

**Rand Communities Water District  
Regular Board Meeting**

Date/Time: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM  
Place: Rand Communities Water District Office  
501 Comstock Avenue, Johannesburg, California

**DRAFT MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Cliff Kennedy. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call was taken. Present were: President Cliff Kennedy, Directors Tom Williams and Ghulam Din. Absent: Vice President Ernest Napolis and Director William Liebscher. Also present were: General Manager Greg Thompson, Board Secretary Carrie Hoerauf, Office Manager Debbie Jones, and members of the public. (Note: Director Liebscher joined the meeting late at 7:05, after the agenda was adopted.)

Adopt Agenda. The agenda was adopted as drafted. (Motion by Director Din, seconded by Director Williams; 3 ayes: Kennedy, Williams, Din; 0 nays; absent: Napolis, Liebscher).

Communications from the Public. Steve Jones of Johannesburg was heard. Dan Stanton of Red Mountain was heard.

Correspondence. There was no correspondence to review.

General Manager's Report. (See attached.)

After the General Manager's reported was completed, it was decided that GM Greg Thompson will schedule an appointment time with the ACWA/JPIA attorney and a Special Meeting with closed session will be scheduled to discuss pending litigation, possibly on Thursday, June 20, 2019.

General Manager's Needs Report: Future needs include the cost of painting the inside of one tank in Red Mountain, and the costs for a cross connection survey.

Bills paid. Checks and payroll checks were signed (all bills were submitted with invoices attached). The Board also reviewed debit card expenditures.

Grant Update. President Kennedy reported that a conference call took place between State Water Board, BLM and NV5 – and did not include a representative of RCWD. BLM needs a right of way for a second electric line. Kennedy will make an appointment to meet with Paul Rodriguez. SoCal Edison wants \$40,000 for electrical line; Kennedy will be contacting Daisy Rios to discuss the timing of payment.

Budget for FY 2019/2020. A budget needs to be prepared. Director Din will assist GM Greg Thompson; budget to be presented at next Regular Board Meeting on July 10. Discussion took place regarding whether the State or Counties actually require a budget to be submitted, and whether this requirement is included in the State Water Code.

Employee Insurance. A decision was made to talk to attorney David Mann to ask can you give funds to employees instead of paying for their insurance. (Motion by Director Williams, seconded by

Director Liebscher. 4 ayes: Kennedy, Williams, Din, Liebscher. Absent: Napolis.) This call to be handled by the office.

Employee Agreements. A status update was requested on this topic. Employee Agreements had been distributed for employees to sign, and then be countersigned by a Board member; with specific instructions that any prior letters be shredded and replaced with new agreements. Agreements had not been distributed to all employees. GM Greg Thompson reported no agreements were signed and disputed the necessity of a new agreement. Discussion took place regarding whether all employees had signed acknowledgement of their at-will employment. No decision was made.

Resolution(s) re: public hearing / property tax lien for delinquent accounts. President Kennedy reported the results of the Public Hearing held on June 5, 2019 (which was posted to the public as well as advertised in local newspaper for two weeks). None of the six delinquent account holders attended the hearing, thus they defaulted/forfeited. A motion was made by Director Williams to adopt the resolution regarding tax liens, seconded by President Kennedy. 2 ayes: Kennedy, Williams. 2 nays: Din, Liebscher. Absent: Napolis. This item to be tabled until next meeting. GM Greg Thompson to ask attorney about whether RCWD can accept payment on a delinquent account which was defaulted at the Public Hearing.

Conflict of Interest Code. A decision was made to update the Conflict of Interest Code. This is a routine update done every two years. (Motion by Director Din, second by Director Liebscher, 4 ayes: Kennedy, Williams, Din, Liebscher; absent: Napolis).

Follow up on water theft. An update was requested on whether collection on water theft was being pursued, police reports made, etc. GM Greg Thompson had made one original contact with Sheriff and has not yet followed up.

Ordinances -- proposed revisions. Proposed revisions to Ordinances were reviewed and adopted. (Motion by Director Williams, second by Pres. Kennedy, 3 ayes: Kennedy, Williams, Din; 1 nay: Liebscher; absent: Napolis).

Future agenda items, next meeting July 10, 2019. Follow up from attorney inquiry, employee insurance, water theft follow up/sheriff, budget, tax lien resolution, pending litigation, right of ways blocked, grant update.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM. (Motion by Director Din, second by Director Williams; 4 ayes: Kennedy, Williams, Din, Liebscher, 1 absent: Napolis).

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Carrie Hoerauf  
Secretary to RCWD Board

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