

RAND COMMUNITIES WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Thursday, January 9, 2025
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: Director Robert Baum, Director John Sides, and Director Linda Ives. No board member absent.

4. Communications from the Public

No comments were made from the public.

5. Adopt Agenda

Director Ives made a motion to adopt the agenda. Director Sides seconded the motion, and the motion was passed with 3 ayes and 0 nays. The agenda was adopted.

6. Closed Session: Interview Board Member Applicants.

The meeting moved into a closed session at 5:10 pm to interview two applicants to fill the two vacant positions on the Board of Directors.

7. Return to Open Session.

The meeting returned to open session at 5:25 pm. Director Baum gave a summary of the reportable actions that took place in the closed session:

- The Board has resolved to appoint both candidates to the position of Director on the Board of Directors. The unanimously selected candidates are De Verne Wallace and John Hendry.

8. Appoint New Board Members and Administer Oaths.

Following the selection of the two applicants by the board, the appointment procedure was carried out. Secretary Tahir administered the Oath of Appointment to De Verne Wallace and John Hendry, formally appointing them to the position of Director on the Board of Directors.

9. Discuss/Take Action on Designating Board Offices.

Following the establishment of the new board, formal position assignments were discussed. Director Wallace made a motion to designate Director Baum as President of the Board, and Director Ives as Vice-President. Director Sides seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed with 5 ayes and 0 nays. As a result, Director Baum now

holds the position of President of the Board, and Director Ives serves as Vice-President of the Board.

10. Discuss Rand Mining Right of Way (RMC 3).

11. Update/Discussion on Test Well 3.

Correspondence with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is ongoing to secure the necessary compliance for conducting tests at Test Well 3. Carlos Bravo from *Self-Help Enterprises*, who attended the meeting virtually, provided further updates. An environmental consultant has been contacted for an estimate on required environmental tests, and documentation has been submitted to the BLM for land access, which is projected to be approved in approximately three months.

12. Discuss B&N Bulk Water Agreement.

The *B&N* Bulk Water Agreement is still under development. Communication between our attorney and *B&N* is ongoing to resolve any potential issues.

13. Update on Audit.

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

14. Review By-Laws.

Revisions to the By-Laws were discussed, including modifications to the meeting date and updates to outdated information. These revisions will be addressed following a more thorough review of the necessary changes.

15. Approve Minutes

President Baum made a motion to approve the minutes for the 12/12/24 meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice-President Ives, and passed with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

16. 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.
- Fixed 1 mainline leak between Johannesburg and Red Mountain.
- There was a transmission line break below Randsburg.
- We ordered another booster pump. The ship date is 7/1/25.
- Opened the water road between Johannesburg and Randsburg.
- The Corrective Action Plan was sent to the State Water Resources Control Board and approved.
- Hired an employee to help with maintenance operations; he will be starting on 1/13/25.
- I'm having difficulties reaching the BLM for a meeting that they requested, in regard to both the old Rand Mining Right of Way and the ROW needed to proceed with the Well #3 testing.

17. Pay Bills

Bills were presented and paid.

18. Future Agenda Items

The following topics have been proposed for inclusion in the next meeting's agenda:

- Change Meeting Day.
- Move item #4 “Communications from the Public” to after “Future Agenda Items” in future meeting agendas.
- Discuss Employee Wages.
- Discuss possible RMC Well #3 and Well #4 agreement with *B&N*.

19. Proceeding Adjournment

President Baum made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by President Ives and passed with 3 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 5 ayes and 0 nays at a
Regular Board Meeting held on February 13, 2025.