

**ROCKWOOD WATER PEOPLE'S UTILITY DISTRICT
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
August 28, 2024
Rockwood Water Board Room and Zoom Video Conference**

Board members present: Larry Dixon, Tom Lewis, Kathy Zimmerman, Steve Okazaki

Staff present: Kari Duncan, General Manager (GM); Andy Crocker, District Superintendent (DS); Jeremy Hudson, District Engineer (DE); Nyla Clark, Government Affairs Coordinator (GAC), Cathy Middleton, Office Supervisor (OS); Joey Schlosser Assistant Superintendent (AS); Jeremy Hanson Assistant Engineer (AE); Dan Zimmerman, Senior Accountant (SA).

Guests present: Eric Cole, Cori Johnson, Steven White

President Okazaki called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Okazaki asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. **GM Duncan** noted there were no changes to the agenda.

Tom Lewis moved to approve the agenda. **Larry Dixon** seconded the motion. **The motion was approved; none opposed.**

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

President Okazaki asked if there were any changes or updates to the consent agenda. **GM Duncan** noted there were no changes to the consent agenda.

Tom Lewis moved to approve the consent agenda. **Kathy Zimmerman** seconded the motion. **The motion was approved; none opposed.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Okazaki asked if there were any changes to the minutes.

Larry Dixon moved to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2024 regular Board meeting. **Tom Lewis** seconded the motion. **The motion was approved; none opposed.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS

President Okazaki asked if there were any questions about the bills. The Board discussed their questions.

Kathy Zimmerman moved to approve the bills as presented. **Tom Lewis** seconded the motion. **The motion was approved; none opposed.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

CASCADE GROUNDWATER ALLIANCE (CGA) BUDGET UPDATE

GM Duncan provided the board with an update on the CGA budget and how inflation has affected the budget overall.

BOND FUNDING OVERVIEW

In January of 2021 a Funding Resolution (Resolution RWPUD 20/21-001) was adopted to allow the District to issue Bonds in the amount of up to \$70 million to fund the project. Due to inflation and some scope adjustments between 2019 and 2024 the total amount anticipated for funding has increased above the original authorized amount. GM Duncan explained that the District is requesting to issue up to an additional \$35 million in bonds for completion of the project.

RESOLUTION

Tom Lewis moved to adopt RESOLUTION NO. RWPUD 24/25-001 - A Resolution Of The Rockwood Water People's Utility District Authorizing The Issuance, Sale, Execution And Delivery Of Additional Water Revenue Bonds From Time-To-Time, In One Or More Series, In An Aggregate Principal Amount Not To Exceed \$35,000,000 For The Purpose Of Financing Additional Costs Related Capital Improvements To The District's Water System And Amounts Necessary For Paying Related Costs; Authorizing The Authorized Representative To Negotiate, Execute And Deliver Financing, Legal And Disclosure Documents; Designating Authorized Representatives And Delegating Authority; And Related Matters. Larry Dixon Seconded the motion, motion passes unanimously.

BOARD TRAINING

The SDIS Best Practices Program is a program that the District participates in every year, and through the program is able to earn up to 10% credit (approximately \$10,000) on its insurance costs. This year, one of the best practices that the District can implement is a an online Public Meeting Training course that must be attended by all members of the Board of Directors to receive credit. This training is less than 30 minutes and if all Board Members attend the training, the District can achieve a savings of 2%, or approximately \$2000 on its Insurance costs. The training will be provided to Board members before the next board meeting on September 25, 2024.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

GM Duncan shared that the District is evaluating a Cyber Security Grant from SDAO to see if we have a project that will qualify.

DS Crocker shared that an AMI installation update, 450 end points and meters have been installed.

DS Crocker thanked staff who delt with two water main breaks this week.

Kathy Zimmerman asked if the new meters have started showing leaks. DS Crocker answered that we don't have enough meters out at this point to notice a huge uptick, it will be a few months before we have enough online to really see the data.

GAC Clark shared that the District will have an employee BBQ on September 26, the board is invited to attend.

Larry Dixon asked for an update on the Water Transmission Pipe going down Stark to 141st. DE Hudson explained that the work has to all fit within a schedule that works with the other projects. The crew will begin work back on 141st soon.

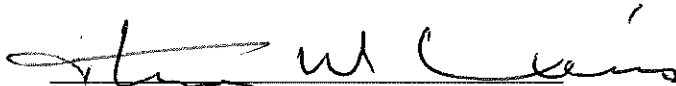
NEXT MEETING

President Okazaki reminded everyone the next Board meeting will be Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Tom Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion was approved; none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.


Secretary