

**ROCKWOOD WATER PEOPLE'S UTILITY DISTRICT
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
October 23, 2024
Rockwood Water Board Room and Zoom Video Conference**

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

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

Guests present: Cori Johnson

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.

Larry Dixon moved to approve the agenda. Kathy Zimmerman 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 September 25, 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.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

SDAO/SPECIAL DISTRICTS INSURANCE SERVICES 2024/2025 BEST PRACTICES SURVEY

GAC Clark ran through the survey.

Tom Lewis moved to approve the SDAO best practices survey, Larry Dixon Seconded motion, motion passed unanimously.

BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW FUNDING

GM Duncan shared that RWPUD and the City of Gresham have each been awarded a \$1.5 million grant through the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to help fund the expansion of the local Cascade Groundwater System. Funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is awarded by EPA through Business Oregon and The Oregon Health Authority's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. The grant is in the form of a forgivable loan.

The grant funding will be used to purchase Manganese Water Filters that will be installed as part of the Package 4 Water Treatment Plant, to treat up to 25 million gallons per day of groundwater. The funding was anticipated during the FY 2024/2025 Budget setting process and is included in both the FY 2024/2025 Budget and the 2024 Water Rate Model.

RESOLUTION NO. RWPUD 24/25-002 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LOAN FROM THE SAFE DRINKING WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND BY ENTERING INTO A FINANCING CONTRACT WITH THE OREGON INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY

Kathy Zimmerman moved to adopt Resolution No. RWPUD 24/25-002 A Resolution Authorizing A Loan From The Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund By Entering Into A Financing Contract With The Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority. Colby Riley seconded the motion. The motion was approved; none opposed.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

DS Crocker shared that the District has upgraded employees phones and will be getting rid of the old phones. If the phones are determined to have any value, they will be sold at market value to employees and the public.

GM Duncan reminded the board that the Public Officials Training required by the State will be offered at Rockwood on December 11. GM Duncan also congratulated Colby Riley on completing the SDAO Board Leadership Academy.

Tom Lewis provided a recap from his most recent RWPC Board Meeting.

GAC Clark invited the board to attend the District Holiday Potluck on December 10.

NEXT MEETING

President Okazaki reminded everyone the next Board meeting will be Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.


Secretary