



DURHAM IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors:

Matt Doyle, Chair; Kevin Phillips, Treasurer; Derek Sohnrey

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

5:30 PM

District Office

9418-C Midway

Durham CA 95938

1 CALL TO ORDER – 5:34 PM

Present: Directors Doyle and Phillips.

Absent: Director Sohnrey

Also present: District Counsel Sean Cameron (via telephone), District Engineer Mark Adams; Water Operator Adam Daigle; Public Outreach Nicole Johansson, and Administrative Assistant Jeannie Trizzino.

2 ROLL CALL / OPENING BUSINESS

2.1 AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

2.2 PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Patrick Button commented that the cost of housing continues to rise because of unfunded government mandates such as those for solar panels and fire flow for new residential construction. He notes that the District CIP calls for an expansion of pipeline diameter in service of new construction and is not only unfair but also illegal under Proposition 218.

3 CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

4 PRESENTATIONS - NONE

5 REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM DIRECTORS

5.1 VINA GSA REPORT (Vina GSA Calendar here: <https://www.vinagsa.org/calendar>)

SUBJECT: Status report on Vina GSA.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive information, discuss and provide direction to staff.

Chair Doyle reports that Vina GSA is still recruiting for Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SHAC) representatives.

6 PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

7 INFORMATION/CONSENT CALENDAR

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm. The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2024.

- 7.1 Warrant Sheet from June 14, 2024 to July 12, 2024, including payments, deposits, and transaction adjustments.

SUBJECT: Approve payments, deposits, and transaction adjustments.

FISCAL IMPACT: See attachments.

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVE

A motion was made by Director Phillips and seconded by Director Doyle to approve the Consent Agenda.

Aye: 2 – Doyle, Phillips

Nay: 0

Absent: Sohnrey

8 DISTRICT ENGINEER REPORT (NON-ACTION ITEMS)

- 8.1 USBR Grant-Funded Meter Replacement and Lead Service Laterals Assessment Project

SUBJECT: USBR Project update

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive information, discuss and provide direction to staff.

Staff reported that the USBR grant manager is in progress on approving the grant disbursement to the District.

9 DISTRICT OUTREACH REPORT (NON-ACTION ITEMS)

SUBJECT: Report by Nicole Johansson on the following areas: community outreach, funding opportunities, legislative outreach, and management responsibilities, including mass notification system.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive information, discuss and provide direction to staff.

Outreach Consultant Johansson reports that Congressman La Malfa's office has requested the District provide a plan and timeline for meeting the required cost share for the expected Congressional Community Project Funding for the water tank project. The District's cost share due date is December 2024.

Johansson further reported that the District's input to the Butte County Local Hazard Management Plan update was not integrated into the draft, even though it has been submitted to the District multiple times. Director Phillips will follow up with the County.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Patrick Button noted that connection fees can be increased without the Proposition 218 process and might be useful to cover operation costs.

10 WATER OPERATOR REPORT (NON-ACTION ITEMS)

SUBJECT: Report by water operator on previous month's activities and PFAS / PFOA monitoring.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive information, discuss and provide direction to staff.

Water Operator Adam Daigle reported that several work orders for meter replacements were cleared in June. He reports that the leak repair on the Brown-Faber Pipeline in early July again revealed that the line is in extremely poor condition. He believes the District will benefit from replacing all or a portion of the pipeline as an urgent or even emergency situation. Director Philips directed that the Brown-Faber Pipeline Repair be put forward as an action item for the August board meeting.

Water Operator Daigle reported that he expected to perform PFAS/PFOA sampling and testing later in July. Director Philips requested the lab results be forwarded to the Board when they were received.

Water Operator Daigle reported that he cannot isolate the source of the persistent leak in the vicinity of the Pratt School, however, part of the problem has been solved with customer-side adjustments to the irrigation system.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Patrick Button asked the Board to consider a policy whereby newly-metered accounts that are hit with a large water bill due to an unknown leak are offered an opportunity to make repairs and be forgiven the water usage billing for one billing cycle.

11 DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT (NON-ACTION ITEMS) – NO REPORT

12 REGULAR AGENDA

12.1 Annual Audit - 2022

SUBJECT: 2022 Audit Report by Horton McNulty and Saeteurn LLP

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive information, discuss and accept 2022 audit.

Director Phillips reviewed the draft audit and reported that the audit had no findings or issues of concern. He recommended the Board approve the 2022 Audit as presented. Staff commented that the 2023 Audit was scheduled and would begin in August 2024.

Director Doyle commented that the largest expense category for the District is utilities at \$79K followed by \$66.5K on repairs and maintenance.

A motion was made by Director Phillips and seconded by Director Doyle to accept the 2022 Audit as presented.

Aye: 2 – Doyle, Phillips

Nay: 0

Absent: Sohnrey

13 DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Phillips asked District Counsel Sean Cameron whether the warrant could be approved in advance of the regular board meeting in case the board meeting were unexpectedly cancelled. Cameron replied that it is possible but would need to be

written with caution. He will convey the request to regular counsel Amanda Uhrhammer.

Director Doyle commented that the current financials show that the District is \$5K in the black compared to this time last year.

14 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm. The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2024.

APPROVED ON AUGUST 20, 2024 BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.