

RAND COMMUNITIES WATER DISTRICT

Rate Increase Hearing

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

501 Comstock Ave, Johannesburg, CA 93528

I. Call to Order

President Cliff Kennedy called to order the Rate Increase Hearing of the Rand Community Water district at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 23, 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, Director Brent Brown and Director Ghulam Din.

III. Communications from the Public

No public comments.

IV. Public Hearing on the Retail Water Rates FY 2022-2026

- The board secretary was handed an envelope of pre-typed protest letters by the former general manager to include with the protest letters that were mailed in.
- RDN gave their presentation on the new rate structure and how they calculated the new rates according to Proposition 218.
- Various members of the public commented on the proposed rate structure. Each speaker was given a time limit of 3 minutes to talk.
- The board secretary, members of the board, and the former general manager, as a representative from the public, went inside the district office to tabulate the protest letters. After a few minutes, the former general manager was escorted out of the district office by a police officer due to his behavior. Another member of the public was brought in to replace him. The protest letters were examined and deemed either valid or invalid. They were considered invalid if they were not personally signed by the customer or owner with water service, had an invalid address and no account number, did not have an active meter with water service, or was a duplicate letter from the same individual for the same property.
- After all of the valid and invalid protests were tabulated, the board and board secretary returned to the public to announce the results. The results were as follows: There were 273 metered parcels subject to the district's water service fees. A majority protest would mean that the district had to have received 137 valid protests from the metered parcels. Only 121 valid letters of protest were received.

V. Approval of New Rate Ordinance

Ordinance 14 Water Rates was read to the public by President Kennedy, then a vote was taken to approve or disapprove. The Ordinance passed with three ayes and two nays.

VI. Pay Bills

All the bills presented were signed.

VII. Adjournment

Vice-President Napolis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Williams. Motion passed with five ayes. The hearing was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

ATTEST: _____

Debbie R Jones, Secretary
RCWD Board of Directors