

RAND COMMUNITIES WATER DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
MINUTES

Wednesday, February 10, 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, February 10, 2021 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 and Director Ghulam Din.

III. Adopt Agenda

Director Din made a motion to adopt the agenda as it is, seconded by Vice-President Napolis. Motion passed with all ayes.

IV. Communications from the Public

No comments from the public were given.

V. Approve Minutes

Absent from the agenda. Will be included in the March meeting.

VI. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

VII. General Managers Report

(Copied from original report)

I have hired Marie Shrub as the office assistant, effective February 4, 2021. She has been administered the pre-employment drug test and all the necessary paperwork.

The auditors have completed and submitted the State Controller's report for this year. We have not yet received the final audit report because the auditor's laptop crashed with all of our audit information on it and they are waiting on its repair. The hard drive was unaffected, so they will be able to finish as soon as they get it back from the repair shop.

The hydrant in Randsburg that was leaking has been replaced. It was discovered that water was leaking out of the weep holes at the bottom of the hydrant because the seal was no longer working. Because the hydrant we had on hand attached with six bolts rather than 8 bolts, it had to be redrilled before installation in order to attach to the existing

flanges. The ground is so saturated that it is taking them several days to backfill the holes because they have to wait for the dirt to dry out.

There was a large leak on the transmission line between Booster 1 and Booster 2 that finally rose to the surface and became detectible. Fixing it involved cutting out a piece of the 4" pipe and replacing it with a new piece along with two couplers. This leak was fixed only two days ago, and accounts for some of the transmission line water loss, along with the water that leaks out of the booster pump packing and the valves by them. Tiger has the packing set so there is a trickle of water leaking out of them while running for lubrication.

The corpstop by the flow meter after booster 3 is leaking and has been for awhile. It is on the list to be fixed but has been low priority to other problems needing to be fixed. There is also a leak just past the first hill heading down to the wells. The line there is in solid rock but will need to be fixed soon.

Fixed leaks in the towns include a couple across 395 on Goler near the Rand. A pressure regulator was installed near one of the houses that didn't have one to try to help keep the lines from blowing. So far it is working.

There is a leak close to the Chime Shop in Randsburg on the customer side that they are having trouble locating, but it is a fairly slow leak. There is also a suspected leak in Red Mountain on our side near Sydney Peak Stone's meter at 731 Hwy 395.

The shift handle of the work truck broke a couple of weeks ago, only allowing the truck to be in drive, neutral and reverse, and preventing the key from being removed from the ignition. Tiger found another one at a parts yard and was able to replace the shifter so the truck is working correctly again. It still has the engine light on, which Tiger has been unable to diagnose.

New teeth have been ordered for the backhoe bucket, as they are worn out. Neither the backhoe nor the SUV have any major mechanical issues at this time, but because they are old and worn, that could change at any time.

(End of report)

VIII. General Manager Needs Report

Will need to start thinking about a replacement work truck for the near future as the current one is wearing out.

IX. NV5 Reimbursement Request 2

The signature page was signed so report could be sent to the state for reimbursement.

X. Rate Study Progress Report

GM Jones has been feeding them information as they request it and clarified some of the questions they had about meter sizes and customer accounts.

XI. Board Secretary

Director Williams made a motion to make Debbie Jones the board secretary, seconded by Vice-President Napolis. Motion passed with all ayes.

XII. Bills Paid

All the checks presented were signed.

XIII. Future Agenda Items

Shoring cost and required materials.

Well No. 4 Access.

XIV. Adjournment

Vice-president Napolis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Williams. Motion passed with all ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

ATTEST: _____

Debbie R Jones, Secretary
RCWD Board of Directors