

**Rand Communities Water District
Regular Board Meeting**

Date/Time: Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM
Place: Rand Communities Water District Office
501 Comstock Avenue, Johannesburg, California

DRAFT MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Cliff Kennedy.

Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge was recited.

Roll Call: Present were President Cliff Kennedy, Directors Tom Williams and Ghulam Din. Absent were: VP Ernest Napolis, Director Will Liebscher. (Director Liebscher joined the meeting late at 7:03 PM, after the Roll Call.) Also present were: General Manager Greg Thompson, Board Secretary Carrie Hoerauf, Office Manager Debbie Jones, and members of the public.

Adopt Agenda. The agenda was adopted as published (motion by Din, second by Williams; 4 ayes: Kennedy, Williams, Din, Liebscher, 1 absent: Napolis. It was decided that the topic of a request for use of Catastrophic Water Loss could be included with the General Manager's report.

Communications from the Public. Dan Stanton was heard.

Correspondence. There was no correspondence to review.

Approve Minutes (May 8, 2019 and June 12, 2019 Regular Board Meetings, and June 5, 2019 Public Hearing): After correcting date of first meeting from May 10 to May 8, 2019, the three sets of minutes were approved. (Motion by Williams, second by Din; 4 ayes: Kennedy, Williams, Din, Liebscher, 1 absent: Napolis.

General Manager's Report.

Greg Thompson provided information regarding a request for use of catastrophic water loss from Rhyan and Shirley Rowe. The amount of water loss was approximately \$1,724.80 and Thompson proposed that the customer pay 20% of that figure (\$344.96). The Board approved this proposal. (Motion by Din, second by Williams, 4 ayes: Kennedy, Williams, Din, Liebscher, 1 absent: Napolis).

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General Manager's Needs Report. There were no needs.

Bills paid. Bills were paid as submitted with invoices attached, and the Board reviewed expenditures from checking account for May and June 2019.

Grant update. Update was given by Cliff Kennedy. The environmental study that was passed in 2016 is being sent back to Paul Rodriguez. Edison says we need more power at Well #2 because of the blending tanks and the pump. Daisy Rios was upset about that because it was not brought up before. Jeff Nelson of NV5 is going back to Edison to try to figure it out. If this is not successful, Kennedy will see Michael Poe. Edison is attempting to bill \$40,000 retroactively.

Budget for FY 2019/20. A draft budget was distributed and discussed briefly. Board members should review and bring questions and comments to the next Board meeting.

Employee Insurance:

- 1) A motion was made by Liebscher, seconded by Williams, to provide employees with compensation for insurance in lieu of providing health insurance; employees to sign a waiver. The motion passed. (4 ayes: Kennedy, Williams, Din, Liebscher; 1 absent: Napolis).
- 2) A motion was made by Williams, seconded by Din, to approve the amount of \$500.00 per month for full time employees in lieu of insurance. The motion passed. (4 ayes: Kennedy, Williams, Din, Liebscher; 1 absent: Napolis).

Audit of FY 2017/18 books. Update was given by Office Manager Debbie Jones. The audit officially began on 7/8/19 and auditors were in the office on 7/8, 7/9, 7/10/19. They have requested more documents, and asked if RCWD would like to consider them auditing the 2018/19 books.

Emergency Phone Number. This item was included in the agenda based on numerous complaints received regarding the emergency phone not being answered, and the emergency phone having no voice mail. GM Greg Thompson said that voice mail had now been set up and that answering the emergency phone and being on call was a duty of Garrison Clair. Thompson is to monitor this.

Water theft – follow up on prior cases. GM Greg Thompson said he had talked with Sheriff who had talked with the District Attorney, and they need to know what the dollar amount of the losses is. If the amount is less than \$900, nothing is likely to happen. It was decided that Thompson and Office Manager Debbie Jones can work together on the task of determining estimate of the dollar figures of water losses. They will submit this in writing to the Sheriff and report back on progress at next Board meeting.

Future agenda items. Next meeting August 14, 2019. Items include: budget, audit update, water theft follow up, bylaws revision re insurance, grant update.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM. (Motion by Liebscher, second by Williams; 4 ayes: Kennedy, Williams, Din, Liebscher; 1 absent: Napolis).

ATTEST:

Carrie Hoerauf
Secretary to RCWD Board of Directors

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