

**RAND COMMUNITIES WATER DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

Thursday, January 11, 2024  
27804 Comstock Ave, Johannesburg, CA 93528

**1. Call to Order**

President Ghulam Din called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**3. Roll Call**

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

**4. Communications from the Public**

No comments were made from the public.

**5. Adopt Agenda**

**Director Thompson made a motion to add “Discuss Ordinance #1” after item 10 – “Discuss Policy Manual.” Director Jones seconded the motion, and the motion was passed with 5 ayes and 0 nays.** The agenda was adopted as amended.

**6. Discussion About Well 2 Project**

Carlos Bravo from Self-Help Enterprises, who attended the meeting virtually, updated the board on the on-going Well 2 project. Sampling procedure was clarified, and contract with the driller is still awaiting approval. Bravo stated that the project is projected to be completed by the end of February.

**7. Discuss Agreement with Gold Discovery Group**

A discussion took place regarding a proposed long-term non-potable bulk-water sale agreement for a large mining project that Gold Discovery Group (“GDG”) projects to start within 2 years. GDG says they will need 1.5 million gallons per month. A draft agreement was presented to the board by GDG, and several concerns were raised regarding its terms, logistics, and implications for our water source. Revisions were suggested, and this proposal will undergo thorough discussion and consideration over the next several months before this agreement is accepted.

**8. Discuss and Take Action on Payment to NV5**

The board discussed payment for an accounts payable balance involving NV5. Following negotiations with our lawyer, NV5 came to an agreement to settle the \$29,000 balance for \$21,000. A loan was considered for payment, but the board decided against it. **Director Frazier made a motion that the balance be paid through a combination of our checking account (\$16,000) and the left-over balance of our grant funds account**

**(\$5,000). The motion was seconded by Vice-President Jones and passed with 5 ayes and 0 nays.** The motion was carried and payment will be disbursed following correspondence with our lawyer.

**9. Discuss and Take Action on Unused Asset Liquidation**

Discussion took place to sell two items that are no longer being used by the district: a non-functional 2007 Ford Explorer, and a 19-foot tandem axle trailer. Since there is no use for these items, the board has decided to sell these items. These items will be advertised in a Swap Sheet advertisement for two weeks, and the sale procedure will be a mail-in open-bid, with \$500 being the minimum price for the Ford Explorer, and \$1,000 being the minimum price for the trailer. **Director Thompson made a motion to authorize the sale of these items in the aforementioned procedure. The motion was seconded by Director Frazier, and passed with 5 ayes and 0 nays.** The motion was carried, and sale will proceed in the coming weeks.

**10. Discuss Policy Manual**

Some out-of-date items were pointed out in the employee policy manual. The employees were requested to review the manual and make suggestions for items that need to be updated.

**11. Discuss Ordinance #1**

Some out-of-date items were pointed out in Ordinance #1. The board and employees were requested to review the manual and make suggestions for items that need to be changed or updated.

**12. Approve Minutes**

Minutes for the 11/9/2023 and 12/14/2023 meetings were presented for approval. **Vice-President Jones made a motion to approve the Minutes for both meetings. The motion was seconded by Director Thompson and passed with 5 ayes and 0 nays.** The motion was carried and the minutes for these dates were approved.

**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 3 leaks in Johannesburg.
- Fixed 4 leaks in Randsburg.
- Fixed 3 leaks in Red Mountain.
- Relocated 1 meter box in Red Mountain.
- Repaired and reinstalled leaking hydraulic ram on backhoe.
- Conducted a test to determine townsite water loss in Red Mountain and Johannesburg/Randsburg. The storage tanks were filled and water was supplied to the towns solely from the tanks for a 15-day period so that the water-use can be isolated and calculated for the towns. The following results were determined:
  - o . The five-year monthly average of metered water sales for Red Mountain in December is 109,485 gallons. During the 15-day test, Red Mountain used 109,642 gallons. Assuming consistent water consumption for the month, Red Mountain used 219,284 gallons in 30 days, translating to a roughly 50% loss.
  - o The five-year monthly average of metered water sales for Johannesburg and Randsburg in December is 344,174 gallons, and during the 15-day test, 296,500 gallons were used. Assuming consistent water consumption for the

month, that is 593,000 gallons over 30 days, translating to a 42% townsite loss for Johannesburg and Randsburg.

**14. Pay Bills**

Bills were presented and paid.

**15. Future Agenda Items**

The following item was suggested to be added to the next agenda:

- Discuss and Take Action on Ordinance #1.

**16. Proceeding Adjournment**

**Director Baum made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by President Din and passed with 5 ayes and 0 nays.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

ATTEST: Maaaz Tahir  
Maaaz Tahir, Secretary  
RCWD Board of Directors

Minutes Approved with 4 ayes and 0 nays at a Regular Board Meeting held on May 9, 2024.