# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GREEN VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT HELD AUGUST 13, 2020

Due to Covid-19 the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Green Valley County Water District was held outside the District Office. The meeting was called to order by President Phillips at the hour of 6:00 P.M. on August 13, 2020 at the Green Valley County Water District Office. The meeting began with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors present were: Jeff McCracken, Dave Phillips, Joe Randles and Chuck Lloyd. Also present were General Manager, Kevin Francis, Utility Assistant, Justin Weller and District Secretary, Laura "cha" Vernetti. Director Garth was absent.

# **Item 5 Approval of Agenda**

The President asked for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made to approve the agenda by Director McCracken and seconded by Director Randles and was carried (4-0).

#### **Item 6 Approval of Minutes**

The President called for a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2020. A motion was made to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2020 by Director Lloyd and seconded by Director Randles and carried (4-0).

The President called for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2020. A motion was made to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2020 by Director Randles and seconded by Director McCracken and carried (4-0).

The President called for a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of July 31, 2020. A motion was made to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of July 31, 2020 by Director Lloyd and seconded by Director Randles and carried (3-0). Director McCracken abstained because he was unable to attend.

# Item 7 Approval of Treasurer's Reports

The President called for a motion to approve the Cash Disbursements from 07-01-20 through 07-31-20 and to approve the Treasurer's Report of July 2020. A motion was made to approve the Cash Disbursements from 07-01-20 through 07-31-20 and to approve the Treasurer's Report of July 2020 by Director Randles and seconded by Director McCracken and carried (4-0).

# <u>Item 8 Public Comment and Non Agenda Items</u>

See public hearing comments.

#### Item 9. Board Presentations

9.1 Public Hearing for Consideration of the Proposed Water Rate Increase

Resident, Dawn Truhn, asked the Board if they would consider postponing the rate hearing for another day due to the Lake Fire and a community memorial service. It was explained that regulations regarding public hearings requires 45 days' notice mailed to all customers, publication in the AV Press five and ten days prior to the hearing that could not be altered. Dawn's concern was that her water bill had doubled in the last five years. The District Secretary explained that the District was required by the State Water Resources

Control Board, that the base rate for water must cover the operating expenses. A suggestion was made to have volunteers assist the District to lower operating expenses. Resident, Donna Gierst, asked why the District could not lift the Stage 3 water conservation measures to sell more water because her private well was producing an adequate water supply. The General Manager explained that the District wells had to produce much more water than private wells. As long as the wells were still cycling, he did not recommend the lifting of Stage 3. In addition, the District could not rely on selling more water to meet the demands of the budget.

9.2 RESOLUTION 08-20-\_\_\_(330 Rate Increase)

The President read the title of a Resolution entitled:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GREEN VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT AMENDING THE RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER DELIVERED BY THE DISTRICT AND REPEALING SECTIONS 1 AND 2 OF RESOLUTION NO. 07-19-325".

A motion was made to waive full reading and adopt Resolution 08-20-330 by Director Lloyd and seconded by Director McCracken and carried (4-0).

#### Item 10 Manager's Report

The General Manager's report was presented to the Board. The report is attached hereto and is made a part of these minutes by reference.

### **Item 11 BOARD PRESENTATIONS**

11.1 Approval of San Francisquito Water Tank Maintenance Project and Contract Award; and Authorization and Delegation to General Manager, or their Designee, to Execute Contract with Selected Bidder, and to Carry Out the Intent of the Board and Make Minor Changes to the Contract, if Needed, in Consultation with General Counsel

Five bids were received that are as follows: Superior Tank \$90,800, Paso Robles Tank \$99,100, Pacific Painting \$99,950, Unified Field Services \$100,115 and Crosno Construction \$131,020.

A motion was made to award the contract to Superior Tank Inc., authorize and delegate the General Manager to execute contract and carry out the intent of the Board and make minor changes to the contract, if needed, in consultation with general counsel by Director Randles and seconded by Director McCracken and carried (4-0).

11.2 Resolution 08-20-\_\_\_(331 San Francisquito Water Tank Maintenance Project)
The President read the title of a Resolution entitled:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GREEN VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT MAKING A DETERMINATION THAT THE SAN FRANCISQUITO WATER TANK MAINTENANCE PROJECT IS EXEMPT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT"

A motion was made to waive full reading and adopt Resolution 08-20-331 by Director McCracken and seconded by Director Lloyd and carried (4-0).

# 12. Adjournment to CLOSED SESSION

Director Randles made a motion which was seconded by Director McCracken and carried (4-0), that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Green Valley County Water District be adjourned to CLOSED SESSION to discuss Agenda Items 13.1 ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (pursuant to California Code Section 54956.9) Water meter service connection on Property 3227-004-020, 13.2, SALARY NEGOTIATIONS (pursuant to California Code Section 54956.7), Utility Assistant's Salary/Benefits for 2020/2021. The meeting was adjourned to CLOSED SESSION at 6:50 P.M.

# 14. Adjournment to OPEN SESSION

Director Randles made a motion, which was seconded by Director McCracken and carried (4-0), that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Green Valley County Water District be adjourned to OPEN SESSION. The meeting was adjourned to OPEN SESSION at 7:36 P.M.

# 15. Report to public of CLOSED SESSION

13.1 ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (pursuant to California Code Section 54956.9) a. Water meter service connection on Property 3227-004-020

A motion was made to have the General Manager and one Board Member meet with the Property Owners to show them the location of the water meter and the psi, and if required, authorize the President to send them a letter with relevant documents regarding their water meter by Director McCracken and seconded by Director Lloyd and carried (4-0).

13.2 SALARY NEGOTIATIONS (pursuant to California Code Section 54956.7), Utility Assistant's Salary/Benefits for 2020/2021

A motion was made to increase the Utility Assistant's rate hourly from \$18.00 to \$19.00 effective August 15, 2020 and make benefits effective from his hire date of July 6, 2020 by Director Randles and seconded by Director Lloyd and carried (4-0).

# Item 16 Agenda Items for the Next Regular Meeting

In addition to the regular agenda items, there would be the San Francisquito Water Tank Maintenance Project.

There being no further business, Director Lloyd made a motion which was seconded by Director Randles and carried (4-0), that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Green Valley County Water District be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned August 13, 2020 at 7:37 P.M. The next regular meeting of the Green Valley County Water District's Board of Directors will be September 10, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. instead of 7:00 P.M.

David Phillips

President of the Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Laura "cha" Vernetti

District Secretary

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