

RAND COMMUNITIES WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Thursday, August 8, 2024
27804 Comstock Ave, Johannesburg, CA 93528

1. Call to Order

Vice-President Mark Jones called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call

Present: Vice-President Mark Jones, Director Robert Baum, Director Gregory Frazier, and Director Greg Thompson. Absent: President Ghulam Din.

4. Communications from the Public

An individual from the public made a comment about his concern that his meter is being read incorrectly. The general manager will look into this issue further.

5. Adopt Agenda

Vice-President Jones made a motion to adopt the agenda with the following changes:

- Remove item 10 - “Teams Meeting with *MC Engineering*”
- Remove item 12 - “Discuss and Take Action on Budget”

The motion was seconded by Director Frazier and was passed with 4 ayes and 0 nays. The amended agenda was adopted.

6. Update on B&N Bulk Water Lease Agreement

The general manager has contacted a water attorney to review the proposed bulk-water well lease agreement, and anticipates returning to *B&N* with updates next week. The board intends to move forward with the agreement, but wants to make sure that legal and logistical concerns are properly addressed.

7. Discuss Concerns About Mining Operations in Red Mountain

An individual from the public had raised some concern about some residents losing their property as a result of mining operations in Red Mountain. RCWD does not have any details in that regard.

8. Update on Well 3

We are waiting on *Self-Help Enterprises* and *Garrison Well Drillers* to form a working plan for the development of Well 3 – the test well drilled during first instatement of the arsenic remediation grant. Assessing the viability and devising a working plan to convert Well 3 into a production well will need to take place before the arsenic remediation grant is reinstated by the state.

9. Update on RMC 3

There is some confusion about our ownership of Rand Mining Company Well 3, with an individual having filed a millsite claim on the right-of-way containing the well, claiming that the well now belongs to them. We are corresponding with the *BLM* to resolve the confusion.

10. Update on Audit

The accounting firm assisting us with the audit has received the necessary documents, and the audit is nearing completion.

11. Approve Minutes

No meeting minutes were presented for approval.

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 3 service connection leaks in Johannesburg.
- Fixed 4 service connection leaks in Red Mountain.
- Fixed 7 service connection leaks in Randsburg.
- Finished valve and hydrant exercising.
- Installed Up-Dux in office so the cooler cools the office.
- Ford Ranger had a coolant leak behind the timing cover – fixed.
- On Wednesday 7/31, Director Thompson called to inform me of a boom truck down at RMC 3. I investigated and Sean Tucker had the old well pump and riser pipe replaced with new pipe and pump at RMC 3. He filed a millsite claim at that location and told me that Paul Rodriguez (BLM) had told him that we abandoned RMC 3 along with the right-of-way 11 years ago. I contacted Paul Rodriguez, and he could not get me any info on either the Test Well 3 or RMC 3 and said he would call me back (still waiting). Since then, S. Tucker has removed everything on the surface at RMC 3, but the pump and riser pipe are still in the ground. You have a copy of the Bill of Sale for both RMC 3 and RMC 4 in your paperwork stack. S. Tucker called and spoke with Director Thompson after I spoke with BLM.
- We are waiting for Self Help and Garrison Drilling to put together a plan for well 3.
- I canceled the meeting with MC Engineering as we first need a working plan for the development of well 3 before they can address anything.
- I have made contact with a water attorney that seems to understand what we need, ie; contract review and suggestions if they see anything of note before we finalize and sign.
- Our attorney has the current proposed lease contract and is going over it along with the Settlement between RCWD and Rand Mining.
- I anticipate that Thursday 8-15 will be Tim's last day as he is moving on to bigger and better things. He will be missed!

13. Pay Bills

Bills were presented and paid.

14. Future Agenda Items

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

15. Proceeding Adjournment

Director Baum made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice-President Jones, and passed with 4 ayes and 0 nays. The meeting was adjourned 6:20 PM.

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

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