

Thermalito Water and Sewer District
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
March 19, 2024 – 2:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Koch at 2:00 pm

1.1 Flag Salute

Director Wristen led the flag salute.

1.2 Roll Call

Present were President Koch, Vice President Hatley and Directors Wristen and Taggart. Also present were Attorney McClure, Office Manager Padilla, Engineer Heindell and Manager Boucher. Director Clark was absent.

2. PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 20, 2024

3.2 Financial Statement – February 2024

3.3 Water Warrants – Check Number 20835-20897 Total \$360,257.92

Water LAIF Deposit - \$143,630.39

Water LAIF Withdrawal - \$15,000.00

Sewer Warrants – Check Number 7462-7465 Total \$44,498.18

Sewer LAIF Deposit - \$20,369.61

Health Reimb Account – Check Number 2993-2996 Total \$1,296.04

3.4 Superintendent's Monthly Report of Maintenance and Operations and Solar Power Generation for February 2024

It was moved by Director Hatley, seconded by Director Taggart to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS

None

6. WATER BUSINESS

6.1 Emergency Water Hauling

Engineer Heindell reported that Butte County is seeking consent from the District to participate in the water hauling program. This program would be applicable to only certified potable water haulers who have their certificates and proof of insurance with the County. He mentioned that the program would contribute

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significantly to alleviating the hardships faced by many households with dry wells. Motion made by Director Taggart, seconded by Director Hatley and unanimously carried to approve the request from Butte County for the Water Hauling Program.

6.2 Concow Sediment Removal Project Development Proposal

Engineer Heindell reported that he received a proposal from Kjeldsen, Sinnock & Neudeck Inc. to evaluate dredging and sediment management in the Concow Reservoir. He mentioned that this would be a comprehensive study and that the proposal from KSN has been broken up into three phases. Phase 1 – Sediment Management Study is proposed at \$361,474. He mentioned that he reached out to the original contractor who was going to do the sediment removal and has requested for them to furnish the District with some consultants.

7. ATTORNEY REPORT

None

8. SEWER BUSINESS

8.1 SC-OR Report

Commissioner Koch reviewed the February 28, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Sewerage Commission – Oroville Region.

- SC-OR Commissioners approved the sewer rate study that was completed by Bartle Wells Associates.
- Letter will be sent to K&M Butte Developers declining their offer which had already been declined because they didn't respond within the 45-days.

8.2 Proposed Proposition 218 Notice and Wastewater Rate Study

Manager Boucher stated that included in the board packet is a copy of the Prop 218 Notification and the 2024 Wastewater Rate Study from Bartle Wells. He mentioned that the Prop 218 notice covers the Current and Proposed Wastewater Rate charges as well as the Wastewater Treatment Charge Passthrough. He explained that on the passthrough, if SC-OR adopts higher treatment charges, at least 30-days before the effective date of the adjustment, the District will provide its customer with notice of the new charge. There would be no need to hold a public hearing or any additional action by the Board. He informed the Board that the Prop 218 Hearing will be held on May 21st, 2024 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm and that the notice will need to be approved so that it can be inserted in with the April billing. Motion made by Director Hatley seconded by Director Taggart and unanimously carried to approve the 2024 Wastewater Rate Study and Prop 218 notification.

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9. **WYANDOTTE CREEK GSA**

9.1 **Wyandotte Creek GSA Report**

Engineer Heindell mentioned that the upcoming quarterly meeting is going to be held on March 28th. He mentioned that they will be asking for Board approval for the Subrecipient Agreement for the grant funding to fund the TWSD Water Treatment Plant project.

10. **MANAGER REPORT**

Direct Deposit of Payroll Checks: Office Manager Padilla reported that she has checked with Caselle Software and was informed that the Payroll Direct Deposit module is now available. The cost for licensing and setup is around \$3,000.00. She mentioned that direct deposit of payroll checks should be available by Mid-April.

PG&E Settlement Funds: The District received funds from Baron & Budd in the amount of \$9,859.06. Funds will be transferred into the LAIF Account - Concow Restoration Project.

Winter Party: Staff would like to say thank you for a wonderful time at the Winter party. Food was great and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Water Main Replacement: Staff is working on replacing the water main between Plumas Court and 12th Street on Plumas Avenue.

Nelson & 4th Street Pipeline Replacement Project: Engineer Heindell reported that the project is underway. They have done some potholing, and they will be opening up that intersection come April 1st.

Water Transfer: Engineer Heindell reported that Dustin Cooper from Minansian Law mentioned that he has a potential buyer out of King County who is looking to buy 1,000 acre feet with a purchase price of around \$215.00 an acre foot. It was discussed that it is a smaller amount for a smaller payoff to incur when next year or the subsequent year, water transfer market could be a lot better. Engineer Heindell mentioned that all offers will be brought to the board for discussion.

11. **HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

12. **BOARD COMMENTS**


Happy Birthday – Director Koch

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13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:52 pm.



Secretary of the Board



President of the Board