

RAND COMMUNITIES WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Thursday, October 12, 2023
27804 Comstock Ave, Johannesburg, CA 93528

1. Call to Order

Vice-President Ghulam Din called the regular meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call

Present: Vice-President Ghulam Din, Director Robert Baum, Director Mark Jones, and Director Gregory Frazier. Absent: No board member absent.

4. Communications from the Public

No comments were made from the public.

5. Adopt Agenda

Director Baum made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Jones and was passed with 4 ayes and 0 nays.

6. Discuss Need For New Booster Pump

The general manager reported the need for a new reserve booster pump, due to the spares that we have were found to be non-functional. The lack of a functional reserve pump puts our district in a risky position, where, if an emergency were to happen in which the pump attached to the well were to blow out, then we would not be able to pump any water and would have to commission water trucks to fill our tanks to continue supplying water to our customers. Although our current pump does not show significant signs of degradation, a reserve pump is still required in order to prevent a catastrophic situation from arising in an emergency.

The need was discussed by the board and options were considered. A significant point that needed to be considered was the time it takes to manufacture a new pump. The general manager had inquired with one floway pump distributor, who quoted us that it would take 8 months to manufacture the pump. This would leave our company at risk for an extended period.

The board agreed that such a necessity need to be acted upon, but due to the significant time and expense that this need demands, the board recommended researching the different possibilities, including inquiring with different engineering firms for the cost of a new pump, and inquiring with various companies to see if the non-functional reserve pumps can be repaired.

Vice-President Din made a motion to approve the purchase of a new reserve pump on the condition that repairing the ones that we have is not possible. The motion was seconded

by Director Frazier and was passed with 4 ayes and 0 nays. A resolution will be drafted as more details become available.

7. Closed Session: Interview Applicant for Position on Board of Directors

A closed session began at 5:30pm to interview an applicant to fill the vacant position on the Board of Directors.

8. Return to Open Session

The meeting returned to open session at 5:45pm. Vice-President Din gave a summary of the reportable actions that took place in the closed session:

- Following an interview and vote amongst the board members, the decision was made to appoint the applicant, Gregory Thompson, for the position of Director on the Board of Directors.

9. Appoint New Board Member and Administer Oath

With Gregory Thompson having been agreed upon for appointment on the Board of Directors, the appointment procedure was conducted. Secretary Tahir administered the Oath of Appointment to Thompson, and he was formally appointed to the position of Director on the Board of Directors.

10. Approve Minutes

No minutes were presented for approval.

11. Discuss/Take Action on Board Offices

With the Board President having resigned in September, action needed to be taken on the designation of the positions of President and Vice-President on the Board of Directors. A discussion took place regarding the responsibilities that would be involved in these positions, and possible candidates were considered. After thorough discussion, the board conducted a vote took place on possible candidates for these positions.

Director Baum made a motion that the board recognizes Vice-President Din as President, and Director Jones as Vice-President. The motion was seconded by Director Thompson, and was passed with 4 ayes and 1 abstain.

Directors Din and Jones were designated to the positions of President and Vice-President, respectively, on the RCWD Board of Directors. Relevant parties will be notified of this update to our board.

12. Discuss/Take Action on Well #4 Pump

An individual had notified the board of their interest performing work on Well #4 for personal use. Due to RCWD owning the water rights within the area, the individual needed the water district's permission to continue.

A Discussion took place regarding the status of the well and the potential consequences of issuing permission for its reactivation. Given the well's history and its deteriorated condition, the board agreed that it would be a significant liability to the district to permit access to the well. Various other issues of legality and practicality were discussed.

Director Thompson made a motion to deny the individual's request. Director Frazier seconded the motion, and the motion was passed with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

13. General Manager's Report

General Manager David Perry gave a report of the notable events and achievements for the month. A summary is given below:

- Fixed 4 service connection leaks in Johannesburg.
- Fixed 1 service connection leak in Red Mountain.
- Dug up valve in Red Mountain and got it working (across from Silver Dollar).
- Exercised valves and cleaned out access ports.
- Created a storm-resistant covering for transmission line in the big wash.
- Replaced a broken curb-stop in Randsburg.
- Re-established service connection to a house in Randsburg.
- Exercised and serviced the fire hydrants.
- Repaired non-working fire hydrant in Randsburg.
- Replaced broken fire-hydrant in Johannesburg (water service was off for about 4 hours)
- Prep booster wells for rust treatment.
- Fixed 2 flat tires on Ford Ranger.
- Preparing a maintenance schedule and signs for the park as recommended by our insurance company JPIA.
- The lawyer for NV5 is awaiting our response about the money that we owe.
- Contacted G3 Engineering to order a replacement booster pump and am still awaited a response.

14. Discuss Budget

At the last meeting, President Din the board approved a budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. Discussion took place regarding the performance of the district to that standard. A deficiency of revenue was noted, and various influences were considered as an explanation. President Din requested that the accounts receivable should be given more attention to ensure the receipt of revenue that is owed to us.

15. Pay Bills

Bills were presented and paid.

16. Future Agenda Items

No items were suggested to be tabled for a future meeting.

17. Proceeding Adjournment

Director Baum made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Thompson and passed with 4 ayes and 0 nays. The meeting was adjourned 7:50pm.

ATTEST:



Maaz Tahir, Secretary
RCWD Board of Directors