

Board Minutes

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

Camrosa Board Room
5:00 PM

Call to Order The meeting was convened at 5:00 P.M.

Present: President Al E. Fox
 Director Jeffrey C. Brown
 Director Timothy H. Hoag
 Director Eugene F. West
 Director Terry L. Foreman

Absent: None

Staff: Frank E. Royer - General Manager
 Tony Stafford – Deputy General Manager, Operations
 Tamara Sexton – Business Manager
 Joe Willingham – Planning & Data Systems Manager
 Michael Perrett – Legal Counsel

Guests: Bob Ellis – Leisure Village

Barbara Witzak – Camrosa customer
Barbara Davis – Camrosa customer
Brian Morris – Camrosa customer
Gale Driver – Camrosa customer
James Fortney – Camrosa customer
Mark Burley – Camrosa customer
Heidi Hayes - theAgency

Approve Minutes of the Board Meeting of November 18, 2009.

Amendments: None

M/S/C (/Hoag/West) to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of November 18, 2009, as presented.

Public Comments

- Mark Burley – Requested a timeline for expansion of the recycled water distribution system to Eastern Santa Rosa Valley and requested that the Board allow property owners to drill wells to allow the use of groundwater in place of potable water now used for outdoor irrigation and agriculture.

Special Presentations and Announcements

None

Consent Agenda

1. ****Approval of 11-30-09 Vendor Payments**

Summary: A summary of accounts payable in the amount of \$570,856.07 was provided for Board information and approval.

M/S/C (/Brown/Foreman) to approve the payments to vendors as presented by staff in the amount of \$570,856.07.

2. **Meter Replacement**

Summary: Meter replacement is an ongoing maintenance program. A portion of the District's meters is replaced each year.

M/S/C (/Brown/Foreman) to authorize the General Manager to issue a purchase order for meters to implement the Meter Replacement capital project.

Primary Agenda

3. ****Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of Proposed Modifications to Ordinance 40-09 – Rules and Regulations Governing the Provision of Water and Sanitary Services**

Summary: The President of the Board convened a hearing to accept public comment related to proposed modifications to Ordinance 40-09: Rules & Regulations Governing the Provisions of Water & Sanitary Services. Staff provided a brief report to the Board. There was no public comment from the floor. There was no written correspondence received prior to the hearing related to the ordinance under consideration. The hearing was closed.

M/S/C (Brown/Hoag) to approve to adopt Ordinance 40-09B Rules & Regulations Governing the Provisions of Water & Sanitary Services. Roll Call: Hoag – Aye; West – Aye; Brown – Aye; Fox – Aye; Foreman – Aye; Noes – None.

4a. **Public Hearing to Consider Changes to Water and Sewer Rates for Fiscal Year 2009-10

Summary: The President of the Board convened a hearing to accept public comment related to proposed increases in rates and fees for water service. The president opened the hearing for public comment. There were two public comments from the floor. The General Manager provided a chronology of events leading to the hearing and provided the underlying reasons rates need to be adjusted. The General Manager brought the 36 letters of protest received prior to the hearing to the Board's attention for consideration. The 36 protests originated out of nearly 7,400 letters sent to provide notice of the rate increases. The hearing to accept public comment was closed.

4b. **Resolution to adopt a Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges

Summary: Having conducted a public hearing to consider changes to water and sewer rates for Fiscal Year 2009-10, the Board considered a resolution to adjust rates. The resolution under consideration implements the budgeted rate increases and sets fees and charges for miscellaneous services in accordance with the public notice of proposed rate increase provided to each customer. After receiving public comments and discussing the need to pass the increased costs forward, the Board decided to move forward with approval of the proposed rates. The Board the President called for a roll call vote to adopt the proposed changes to existing rates and fees.

M/S/C (/Foreman/Brown) to approve a resolution of the Board adopting a Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges for Water and Sewer Service. Roll Call: Hoag – Aye; West – Aye; Foreman – Aye; Brown – Aye; Fox – Aye; Noes – None.

Administrative Matters

None

Information Items

5. Mid-year Capital Improvement Briefing

Summary: Received a briefing from staff on the status of the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). *No action required; for information only.*

Closed Session

None

Comments by General Manager

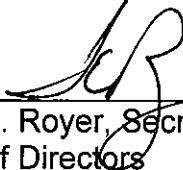
- A presentation to the Santa Rosa Valley MAC was made on Thursday, November 19th, regarding the proposed rate increases and future plans for recycled water.

Comments by Directors

- Director Hoag made recognition of staff and their proactive good work which in turn makes the Board's job easier. President Fox concurred.
- Director West requested staff evaluate opportunities of under utilized elevated ground water levels that might facilitate expansion of non-potable water usage.


Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P.M.



Frank E. Royer, Secretary/Manager
Board of Directors
Camrosa Water District

ATTEST:



Al E. Fox, President
Board of Directors
Camrosa Water District