

RAND COMMUNITIES WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Thursday, November 14, 2024
27804 Comstock Ave, Johannesburg, CA 93528

1. Call to Order

Vice-President 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, and Director Gregory Frazier. Absent: President Ghulam Din and Director Greg Thompson.

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 Baum seconded the motion, and the motion was passed with 3 ayes and 0 nays. The agenda was adopted.

6. Discuss/Take Action on Right of Way (RMC 3)

Correspondence with the BLM is underway to resolve confusion regarding the ownership of the abandoned Right of Way at Rand Mining Well 3 (RMC 3). The BLM has requested to meet with the board within 30 days to discuss some options to remedy the issue. Vice-President Jones made a motion to form an Ad-Hoc Committee with Director Baum and Vice-President Jones to meet with the BLM to discuss the options for the Right of Way at RMC 3. The Motion was seconded by Director Baum, and passed with 3 ayes and 0 nays. The ad-hoc committee was formed, and plans to meet with the BLM in the following weeks.

7. Update on B&N Bulk Water Agreement

Development in the B&N Bulk Water Agreement awaits resolution of the RMC 3 issue, as the outcome may impact certain stipulations in the agreement.

8. Update/Discussion on Test Well 3

Test Well 3, which was drilled under the initial arsenic remediation grant, needs to undergo tests to assess the viability of converting it into a production well before our grant is reinstated by the state. However, the BLM requires us to resolve the RMC3 Right-of-Way issue before issuing a permit to work on the test well. General Manager Perry and the ad-hoc committee will promptly meet with the BLM to evaluate the district's next steps.

9. Update on Audit

The auditing firms *Eide Baily* and *Brown and Brown* are collaborating to complete our outstanding audits. Work is still ongoing.

10. Take Action on Budget

A draft budget for the 2024 fiscal year was presented to the board. The budget needs to be reviewed before it is approved.

11. Approve Minutes

Vice-President Jones made a motion to approve the minutes for the 4/11, 7/11, and 8/08 meetings. The motion was seconded by Director Frazier, and passed with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

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 6 leaks in Randsburg.
- Fixed 9 leaks in Johannesburg.
- Fixed 1 leak in Red Mountain.
- Fixed 1 transmission line leak.
- Our spare booster pump was delivered.
- Red Mountain Tank #2 is leaking less, and has been partially plugged with epoxy putty.

13. Pay Bills

Bills were presented and paid.

14. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were suggested.

15. 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 December 12, 2024.