

RAND COMMUNITIES WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Thursday, February 8, 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

An individual from the public made a comment about his involvement in a project to bring nuclear-waste storage to his property in Randsburg.

5. Adopt Agenda

President Din made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of “Update on Audit” after item 10 – “Approve Minutes.” Director Baum 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. The contract is still awaiting approval. Upon seeking approval for the contract with Ron Garrison, the well-driller, the Self-Help program director found that Garrison’s license was expired. Garrison got that fixed, and the contract awaits approval once again. A phone call between the RCWD General Manager, Garrison, Bravo, and the hydrogeologist Ken Schmidt will be scheduled to clarify logistics. Following this, the project will commence in the next few months.

7. Discuss Agreement with Gold Discovery Group

Following the several concerns raised about the draft-agreement from Gold Discovery Group (“GDG”) that was presented to The Board in the last meeting, Director Thompson drafted a list of issues to be forwarded to GDG, including contract term-length, supply conditions, maintenance responsibilities, and termination clauses. Additionally, it was suggested that an alternative well, Well #4, as opposed to Well #1, be used for GDG’s needs, so as to preserve the aquifer at Well #1 and #2. With excessive pumping from Well #1, there is a risk that the aquifer of our main water supply would be compromised, leading to water quality and recharge issues, whereas supplying the water from Well #4 would prevent this issue since it’s water source is outside our main aquifer. These

concerns and possibilities will be considered in further correspondence with GDG regarding their proposed project.

8. Discuss and Take Action on Payment to NV5

Our lawyer is awaiting a response from NV5 to initiate the payment. Payment is expected to occur in the upcoming weeks.

9. Update on Unused Asset Liquidation

The Ford Explorer and trailer were listed for bid in the Swap Sheet. They will remain in an ad for 2 weeks, and the final bidding date

10. Approve Minutes

No Minutes were presented for approval.

11. Update on Audit

We are talking with an accounting agency to help us prepare the documents needed to complete our outstanding audits.

12. 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 2 leaks in Johannesburg.
- Fixed 1 service line and 1 main-line leak in Randsburg.
- Moved 2 meter boxes.
- Started valve exercising in Johannesburg.
- Advertised Ford Explorer and utility trailer for sale in the Swap Sheet. The deadline for bids is February 12.
- Fixed toilet paper rack in park bathroom (result of vandalism).
- Inspected Well #4 and met with Ron Garrison to develop a plan for rehabbing the well.
- Determined that Owl Garage water supply comes from under Highway 395 (ongoing leak investigation).
- Obtained a water disconnection for non-payment to be reviewed by The Board.

13. Pay Bills

Bills were presented and paid.

14. Future Agenda Items

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

- Discuss and Take Action on Ordinance #1.

15. Proceeding Adjournment

Director Baum made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Jones and passed with 5 ayes and 0 nays. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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

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