

JUNIPER RIVIERA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
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MEETING MINUTES of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday May 19th, 2022 AT 5:00 PM

Board of Directors:

Present:

Erin D’Orio, President
Jason Chormicle, Vice-President
Charlene Grenier
Waldo Stakes

Staff:

Present:

Lorrie Steely, General Manager
Lee Logsdon, Director of Operations

Absent:

Daniel Taylor

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE:** The meeting was called to order by Erin D’Orio at 5:03pm
- II. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECORDED MEETING/ ROLL CALL:** See above for attendance.
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No public was present.

- IV. **APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 21ST 2022:**
Motion by Jason Chormicle; Second by Waldo Stakes;
All in favor 4, All opposed 0, Motion Passed 4/0

- V. **APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORT INCLUDING MONTHLY OPERATING EXPENSES FOR APRIL 2022:**
Motion by Charlene Grenier; Second by Waldo Stakes;
All in favor 4, All opposed 0, Motion Passed 4/0

- VI. **INFORMATION ITEMS: The following items, announcements and/or reports are presented for information and discussion only:**
 - **Operations/Water System Update** – Lee Logsdon, provided an overall System update, all operations are running well.
 - **District Business/General Managers Update** – Lorrie Steely provided an update on the following items;
 - + Electronic Annual Report due by May 21st, complete and submitted before deadline of 05/21/2022
 - + Consumer Confidence Report is due by June 1. It was complete and submitted by May 15th.
 - + Marijuana issues and water consumption update: Remember, growing season will soon be upon us growers will be preparing for another season. Please be cognizant of any suspicious activities. Let neighbors and residents know if they see something – say something!!! Staff has direct contact with the Lieutenant of the MET, neighbors can report directly or to our office and remain anonymous.

 - **GRANT UPDATES**
 - + **Demonstration Garden – Edible Garden Grant Update:** Grant application was submitted February 2022, results and award announcements expected by July 1, 2022.

+ IRWMP Grant Update: Profiling of Wells No 2 & 3 began on March 28th. Additional work to access well and pull pump/motor, install new air-bubbler and re-set. Work is scheduled to occur May 24th & 25th.

Well #2: Profiling was complicated by the fact that access was a challenge. Replacement of pump/motor was performed, sampling tests were collected during the process, there was no detectable difference in the fluoride from samples at mid-level elevation within the well.

Well #3: Well #3 was also a challenge with respect to access into the well for profiling. The dummy-sampling tool was not able to clear the well internally to get deep enough in order to profile. A work-around has been identified to pull up the well shaft and install an access tube in order to achieve the profiling. That work began this week on Weds 5/18 and will continue through next week. Expected results on the profiling within 3 – 4 weeks after field investigations. State permitting requirements to revise well from on call/emergency-only to full-time, productive well.

PRV Stations: Staff has identified priority for rebuilding/replacing PRV Stations and determined that all PRV stations along Milpas need to be replaced. This is a change to the original scope of work, and has required an amendment with the Department of Water Resources. The amendment is in process and the work is scheduled to begin when that is complete.

+ State Water Resources Control Board Grant: Status of application for (4) generators; there has been a contract issue between our third-party grant administrator Cal Rural Water Association and the Department of Water Resources (State). Last update was the matter was being resolved, there should be an update next month.

+ Prop 1 Grant: Preliminary Engineering Report draft under review, survey work complete, profiling of Well No. 02 has begun; pump/motor and well casing removed due to access issues. Staff recommends replacing pump and motor while it is exposed as preventative measure. Cost for labor already covered in the Prop 1 Grant, time to take advantage and save money long term. (Well 2 is part of this Grant, update was provided already with our IRWM update.)

VII. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Discuss internship program with Victor Valley College, Ag Department, have candidate. Lorrie Steely discussed the intern recommended by VVC, an initial interview has been conducted with Laura McDaniels who appears to be a good match. She will be working 10 – 12 hours per week and will start in the next 4 – 6 weeks. This will be a temporary position.
- Discuss Daniel Taylor resignation – Lorrie Steely accepted Daniel Taylor's resignation on May 16th, and stated District staff will notify the County Registrar's office. We will need to post the vacancy in order to fill the seat. The seat can be filled by appointment of the remaining directors.
- Discuss 2022-2023 Proposed Budget – Lorrie Steely presented the proposed Budget. The Committee met and reviewed the recommendations from Lorrie and Peggy Einhorn. There was a Board discussion, and it was decided the draft budget should be placed on the June Agenda for approval.
- Discuss creating a Finance Committee: Lorrie Steely discussed the need to address Cal Rural Water Rate Study and recommended we consider a rate increase for monthly service fees. District needs to consider increase in cost for new meter installations. New Superior Court judge's recent interpretation of adjudication for Este Subarea. As a result, each year the District will be allocated less and less base annual production. Causing the District to procure more replacement water annually. We need to consider the long-term financial impact.

VIII. **ACTION ITEMS:** Accept Daniel Taylor resignation
Motion by Jason Chormicle; Second by Waldo Stakes; All in favor 4, All opposed 0, Motion Passed 4/0

IX. **ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn the April Board of Directors Meeting
Motion by Waldo Stakes; Second by Charlene Grenier. All in favor 4, All opposed 0, Motion Passed 4/0

Approved: 
Board Secretary, Lorrie L. Steely

06.16.2022