

RAND COMMUNITIES WATER DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
MINUTES

Wednesday, November 10, 2021
27804 Comstock Ave, Johannesburg, CA 93528

I. Call to Order

President Cliff Kennedy called to order the regular meeting of the Rand Community Water district at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 in Johannesburg, California. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. Roll Call

Present were President Cliff Kennedy, Vice-President Ernest Napolis, Director Tom Williams, and Director Ghulam Din. Director Brent Brown's seat was vacant as he had passed away that morning.

III. Adopt Agenda

Director Williams made a motion to adopt the agenda as is. Director Din seconded the motion. Motion passed with all ayes.

IV. Communications from the Public

Mr. Liebscher thanked the board for allowing him to attend the meeting. No one else had any comments.

V. Closed Session – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Name of case: Greg Thompson v. Rand Communities Water District, et. al. and Closed Session: Field Worker Performance Evaluation – California Code Section 54954.5(e).

The board went into closed session at 7:05 pm.

VI. Open Session

The board resumed open session at 8:20 pm. No reportable action taken at this time.

VII. Correspondence

No new correspondence to report.

VIII. Approve Minutes from October 13, 2021 and October 19, 2021

Director Williams made a motion to approve the minutes from October 13, 2021 and October 19, 2021. Seconded by Director Din. Motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 vacant.

IX. NV5 Progress Report

Mr. Owens reported they have made a lot of progress. A couple of his engineers came out here to look at a few things at the construction site. They have been going over the drawings to make sure everything makes sense. Then they will be sent to the electrical engineer to go over to make sure that part also still makes sense as the drawings were done several years ago. They are still waiting for some updates on the civil drawings,

(pipelines, etc). When they are done, he will send them to GM Jones and to the State Water Board.

X. General Managers Report
(Copied from original report)

October 13 – Leak up on the hill on the transmission line just past the flow meter after booster 3. The compression coupler was leaking.

October 14 – Leak by 309 Highland.

October 18 – Leak in Red Mountain by the Owl. Fixed leak and moved meter outside of fence for easier access.

October 20 – Leak near the water tank on dirt road by mine on Randsburg side.

October 20 – Leak on transmission line between booster 2 and booster 3 caused by a rock hole.

October 21 – Leak by 56 Lexington.

October 25 – Leak by 843 Red Mtn Rd.

October 26 – Leak by 415 Panamint. Removed meter on October 27 due to fire.

November 5 – Leak on transmission line between booster 2 and booster 3 caused by a failed repair band.

November 8 – Leak by 307 Highland.

We have been having issues with the chlorine pump. It kept losing prime. I'm not sure why we were suddenly having this issue after using these pumps as we were for years, but along with getting a new pump and conferring with the tech department at USA Bluebook, we were able to get everything working. We have redone the chlorine station in Well 2 so that the pump is lower than the carboy filled with chlorine so the pump will maintain its prime now.

I am still waiting on the Arrears program. I got confirmation of my completed application. I had to take one account from Johannesburg out of the tax lien list in order to get compensated for the covid-19 timeframe without having to do extra paperwork. The balance can be put on next year's list.

(End of report)

XI. Catastrophic Loss Claim

GM Jones stated that the customer did not verify the leak was fixed, he could not say how much water was used, he had an outstanding balance of over \$3000 beforehand, and there wasn't a single water loss event. He knew he had a leak, but wouldn't fix it or pay his bills, so his water was shut off in February 2020. He did not contact the district concerning this again until we put a lien on his property taxes. GM Jones recommended that the claim be denied.

Vice-President Napolis made a motion to deny the catastrophic loss. Motion seconded by Director Williams. Motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 vacant.

XII. Public Hearing Notice Letter and Ballot Review

Subject tabled until the district lawyer reviews the documents.

XIII. Newsletter Review

Subject tabled until the district lawyer reviews the document.

XIV. Pay Bills

All the checks presented for payment of bills were signed.

XV. Future Agenda Items

General Manager Duties

XVI. Adjournment

Director Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Din. Motion passed with all ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

ATTEST: _____

Debbie R Jones, Secretary
RCWD Board of Directors