

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LA HABRA HEIGHTS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
MARCH 26, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of La Habra Heights County Water District was held on March 26, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., at the office of the District, located at 1271 North Hacienda Road, La Habra Heights.

Item 1. Roll call of Directors by Joe Matthews, Assistant General Manager/ Superintendent.

PRESENT: Directors Cooke, Crabb, McVicar, and Perumean.

ABSENT: Director Baroldi

Item 2. Staff members and others present. Staff: Joe Matthews, Assistant General Manager/Superintendent, and Ivan Ramirez, Assistant Superintendent. Others present: David Byrum, Civiltec Engineering, via-telecommunication, and Rick Brooks, Resident of La Habra Heights.

Item 3. Public Communications – None

Rick Brooks commented on poor work done trimming bushes near his property during our water sampling.

(Michael Silander, Attorney at Law entered the meeting at 4:15 p.m.)

Item 4. Directors Report – Individual, Subcommittees, and/or Attended Events. –

Director McVicar reported on the Investment Committee's actions, PFAS liability, and a customer comment she received.

Item 5.a. Minutes of Regular Meeting for February 27, 2024. After discussion, there was a motion by Director McVicar and seconded by Director Crabb to approve the minutes with minor changes. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Directors Cooke, Crabb, McVicar, and Perumean

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Baroldi

Item 5.b. Financial Reports – February 2024. After discussion, there was a motion by Director McVicar and seconded by Director Crabb to approve the financial reports. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Directors Cooke, Crabb, McVicar, and Perumean
NOES: None
ABSENT: Director Baroldi

Item 6. Approval of warrants and authorized signatures per warrant list. After discussion, there was a motion made by Director McVicar and seconded by Director Perumean that the warrant numbers 46748 through 46791 in the amount of \$176,154.25 and EFT transfers in the amount of \$14,700.82 be approved and signatures be authorized. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Directors Cooke, Crabb McVicar, and Perumean.
NOES: None
ABSENT: Director Baroldi

(Michael Gualtieri, Secretary/ General Manager entered the meeting at 4:54 p.m.)

Item 7. Report of Superintendent. Ivan Ramirez informed one main leak and six service leaks were repaired. Verizon installed cameras and Global Positioning System (GPS) on field vehicles. Also installed GPS devices on our backhoe and emergency generators. Plant 6 cellular communications have been replaced with a landline connected to our private SCADA network communications provider TPX. Snooks Reservoir was prepared for the installation of an underground cable to connect to our private SCADA network communications provider, replacing the cellular communications system. Currently waiting for Spectrum to complete their cable installation.

Item 8.a. Discussion, and Award – Contract for Reservoir 10A Rehabilitation. After discussion, there was a motion by Director McVicar and seconded by Director Crabb to award the contract to Paso Robles for \$1,395,116.80. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Directors Cooke, Crabb, McVicar, and Perumean
NOES: None
ABSENT: Director Baroldi

Item 8.b. Discuss and Award – Contract for Carries Hills Pipeline. After discussion, there was a motion by Director Cooke and seconded by Director Perumean to reject all bids due to failure of funding by the developer. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Directors Cooke, Crabb, McVicar, and Perumean

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Baroldi

Items 8.c. Discuss and Award – Contact for Vigil Reservoir Drain Structure Repair. After discussion, there was a motion by Director McVicar and seconded by Director Perumean to award the bid to Sol Construction for \$197,858.00. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Directors Baroldi, Cooke, Crabb, McVicar, and Perumean

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Baroldi

(Director Baroldi arrived at the meeting at 5:17 p.m.)

Item 8.d. Discuss and Action – Vote for Special District LAFCO Representative.

This item was continued until the next scheduled board meeting.

(The closed session began at 5:40 p.m. and ended at 6:29 p.m.)

Item 9.a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION:
In re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability. Case No. 2:18-mn-2873-RMG, pending in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, Charleston Division. Discussion of existing litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, paragraph (1) of subdivision (d). No reportable action was taken.

Item 9.b. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Government Code section 54956.8

Property: Real property subject to license no. 516436, dated June 1, 1918, between BNSF Railway Company and La Habra Heights County Water District, covering a site for a thirty-inch water line from Railway Company's Mile Post 153.11 to 153.42 in Los Nietos, Los Angeles County, California.

Agency negotiator: Michael Gualtieri, General Manager, Joe Matthews, Assistant General Manager, and Michael Silander, General Counsel. No reportable action was taken.

Item 10. There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Director Cooke and seconded by Director McVicar that the meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Directors Baroldi, Cooke, Crabb, McVicar, and Perumean

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Dated: April 23, 2024



Brad Cooke, President



Michael Gualtieri, Secretary

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