

# **RAND COMMUNITIES WATER DISTRICT**

## **Regular Board Meeting**

# **MINUTES**

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

27804 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, September 8, 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. Adopt Agenda**

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

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

No one had any comments.

### **V. Closed Session – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Name of case: Greg Thompson v. Rand Communities Water District, et. al.**

The board went into closed session at 7:05 pm.

### **VI. Open Session**

The board resumed open session at 7:33 pm. No reportable action taken at this time.

### **VII. Correspondence**

A new public record request from the Friels was received.

### **VIII. Approve Minutes from August 11, August 23, and August 30, 2021**

Director Williams made a motion to approve the minutes from August 11, August 23 and August 30, 2021 with a correction to the August 23 and 30<sup>th</sup> minutes of the day from Wednesday to Monday. Seconded by Director Brown. Motion passed with 3 ayes and 2 abstains.

### **IX. General Managers Report**

(Copied from original report)

All the valves in Randsburg and Red Mountain have been exercised. The ones in Johannesburg will be done by the end of this month.

There have been multiple leaks in Randsburg and Johannesburg, most seemingly in the same or nearby places where ones occurred before. In Randsburg we attribute this to the rocky ground, and in Johannesburg to the water pressure, plus many lines are becoming brittle from age. All leaks are fixed as soon as possible.

We have had a couple of leaks on the transmission line this last month. One on August 16 just after booster 1 heading uphill, and one on September 3 near booster 3.

The State Water Board distributed a survey for customer arrearages and District shortages during the Covid period which I have filled out and turned in. Districts have until September 10<sup>th</sup> to turn them in. The Water Board will review the surveys after that date then draft a resolution for the arrearages program. The program applications will be distributed 14 days after the resolution is drafted. The funds will be disbursed starting November 1. They provided a webinar to explain the program and answer questions online that I attended. Accounts sent to the county tax roles are also eligible for reimbursement, so we can apply for all accounts in arrears. There 27 accounts that are eligible.

The customer accounts submitted for reimbursement must be credited with 60 days after receiving the funds. After the accounts are credited, customers must be given a payment plan option for the remaining balance and given 30 days to sign up before we are allowed to shut their water off.

Newmont Goldcorp has finished their current project and is no longer getting water from well 1. I haven't yet heard from Northwind or any other company concerning the BLM project in Johannesburg that will need water. There are currently no other customers buying bulk water.

(End of report)

**X. Pay Bills**

All the bills presented were signed.

**XI. Future Agenda Items**

Catastrophic Losses.

**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 7:50 PM.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debbie R Jones, Secretary  
RCWD Board of Directors