

# **RAND COMMUNITIES WATER DISTRICT**

## **Special Board Meeting**

# **MINUTES**

Wednesday, October 7, 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, October 7, 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 Ghulam Din. Absent was Director William Liebscher.

### **III. Adopt Agenda**

Director Williams made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the lawyer letter under Correspondence, seconded by Director Din. Motion passed with all ayes.

### **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 September 9, 2020 meeting. Director Din seconded the motion. President Kennedy, Directors Williams and Din voted aye, Director Napolis abstained.

### **VI. Correspondence**

The letter from the lawyer was changed to go under the Grant agenda item. There was no other correspondence.

### **VII. Office Manager's Report**

Vice-President Napolis reported that he had received all the financial reports from the Office Manager and everything looked fine.

(Copied from original report)

There was a major leak on the transmission line just past booster three. The 90-degree elbow had a long cut on one side, which we attributed to the movement of the pavement against it. We figured it ran for about 4 hours before it was noticed. This break plus the water loss from changing the totalizer meter and the valve accounts for the higher water loss this month from last month on the transmission line.

Tiger and Martin redid the packing on all three booster pumps as they were spraying out a larger than normal amount of water. The water leakage necessary for lubrication is now back to normal.

After the September 24<sup>th</sup> meter reading, there were 4 meters in Johannesburg and 1 in Red Mountain with water in them. They have been fixed. The meter at one property has been replaced with a new type of digital meter. It is designed to prevent tampering.

The arsenic level average this quarter for Prather Well 1 is 25 ppb and for Prather Well 2 is 9.975 ppb. The samples were reported on September 14, 2020. The actual level of the wells at the time the samples were taken was 28 ppb for Prather Well 1 and 10 ppb for Prather Well 2. This was the highest recorded level for Prather Well 1 since 2012. I suspect this is because water has not been drawn from it for several months. It is not connected to the system, so its arsenic level does not really matter, and it will be completely disconnected from the system and put on standby once the grant work is started.

The hole in the wall in the office where the old air conditioner was has been patched and painted. You would never know there was anything there. Tiger and Martin have continued to put new siding on the back of building when nothing else is pressing.

Tiger bought a solid wood door for \$40 at Home Depot (it was mispriced) to replace the warped front door. This will be done when there is nothing else pressing.

I continued the ad for a General Manager in the Daily Independent, on our website, and on both Post Office bulletin boards as requested. To date I have received no applications from to the ad. (end of report)

#### **VIII. Grant Contract**

David Mann, the current District lawyer, has recommended we find other legal counsel closer to the District. His emails concerning this issue were read. James Ciampa, a lawyer recommended by NV5, has agreed to do the opinion letter required by the California State Water Board to receive the grant, along with the required Resolution. His firm is requesting the proposal contract to be signed for their records.

Vice-President Napolis made a motion stating: “we employ them on a trial basis, to sign off on your sheet, and to consider at a later time keeping them on after we have had more contact with them to see how they are doing.” Motion seconded by Director Williams. Motion passed with four ayes and one absent.

Director Napolis made a motion to adopt resolution 10-20-1. Seconded by Director Williams. Motion passed with four ayes and one absent. Both the resolution and the signature letters for the grant were signed.

#### **IX. Bill Pay**

All bills were signed.

#### **X. General Manager Ad**

It was discussed to let the ad run locally and not in the newspaper until after the election and the new board members are on the board.

**XI. Future Agenda Items**

Items will be added before the next meeting.

**XII. Adjournment**

Director Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice-President Napolis. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

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