

WASHOE COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Regular Meeting

April 5, 2022

DIRECTORS

Bill Hauck
John Capurro
Louis Damonte
Lawrence Belli
Doug Avanzino
Kevin Quilici

GUESTS

Lucas Foletta, Attorney (McDonald, Carano)
George Ball, Engineer
Shane Dyer, Dyer Engineering
Scott Schoenfeld, USBR
Chad Blanchard, FWM

PUBIC

ABSENT

Cory Casazza

STAFF

Mary Pat Eymann, Dist. Manager
Brian Casci, Damtender

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1. **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER –**
Vice-President Hauck called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., quorum present.
 2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS –**
None
 3. **APPROVE AGENDA –**
 - ❖ Director Capurro made a motion to approve posted agenda; seconded by Director Damonte; motion carried.
 4. **APPROVE BOARD MINUTES: CHECKS WRITTEN AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.**
 - ❖ Director Capurro made a motion to approve the minutes for March 2022, financial statements and checks written as presented; seconded by Director Damonte; motion carried.
 5. **FEDERAL WATER MASTERS REPORT –** Chad Blanchard
A complete copy of the Water Report is available at District Offices or on the internet at troa.net.

As of todays projections should be able to make rates until September 11, 2022, however it is expected to be sooner possible in late July.
 6. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RECEIVED DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDACY AND CONFIRMATION OF ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS PURSUANT TO NRS 539.117 – Lucas Foletta**

District 2 (Bill Hauck for TMWA), District 3 (Cory Casazza) and District 6 (John Capurro) are up for election. No other declarations have been received.

 - ❖ Director Capurro made a motion to retain the current members to retain their positions; seconded by Director Avanzino; motion carried.

7. DISCUSSION, POSSIBLE ACTION, AND DIRECTION TO STAFF ON THE RECOVERY OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF NEVADA ONCE HELD BY UMPQUA BANK - Director Capurro

The office was notified that the funds in the CD account at Umpqua Bank had been closed. The bank had mailed the funds to the former office address which was returned as the District had moved several years prior. A notice had been sent to Umpqua and there was a current phone number on file however the bank forwarded the funds to the State of Nevada as unclaimed funds once the original check was returned to them. There is a process to recover the funds from the State that staff will proceed with. There is no worry that the funds will not be recovered but it could be a time consuming process. The original 4 signatories were Cory Casazza, John Capurro, Mary Pat Eymann and Robert Quilici. Robert Quilici is no longer on the Board.

- ❖ Director Capurro made a motion that staff proceed with the process of recovering the funds from the State; seconded by Director Belli; motion carried.

8. DISCUSSION, POSSIBLE ACTION, AND DIRECTION TO STAFF ON DISTRICT ENGINEER POSITION – Director Hauck

The draft RFQ/RFP was given to the Board and is available at District offices.

There has been discussion previously that the need for a Engineer for the District requirement have changed since the Safety of Dams project is completed. The Board feels that an “on-call” engineer is now the best way to proceed rather than having a full-time engineer.

Director Capurro stated that the goal today is to get the RFQ finalized and for staff to proceed with the notification process and that applications be received by May 15, 2022, in order for the Board to make final decisions at the June 7, 2022, meeting. Per the draft once requests are received the District may form a committee prior to the June meeting to submit recommendations at said meeting.

Attorney Foletta will follow-up on any specific requirements per the NRS for the posting of the RFQ. If there are no additional requirements it was decided that the RFQ would be posted in the RGJ and posted to the District website (washoewater.org).

- ❖ Director Capurro made a motion directing staff to proceed with the posting the RFQ for a with the requirement that they are a licensed engineer for the District, to be submitted and received by May 15, 2022 for review prior to the June meeting and that if there are a large number of applicants a subcommittee be formed to review and make recommendations to the entire Board; seconded by Director Avanzino; motion carried.

9. UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF SAFETY OF DAMS PROJECT – Shane Dyer

- The environmental meetings are still taking place.
- Still do not have the as built plans, Mr. Dyer has requested again but has been advised that they are pending additional reviews.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION AND DIRECTION TO STAFF ON FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC) PRELIMINARY PERMIT FOR A POWER PLANT AT BOCA DAM. – Shane Dyer

Nothing new.

11. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT – Lucas Foletta

Nothing additional.

12. DAMTENDER REPORT – Brian Casci

- Still working on ongoing 1st fill requirement per SOD.
- Next month getting the weeds sprayed.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

14. BOARD COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board Comments – none

Future Agenda Items – nothing

15. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business Vice President Hauck adjourned the meeting

****The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 1:00 pm.****

John Capurro, Secretary/Treasurer