comprehensive changes to the necessary Administrative Code. There will be a recommended action brought to the Board in the future.

Shelly Thomsen reminded the Board that professional photos will be taken before the March 7, 2019, Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 3:51 p.m.



Melonie Guttery, Clerk of the Board
South Tahoe Public Utility District



Randy Vogelgesang, Board President
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