

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LA HABRA HEIGHTS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
JANUARY 23, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of La Habra Heights County Water District was held on January 23, 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 Baroldi, Cooke, Crabb, McVicar (by telecommunication due to an emergency), and Perumean.

ABSENT: None

Item 2. Staff members and others present. Staff: Michael Gualtieri, General Manager, Joe Matthews, Assistant General Manager/Superintendent, Tammy Wagstaff, Treasurer and Ivan Ramirez, Utility Worker III. Others present: Michael Silander, Attorney at Law and Reza Fateh.

Item 3. Public Communications – Mr. Fateh discussed requesting a variance for a water main extension on Subtropic Drive.

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

Director Crabb discussed Charles Schwab investment.

Director McVicar discussed the Charles Schwab investment and the Heli-Hydrant ceremony.

Item 5.a. b. & c. Minutes of Regular Meeting for December 12, 2023, Financial Reports- November 2023 and December 2023, and status of Investments December 2023. After discussion, there was a motion by Director Baroldi and seconded by Director Crabb to approve the minutes, financial reports, and status of investments. The vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Item 6. Approval of warrants and authorized signatures per warrant list. After discussion, there was a motion made by Director Perumean and seconded by Director Crabb that the warrant numbers 46572 through 46672 in the amount of \$1,410,073.46 and EFT transfers in the amount of \$13,872.47 be approved and signatures be authorized. Warrants number 46600 through 46603 were voided. The vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Item 7. Report of Superintendent. Ivan Ramirez informed that three service and two main leaks were repaired. Well 11 was placed back online after negative bacteriologic testing and approval from our state engineer. Two locations were changed from cellular to landline communications. Relocated all parts and equipment from the back of the shop to prepare for demolition which begins on January 22, 2024.

Item 8.a. Discussion, and Action –West Road Asphalt Replacement. After discussion, there was a motion by Director Baroldi and seconded by Director Crabb to approve the quote from Regan Paving for \$72,500.00. The vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Item 8.b. Discuss and Adopt – Resolution 24-01 Investing in United States Treasury Bills. After discussion, there was a motion by Director Crabb and seconded by Director Cooke to adopt Resolution 24-01. The vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Item 8.c. Discuss and Action – Purchase a New trailer or Repair the Existing

Trailer. After discussion staff was directed to gather information on digitizing documents and maps that are stored in the trailer. This item will be placed back on the agenda when information is gathered. No action was taken.

Item 8.d. Discuss and Action – Appointment New General Manager Effective May 5, 2024. After discussion, there was motion by Director McVicar and seconded by Director Baroldi to appoint Joe Matthews as new General Manager effective May 5, 2024. The vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Item 8.e. Discuss and Action - Purchasing 16 Acre Feet from EcoGas Inc. After discussion, there was a motion by Director Perumean and seconded by Baroldi to purchase 8-acre feet not to exceed \$128,000.00. The vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

(closed session began at 5:32 p.m. and concluded at 6:08 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. No reportable action was taken.

Item 9.c. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Gov. Code section 54957(b)(1).) Title: Assistant General Manager. No reportable action was taken.

(Director Crabb left the meeting at 6:32 p.m.)

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 6:45 p.m. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Directors Baroldi, Cooke, McVicar, and Perumean

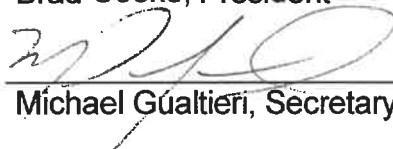
NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Crabb

Dated: February 27, 2024



Brad Cooke, President



Michael Gualtieri, Secretary

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