

# **RAND COMMUNITIES WATER DISTRICT**

## **Special Board Meeting**

# **MINUTES**

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

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, June 17, 2020 in Johannesburg, California.

### **II. Roll call**

Present were President Cliff Kennedy, Director Tom Williams, Vice-president Ernest Napolis, Director Ghulam Din, and Director Will Liebscher.

### **III. Adopt Agenda**

Motion made by Vice-president Napolis to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Director Williams. Motion passed with all ayes.

### **IV. Communications from the Public**

A member of the public wanted clarification on the number of times resignations can be given then rescinded by employees.

### **V. Correspondence**

Office manager Debbie Jones reported that Governor Newsom suspending portions of the brown act, thus allowing meetings by teleconferencing, and he also suspended the ability of water districts to shut off customers due to non-payment during the Covid-19 pandemic. She also reported that the discrimination lawsuit brought to the district by a past General Manager was closed due to lack of evidence. The water district was also sent an email by the State Water Board stating that water districts are considered to be an essential business and must stay open.

President Kennedy reported that Deisy Rio from the State Water Board contacted him and told him there are twenty people that will review our grant, and as of this date, June 17, 2020, only seven people have reviewed it. She is hopeful that in three weeks to a month it will have been completely reviewed.

### **VI. Approve Minutes:**

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Director Liebscher wanted to add the words: “a month later” after the word meeting in sentence three under the heading Director Resignations. Director Liebscher made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Director Din seconded the motion. Motion passed with all ayes.

### **VII. Bills Paid**

Office Manager Debbie Jones presented the bills to be paid along with the checks to be signed to the Board. All checks presented were signed.

**VIII. General Manager's Report**

The General Manager was not present to present his report.

**IX. Closed Session Under California Code 54957 To Discuss Employee Matters**

The Board went into closed session at 7:15 pm.

**X. Open Session**

The Board reconvened the open session at 8:05 pm after a short break. During the closed session there was a discussion about a settlement letter received from the Board Secretary's lawyer. It was decided with a three to two vote that the settlement letter be denied.

**XI. Audit Status**

Office Manager Debbie Jones reported on the status of the audit. The auditors were here last week and finished the audit. They will attend the July 8, 2020 board meeting to discuss their findings.

**XII. Future Agenda Items**

General Managers report, water account lien hearing, board officers.

**XIII. Adjournment**

Director Napolis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by director Williams. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debbie Jones, Recorder