

**RAND COMMUNITIES WATER DISTRICT**  
**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 4, 2023  
27804 Comstock Ave, Johannesburg, CA 93528

**1. Call to Order**

Vice-President Ghulam Din called to order the special meeting at 5:00 PM.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**3. Roll Call**

Present: President Jay Friel, Vice-President Ghulam Din, Director Will Liebscher, and Director Greg Thompson.

**4. Adopt Agenda**

President Friel made a motion to adopt the Agenda. Director Thompson seconded, and the motion was passed with 4 ayes and 0 nays.

**5. Communications from the Public**

An individual from the public made a comment about the CD (certificate-of-deposit) idea discussed in the last meeting. He provided more details about the potential CD offers, which will be considered in the future. A comment was also made about recycling the American flag.

**6. Appoint Board Member**

Two board member applicants, Robert Baum and Mark Jones, were considered to fill a vacancy in the Board of Directors. The applicants were present at the meeting and were each interviewed by the board. Both being judged as excellent candidates, the board had to make a difficult decision to appoint one for the position. A vote was conducted, with 3 board members favoring Robert Baum, and 1 board member favoring Mark Jones. The Oath of Appointment was administered, and Robert Baum was officially appointed to the Board of Directors.

**7. Discuss D-1 License Issue**

With the district lacking a licensed Water Distribution Operator to supervise our water system, the Board of Directors brainstormed how to find a qualified candidate to hire to fill this position in a timely manner to remain in compliance with the State Waterboard's guidelines. With few options, President Friel suggested that since Director Thompson has a valid D-1 License, it would be beneficial if he steps down from the Board of Directors and work for the district as an employee. Director Thompson, keeping the well-being of the district in mind, inclined to such a proposal, and presented a resignation letter to the board. The acceptance of this letter has been tabled for the next meeting.

**8. Future Agenda Items**

- Accept Board Member's Resignation
- Discuss Cross-Connection Violation Issue

**9. Adjournment**

Director Liebsher made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Baum. The motion was passed with 4 ayes and 0 nays. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maaz Tahir, Secretary  
RCWD Board of Directors