

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

Thursday, April 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**

**Vice-President Jones made a motion to adopt the agenda.” Director Thompson seconded the motion, and the motion was passed with 5 ayes and 0 nays.** The agenda was adopted as amended.

**6. Update on Well 2 Project**

Carlos Bravo from Self-Help Enterprises, who attended the meeting virtually, updated the board on the on-going Well 2 pump -lowering project to assess the arsenic concentration at a different water table level. Sampling procedure was clarified, and coordination with the BLM and driller are on-going. Bravo stated that the project is expected to be carried out next month.

**7. Discussion with Expert about Water**

Jay Friel, who has extensive experience in well-drilling, brought up some concerns regarding a bulk-water agreement involving our usual non-potable water well— Prather Well 1. He asserted that long-term high-volume water supply from this well, as the potential bulk-water agreement with *Gold Discovery Group* demands, is bound to affect the water quality of our main potable water well—Prather Well 2. He suggested renegotiating this agreement, omitting any water supply from Well 1 or Well 2, and only supplying high volumes of water from the currently non-functional Well 4, following rehabilitation of the well at the interested party’s expense. This is because Wells 1 and 2 share the same water source, while Well 4’s water source is isolated. This perspective will be considered in future discussions.

## **8. Discuss and Take Action on Booster Pump Replacement**

General Manager Perry has inquired quotes from various engineering firms. We are awaiting responses and details.

## **9. Discuss and Take Action on Agreement with Gold Discovery Group**

An updated draft agreement from *GDG* was presented to the board for review. Following review, concerns were raised with several terms, and the board determined that more information is need before any action is taken. **Director Thompson made a motion that this draft agreement be sent to our attorney, Sunny Wise, for professional advice and review. The motion was seconded by Director Frazier, and passed with 5 ayes and 0 nays.**

## **10. Closed Session, per §54956.5 Regarding Employee Evaluations**

The meeting moved into closed at 9:10 PM.

## **11. Return to Open Session**

The meeting returned to open session at 9:20 PM. Vice-President Jones reported the following actions taken.

- Office Manager Maaz Tahir will receive a \$1/hour raise beginning Monday, April 15, 2024.

## **12. Approve Minutes**

No minutes were presented for approval.

## **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 Randsburg.
- Fixed 1 transmission line break. The break happened due to a power failure.
- Relocated 1 meter box in Red Mountain.
- Exchanged two checks totaling \$21,000 for a flash drive containing plans and specifications pertaining to the Well 3 project with NV5. Will be in contact with MC Engineering to make sure what we received matches their needs.
- Continued to test meters to understand townsite loss.
- Office has completed the Electronic Annual report on time.
- Potential water sales from Well 1 with a drilling company, due to start in June.
- Working on Well 4 in preparation for rehab for GDG.
- Had a Teams meeting with the state and Self-Help Enterprises about the Well 2 pump-lowering project. We are close to starting. The state has given us a list of things to sample for, including Nitrate, Arsenic, Fluoride, Iron, Manganese, Gross Alpha, and Uranium.

## **14. Pay Bills**

Bills were presented and paid.

## **15. Future Agenda Items**

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

## **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: Maaz Tahir  
Maaz Tahir, Secretary  
RCWD Board of Directors

Minutes Approved with 3 ayes and 0 nays at a  
Regular Board Meeting held on November 14, 2024.