

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SEWERAGE COMMISSION - OROVILLE REGION

(Held at the Commission office on February 28, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.)

1. Call to Order ❖

Chairman Taggart called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call ❖

Commissioners present were Commissioners Mastelotto and Salvucci from the Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District, Pittman and Thomson from the City of Oroville, and Taggart and Koch from the Thermalito Water and Sewer District. Staff present was Manager Glen Sturdevant and Plant Supervisor Mikah Salsi. Attorney Ryan Jones attended via Zoom.

3. Salute to the Flag ❖

Commissioner Mastelotto led the commissioners and staff in the salute to the flag.

4. Acknowledgment of Visitors ❖

None

5. Board Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 23, 2024 ❖

Upon motion by Commissioner Koch to approve the minutes of the meeting, and second by Commissioner Salvucci, the minutes of the January 23, 2024 regular meeting were unanimously approved.

6. Authorization of Warrants ❖

Commissioner Thomson met with Manager Sturdevant earlier and reviewed the warrants, and having found everything to be in order made a motion for their approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Koch. Manager Sturdevant informed the commissioners that the PG&E true-up invoice was quite a bit higher than in the past, and will continue to go higher. Warrants 28624-28688 in the total amount of \$2,484,714.54 from January 24 to February 28, 2024, including Commissioner fees and electronic fund transfers, were unanimously approved and ordered paid.

7. Fiscal Reports ❖

Manager Sturdevant stated the fiscal reports for January 2024 were in the packets for review. There were no questions expressed and nothing further to report.

8. Adoption of the Sewer Rate Study Completed by Bartel Wells Associates ❖

This item was addressed following item #9 – Closed Session. Manager Sturdevant asked that the board approve and adopt the rate study that was completed by Bartel Wells Associates to set the rates for the next 5 years once the Proposition 218 hearings have been held by the member entities.

A motion was made by Commissioner Koch to approve and adopt the Sewer Rate Study completed by Bartel Wells Associates. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Salvucci, and passed by the following vote: Pittman – Yes, Taggart – Yes, Mastelotto – Yes.

9. Closed Session ❖

The Commissioners adjourned to closed session at 5:07 pm. The closed session reconvened to open session at 5:13 pm. Ryan Jones from Jones Mayer reported that the board unanimously voted to deny a claim against SC-OR relating to the K&M lawsuit. The motion to deny the claim was made by Commissioner Pittman and seconded by Commissioner Taggart, and the vote was passed by a unanimous vote.

10. Attorney's Report ❖

Attorney Jones had nothing more to report than what was discussed in closed session.

11. Manager's Report ❖

Manager Sturdevant reported that we had a violation of our total coliform; our limit is 23 and we had a 49. He reported this violation to our state water regulator, and fortunately there will be no fine due to the fact that we rarely violate, and this occurred during severe storm conditions. We do have a plan to prevent this during future storms. Commissioner Koch said that in the past the regulator would allow an entity to pull additional samples and use the median reading. That is not an option anymore. He said it is better to report the violation and move on to the mitigation plan to prevent it from happening again.

Everything has been installed and tested for the new influent pump station, and it is fully operational. We are waiting on Tesco to come and sign off on it; they have given us a date of April 15th to do that. We are trying to put pressure on them to move that date up. Gateway has told us that we can run the new pump station in an emergency situation, but we really don't want to do that and risk voiding the warranties on the VFD's because Tesco hasn't signed off on them.

NorthStar Engineering has completed the surveying, property description and parcel map for the property of the new Ruddy Creek Pump Station. It has been submitted to the county, and we are awaiting their adoption of that.

We have been given a draft copy of the sub-recipient agreement, which is now in Attorney Jones' hands. He will write comments and return to the County so they can adjust the contract. We should have it for approval at the March board meeting, and once it is approved by the Commissioner it will then go to the County Supervisors for approval in April.

Commissioner Salvucci asked whether the flow meters were functioning. Manager Sturdevant said that the LOAPUD flow meter is working fine; there is no meter for the city and the meter for TWSD is not working. We have been looking into changing the flowmeters with Emerson Rosemount meters, but ABB sent a representative here to try to change our minds, and will attempt to make everything right. Staff will gather information for changing vs. staying with ABB and let the Commissioners make that decision.

12. Visitor Comments ❖

None

13. Commissioner and Staff Comments ❖

Commissioner Pittman said there are more apartments coming into the city. Commissioner Thomson said he and Manager Sturdevant discussed options to offset power costs. He said that Manager Sturdevant had mentioned the hydro plant, which SC-OR is still moving forward on, along with putting solar at the new RCPS, and any other ideas we can come up with.

14. Adjournment ❖

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m. to the regular meeting scheduled for March 26, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



GLEN E. STURDEVANT, CLERK