

MINUTES

Thursday, November 16, 2017
Mammoth Community Water District
Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Directors convened in session at the hour of 5:38 p.m. A brief recess was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Prepared by:



Stephanie Hake
Executive Assistant

ATTEST:



Patrick A. Hayes
General Manager

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Directors of the Mammoth Community Water District held on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 5:38 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Board Present

Director: Tom Cage
Director: Robert Creasy
Director: Dennis Domaille
Director: Eric Kaufman
Director: Tom Smith

Board Absent

None

Staff Present

General Manager: Pat Hayes
District Engineer: John Pedersen
Operations Superintendent: Clay Murray
Maintenance Superintendent: Mark Busby
Finance Manager: Jeff Beatty
Public Relations / Environmental Specialist Manager: Irene Yamashita
Information Services Manager: Justin Mulbay
Human Resources Manager: Kay Hartman
Executive Assistant: Stephanie Hake
District Counsel: Joshua Horowitz

Guests Present

None

B. PUBLIC FORUM

President Smith opened the public forum at 5:38 p.m.

No one addressed the Board.

President Smith closed the public forum at 5:38 p.m.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

C-1 Approval of October 2017 Check Disbursements (Springbrook #'s 53743 – 53884)

C-2 Approval of Minutes from the Special Board Meeting Held October 26, 2017

Director Cage made a motion.

BOARD ACTION – To approve the Consent Agenda items C-1 and C-2

MOVED BY: Director Cage
SECONDED BY: Director Creasy
AYES: Directors Cage, Creasy, Domaille, Kaufman, and Smith
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

D. CURRENT BUSINESS

D-1 Update from the District’s Annual “Years of Service” Recognition Luncheon

John Pedersen	30 Years
Ben Suleski	10 Years
Robert Gonzalez	5 Years
Kay Hartman	5 Years

On behalf of the Board, President Smith thanked each of the recognized staff for their contribution, service, and loyalty to the MCWD.

BOARD ACTION – None

D-2 Discussion and Possible Adoption of Ordinance No. 11-16-17-18 Deleting Section 16.02(h) of Division XVI of Chapter 11 of the District Code

Pat Hayes provided brief comments describing why the referenced section of the code should be deleted.

There was no discussion.

BOARD ACTION – To adopt Ordinance No. 11-16-17-18 deleting Section 16.02(h) of Division XVI of Chapter 11 of the District Code

MOVED BY: Director Domaille
SECONDED BY: Director Cage
AYES: Directors Cage, Creasy, Domaille, Kaufman, and Smith
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

D-3 Discussion and Possible Direction to Staff Regarding Live Video Streaming of Board Meetings

Pat Hayes briefly described the history of discussions that have taken place regarding video streaming of Board meetings.

The discussion that followed had comments from all Board members ranging from wanting the District to be as transparent as possible and allowing for easy access to Board meetings to concerns regarding the cost associated with video streaming when there appears to be very little interest in Board activity from the public.

It was suggested that staff experiment with posting audio recordings of Board meetings on the MCWD website as a testing ground for the potential successes and failures of electronic broadcasting of meetings.

Pat Hayes requested that a record be kept of staff time spent to implement and maintain the audio recordings on the MCWD website.

There was no further discussion.

BOARD ACTION – To direct staff to begin the posting of audio recordings of the Board meetings on the MCWD website

MOVED BY: Director Creasy
SECONDED BY: Director Kaufman
AYES: Directors Cage, Creasy, Kaufman, and Smith
NAYS: Director Domaille
ABSENT: None

D-4 Consideration and Possible Approval of an Amended Employment Agreement to Extend its Term and to Make Adjustments in Compensation and Benefits Provided to the General Manager

It was noted that item D-4 is deferred until the December 21, 2017 Regular Board meeting.

E. CONSENT AGENDA NO. 2 – MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- E-1 Operations Superintendent's Report**
- E-2 Maintenance Superintendent's Report**
- E-3 Finance Manager's Report**
- E-4 District Engineer's Report**
- E-5 Information Services Manager's Report**
- E-6 Human Resources Manager's Report**
- E-7 Public Relations / Environmental Specialist's Report**
- E-8 General Manager's Report**

There was no discussion.

President Smith called for a motion.

BOARD ACTION – To approve the Consent Agenda No. 2

MOVED BY: Director Domaille
SECONDED BY: Director Cage
AYES: Directors Cage, Creasy, Domaille, Kaufman, and Smith
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Meetings Held During the Month

Finance Committee – November 15, 2017

Tom Cage
Robert Creasy

Technical Services Committee – November 15, 2017

Dennis Domaille
Eric Kaufman

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Finance Committee: Director Cage reported that the Finance Committee met and of note Wells Fargo has opted not to renew the District's line of credit that has been renewing annually for several years. The reason is that the MCWD has not accessed the funds in the past and it doesn't make sense to maintain an unused line of credit.

Director Creasy remarked that the Maintenance Department's ongoing project of rehabilitating old sewer lines by slip lining as opposed to replacing them is a much more efficient and cost-effective method of addressing aging infrastructure.

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Technical Services Committee: Director Domaille reported that discussions at the Tech Services meeting included an update on the ongoing success of the FOG (Fats, Oils & Grease) program; a review of the summer's sewer line rehabilitation project and the near completion of the SCE project in the Lakes Basin to underground the electrical power lines.

Director Domaille commented that the highlight of the meeting was a demonstration of the newly installed Huber Trash Removal system at the wastewater treatment plant.

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There were no other committee meetings held during the month.

H. ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Horowitz noted there was nothing to report.

The Board members went into closed session at 6:22 p.m.

H. CLOSED SESSION

H-1 Conference with Legal Counsel

Existing Litigation – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) Case: Mammoth Community Water District vs. United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management; Mammoth Community Water District v. United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service

H-2 Conference with Legal Counsel

Existing Litigation – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) Case: Mammoth Community Water District vs. Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District with ORNI 50, LLC as a Real Party in Interest – Mono County Superior Court

H-3 Conference with Real Property Negotiators

Involving the Acquisition of Easements on Ranch Road, Woodcrest Trail and Adjacent Common Areas Adjacent to the Site of Proposed District Well 32, Town of Mammoth Lakes; Pat Hayes and John Pedersen, District Negotiators, will negotiate with Representatives of The Ranch at Snowcreek Owners' Association. Instructions by the Board to the District's Negotiators may include Price, Terms of Payment, or both. (See Government Code sections 54954.5(b) and 54956.8.)

H-4 Public Employee Performance Evaluation – General Manager

Pursuant to Government Code sections 54954.5(e) and 54957

H-5 Conference with District Labor Negotiators

Pursuant to Government Code sections 54954.5(f) and 54957.6

District Negotiators: Tom Smith and Dennis Domaille

Direction concerning proposed amended terms of General Manager employment agreement including extension of term and changes to General Manager's compensation and benefits

The Board returned to open session at 10:10 p.m. and it was reported that Discussion Item D-4 would be deferred until the December 21, 2017 Regular Board meeting.

I. ADJOURNMENT

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.