

RAND COMMUNITIES WATER DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
MINUTES

Wednesday, December 9, 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, December 9, 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, Director Ghulam Din and Director Brent Brown.

III. Adopt Agenda

Director Williams made a motion to adopt the agenda, 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

Director Williams made a motion that they approve the Minutes for the November 11, 2020 meeting. Director Din seconded the motion. Motion passed with four ayes and one abstain.

VI. Induction of New Board Members

Directors Ernest Napolis and Brent Brown were sworn in by the Board secretary Debbie Jones.

VII. Election of Officers

Director Williams made a motion that Cliff Kennedy stay as President to finish off the whole grant issue he has spent two years working on and continue to work on it to see it through, and that Ernest Napolis remain as Vice-President and just continue the status quo for the next two years. Motion seconded by Director Brown. Motion passed with all ayes.

After discussion, Director Williams made a motion to make Director Brown the new Board Treasurer. Vice-President Napolis seconded the motion. Motion passed with all ayes.

VIII. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

IX. Office Manager Report

(Copied from original report)

A leak developed in Randsburg on November 23 by the park bathrooms. Tiger and Martin slowed down the flow by tightening the coupler but were unable to fix it at that time as they could not get the water to shut completely off in that section. Due to the large number of people in Randsburg for Thanksgiving week, they didn't want to shut off the water to the entire town. So they slowed down the leak as much as possible, covered it back up to prevent an accident, and barricaded it off.

A hydrant near the leak has broken and is unusable. Unfortunately, all of the hydrants in the town are obsolete and cannot be replaced with the same type of hydrant as the manufacturer is no longer in business. They all need to be replaced with new hydrants, but we will need a grant to do so. There are grants available for infrastructure improvements.

Tiger installed two new valves in Randsburg to isolate specific areas rather than having to shut down the whole town to fix major leaks. While digging a hole to install a valve by Redrock Randsburg Road and Butte Ave, they discovered a new meter we had no idea was there. It was buried six inches underground (meter box and everything), and was live with water pressure in both the intake and output line. This meter wasn't associated with a residence. The weird thing about it was that the output pipe was attached back to the distribution line, and no water was actually feeding through the meter. It only registered as having 40 gallons passing through it at some point. We removed the meter.

A leak developed again by booster 3 where it was leaking before and occurred before the totalizer meter. The Band-Aid that had been installed was removed and two couplers and a piece of pipe was installed to solve the leak. This leak, and one other that we haven't been able to locate yet, has caused the rise in transmission line loss. The leak between booster one and two hasn't been found yet because there is no water evident on the surface. We know it is there because the time it takes for the water to get from booster one to two has increased.

We had to buy another battery for the SUV as the one in it was very old and had gotten to the point where the car wouldn't start if left sitting for a few days.

I contacted CoBank, which has a partnership with California Rural Water Association, about a line of credit/gap loan. I am still waiting to hear back.

I have ordered and received laser checks for the grant checking account. I have had the words: Grant Account printed on the checks so they can be told apart from the main checking account checks, as it didn't cost any extra to do so.
(End of report)

X. General Manager Discussion

Vice-President Napolis made a motion that we run, starting next week, through the end of January 2021, the ad of what we're looking for in a General Manager and refer to the website, in the Daily Independent, Swap Sheet, and News Review and see what we get from that. Motion seconded by Director Williams. Motion passed with all ayes.

XI. Future Agenda Items

Discussion of valves and putting a casing around them somehow.

Schedule to exercise valves and for the fire department to open and close hydrants.

XII. Adjournment

Director Din made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice-President Napolis. Motion passed with all ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

ATTEST: _____
Debbie Jones, Recorder