

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

(Held at the Commission office on November 20, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.)

1. Call to Order ❖

Chairman Fairbanks called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call ❖

Commissioners present were Commissioners Fairbanks and Kiely from the Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District, Pittman and Reynolds from the City of Oroville, and Hatley and Latulippe from the Thermalito Water and Sewer District.

3. Salute to the Flag ❖

Attorney Vance led Commissioners and staff in the salute to the flag.

4. Acknowledgment of Visitors ❖

Larry Kuehner, Director of the Lake Oroville Public Utility District Board.

5. Board Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 23, 2019 ❖

Upon motion by Vice-Chair Hatley to approve the minutes of the meetings, and second by Commissioner Reynolds, the minutes of the October 23, 2019 regular meeting were unanimously approved.

6. Authorization of Warrants ❖

Commissioner Pittman met with Manager Koch and checked the warrants earlier, and having found everything to be in order made a motion for their approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. Warrants 25806-25858 in the total amount of \$965,132.38 from October 23, 2019 to November 20, 2019, including Commissioner fees and electronic fund transfers, were unanimously approved and ordered paid.

7. Fiscal Reports ❖

Manager Koch stated the fiscal reports for October were in the packets for review. There were no questions and nothing further to report.

8. Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Audit ❖

Manager Koch said he received no comments or concerns, so the audit is up for adoption. A motion was made by Vice-Chair Hatley to adopt the fiscal year 2018/2019 audit as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kiely, and passed by the following vote: Reynolds – Yes, Hatley – Yes, Fairbanks – Yes.

Commissioner Kiely asked how Fechter & Company were to work with. Manager Koch said they are very easy to work with.

9. Attorney's Report ❖

Attorney Vance reported that there are no claims or litigation against the plant, and everything is going well.

10. Manager's Report ❖

Manager Koch said we have been advertising for a Grade III position for a couple of months and have not received any applications that meet our qualifications. We did receive a couple of Operation-In-Training applications. A motivated person can obtain their Grade III certification within a couple of years.

Vice-Chair Hatley asked what the issue is with getting a Grade III operator. Manager Koch said there are not a lot of licensed operators in California.

The consensus of the Commission was to allow the manager to hire whomever he wants.

Commissioner Pittman asked if there was a counter on our website for the number of hits it gets. Manager Koch said he did not think there was, but will look into that.

11. Visitor Comments ❖

Mr. Kuehner asked if we have gone outside of the area looking for a Grade III Operator. Manager Koch responded that we have gone all the way down South. Mr. Kuehner asked if we were looking for a Grade III only. Manager Koch responded that usually when we advertise for a position, we usually get responses from OIT's to Grade IV's.

12. Commissioner and Staff Comments ❖

Commissioner Reynolds asked if the man camp was winding down. Manager Koch said they are down to bringing in about 25,000 gallons a day from more than 100,000 gallons a day at their peak. Commissioner Reynolds mentioned that he has spoken with our government representatives, Doug LaMalfa and Jim Gallagher, regarding funding for the upgrade. He also reported his son is graduating from boot camp next week and they are flying to Chicago to watch him graduate. His son was promoted to recruit chief petty officer, which is the highest recruit on the base (E3).

Commissioner Pittman said that the Disabled Veterans' Group has picked up eight to ten single family lot homes that they will rehabilitate and turn them over to veterans. There is another housing project being considered behind Food Maxx. The City has a parcel that was leveled, and is interested in putting in 30-50 unit studio apartments for veterans.

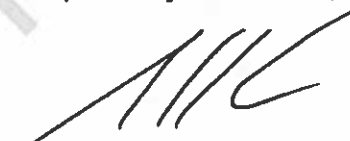
Commissioner Kiely asked if we had invoiced PG&E for our costs during the power outages at the plant and the pump stations. Manager Koch confirmed that we had.

Manager Koch reminded the Commissioners that the next meeting will be at 11:00 a.m. on the 18th.

13. Adjournment ❖

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m. to the regular meeting scheduled on December 18, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



SCOTT J. KOCH, CLERK