

RAND COMMUNITIES WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Thursday, December 12, 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. Administer Oath to New Board Members

The following members were elected onto the Board of Directors following the November 2024 General Election:

- Robert Baum, Short-term position ending in 2026.
- Linda Ives, Long-term position ending in 2028.
- John Sides, Long-term position ending in 2028.

Secretary Maaz Tahir administered the oath for each board member. This leaves two vacancies on the board—a short-term position which was not filled by the election, and a position to complete the remainder of President Ghulam Din’s term, who unable to continue his term on the board due to health issues. Both of these vacancies have a term length ending in 2026. The board plans to appoint individuals to fill these vacancies at the next board meeting. A notice of vacancy will be posted at least 2 weeks prior to the board meeting.

7. Discuss and Take Action on Rand Mining Right of Way (RMC 3)

The BLM has requested that the new board meets with the BLM within 30 days to discuss the RMC 3 right-of-way issue. Director Baum made a motion to form an ad-hoc committee consisting of Director Baum and Director Sides to meet with the BLM regarding this issue. The motion was seconded by Director Ives, and passed with 3 ayes and 0 nays. General Manager Perry, along with the ad-hoc committee, plan to meet with the BLM promptly.

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 RMC 3 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/Discussion 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.

10. Update on Audit

The accounting firm assisting us with the audit has informed us that the outstanding FY 2020 audit is projected to be complete by the next board meeting.

11. Take Action on Budget.

A draft budget for the 2024 fiscal year was presented to the board and reviewed. Director Ives made a motion to approve the budget. The motion was seconded by Director Sides and passed with 3 ayes and 0 nays. The budget for the 2024 Fiscal Year was approved.

12. Evaluate Catastrophic Water Loss Claims

Two catastrophic water loss claims were presented to the board for evaluation. After review, both claims were not approved.

13. Approve Minutes

Director Ives made a motion to approve the minutes for the 11/14/24 meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Sides, and passed with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

14. 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.

15. Pay Bills

Bills were presented and paid.

16. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were suggested.

17. Proceeding Adjournment

Director Baum made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Ives and passed with 3 ayes and 0 nays. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

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

Minutes Approved with 5 ayes and 0 nays at a
Regular Board Meeting held on January 9, 2024.