

RAND COMMUNITIES WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Thursday, March 14, 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 Jones made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Thompson, and passed with 5 ayes and 0 nays. The agenda was adopted.

6. Discuss Agreement with Gold Discovery Group

Director Thompson has continued correspondence with *Gold Discovery Group* (“GDG”) to revise the proposed bulk-water purchasing agreement. Following a new draft proposal, additional issues have been identified for review, including contract term-length, charges, and termination clauses. These concerns will be addressed in further correspondence with GDG regarding their proposed project.

7. Discussion About Well 2 Project

The Well 2 pump-lowering project is due to take place next month. A video survey of the well is scheduled to be conducted within the next few weeks. Pumping and water-analysis logistics are to be awaiting finalization by hydrogeologist Ken Schmidt.

8. Discuss and Take Action on Audit

President Din has contacted the accounting firm *Eide Bailly* to help the water district in completing the outstanding financial audits. *Eide Bailly* has sent an engagement letter to begin work. Director Frazier made a motion to authorize working with *Eide Bailey* for audit preparation services. The motion was seconded by Vice-President Jones, and passed with 5 ayes and 0 nays. The engagement letter will be approved and work will begin shortly.

9. Approve Minutes

No Minutes were presented for approval.

10. 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.
- Valve have been exercised.
- The Ford Explorer and Utility trailer have been sold, following bids being received.
- Created a method of testing meters for efficiency and started with the meters we have here at the office.
- Removed two dead trees in the park.
- Registered for mandatory sexual harassment training.
- I drove to NV5's office to get the requested files. After transmitting the files to MC Engineering, I spoke with Julia and she indicated that most of the usable information had been stripped, basically a hollow shell. We emailed our attorney the list of missing files which she will request from NV5 in exchange for the two signed checks*.
- Julia also indicated that if we are successful with the well 2 project then we would no longer be in violation and therefore no longer qualify for the arsenic remediation grant. This is something to seriously consider now that we are free of the NV5 contract.
- The well 2 project is still awaiting permission from the BLM to pump an extra two plus hours into the desert. Then we need to coordinate all parties involved. We mailed a detailed description of the test we want to perform to the hydrologist Ken Schmidt, so he actually knows what is going on.
- I just found out that our order for a replacement booster pump got lost or misplaced by Surface Pumps Inc. They have sent a new quote, but I have lost confidence in their company after being told not to call them, they would call us when our pump was ready, and then lose our order. Next week I will be taking one of the old pumps to DXP Enterprises in Bakersfield to see if they can help us.
- We need to get a credit card in order to pay for certain items online and establish accounts with some companies such as SPI and others that don't take cash.

11. Pay Bills

Bills were presented and paid.

12. Future Agenda Items

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

- Discuss and Take Action on Ordinance #1.

13. Proceeding Adjournment

Director Baum made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice-President Jones and passed with 5 ayes and 0 nays. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 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 June 13, 2024.