

RAND COMMUNITIES WATER DISTRICT

Regular Board Meeting

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

501 Comstock Ave, Johannesburg, CA 93528

I. Call to Order

President Cliff Kennedy called to order the regular meeting of the Rand Community Water district at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, January 13, 2020 in Johannesburg, California. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. Roll Call

Present were President Cliff Kennedy, Vice-President Ernest Napolis, Director Tom Williams and Director Brent Brown. Director Ghulam Din was absent.

III. Adopt Agenda

Director Williams made a motion to add to number 8 field worker performance evaluation office employee's evaluation as well, seconded by Vice-President Napolis. Motion passed with four ayes and one absent.

Vice-President Napolis made a motion to adopt the agenda with the change, seconded by director Williams. Motion passed with four ayes and one absent.

IV. Communications from the Public

No comments from the public were given.

V. Approve Minutes

Director Williams made a motion that they approve the Minutes for the December 9, 2020 and the December 30, 2020 meeting. Director Napolis seconded the motion. Motion passed with four ayes and one absent.

VI. Closed Session under California Code 54954.5(e) – Field and Office Worker Evaluation

The new field worker had a satisfactory evaluation, and his compensation was adjusted accordingly and there will be a special meeting next Wednesday, January 20, 2021 to interview for General Manager.

VII. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

VIII. Office Manager Report

(Copied from original report)

On December 16, 2020, Tiger and Martin went around and exercised the valves. They are doing this on a regular basis now, continuing from where the last general manager left off.

The second and third week in December, the auditors were here and did the audit for the last fiscal year. They will do the report of the County Auditor this month and finish the audit report. I have not been given a completion date yet.

We bought and installed new tires for the work truck as the old ones were almost completely worn down. The new tires are of a better quality than the last ones with better tread and should last for quite a while.

The stairs at the secondary front door have been finished and rails installed at the required height. The front of the building is currently being prepped for repainting.

The last testing for coliform came back positive in Red Mountain on Kelly Row three times at two different locations, even though we recorded a decent chlorine residual at each site. It was determined, however, that they were false positives, caused by not disinfecting the sampling site first. The water itself is fine, and all tests came back negative after the sampling sites were disinfecting.

Most of these coliform bacteria are harmless to humans. If disease-causing bacteria are present, the most common symptoms are gastrointestinal upset and general flu-like symptoms such as fever, abdominal cramps, and diarrhea. Symptoms are most likely in children or elderly household members. E.coli was not present.

The regular quarterly testing for the wells for the 4th quarter of 2020 came back with Well 1 at 24 PPB and Well 2 at 11 PPB. The regular notice will be sent out next week along with the notice for the positive Coliform tests as required by the State Water Board.

On December 22, a leak developed on the dirt road behind the General Store and was fixed. On December 24, a service line at 400 Goler in Johannesburg was leaking. They replaced a section of pipe to fix it. On December 29, running water was reported near 600 Goler. It was on the Mr. Heffel's property on his side of the meter, so the water was turned off until it could be fixed.

(End of report)

IX. Rate Study Proposals

The bank we have been talking to said we need to raise our rates fifteen to eighteen percent in order to qualify for a gap loan to fund the new grant. The California Rural Water Association had the best rates to conduct one. They also said they should be able to get the study done in four to six weeks.

X. Future Agenda Items

Advertisement and compensation for the general manager. Report back on standpipes.

XI. Adjournment

Vice-president Napolis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Williams. Motion passed with four ayes and one absent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

ATTEST: _____
Debbie Jones, Recorder