# CAMROSA WATER BUILDING WATER SELF-RELIANCE

# **Board Minutes**

**Regular Meeting** 

Thursday, February 22, 2024 Camrosa Board Room 5:00 P.M.

- **Call to Order** The meeting was convened at 5:00 P.M.
  - Present: Eugene F. West, President Andrew F. Nelson, Vice-President Jeffrey C. Brown, Director (via teleconference) Timothy H. Hoag, Director Terry L. Foreman, Director
    - Staff: Norman Huff, Interim General Manager
      Tamara Sexton, Deputy General Manager/Finance
      Jozi Zabarsky, Customer Service Manager
      Joe Willingham, IT and Special Projects Manager
      Art Aseo, Engineering & Capital Projects Manager
      Kevin Wahl, Superintendent of Operations
      Terry Curson, District Engineer
      Ben Baumer, Legal Counsel
      Barbara A. Brenner, Legal Counsel

Guest: Jim Murchie, Leisure Village resident

#### **Public Comments**

Jim Murchie introduced himself as a resident of Leisure Village. He informed the Board that the residents are very interested in the District's current rate study and emphasized that most of them are on fixed incomes.

#### **Consent Agenda**

#### 1. Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2024

The Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2024.

Motion: Nelson Second: Hoag Rollcall: Nelson-Yes; Brown-Yes; Hoag-Yes; Foreman-Yes; West-Yes

#### 2. Approve Vendor Payments

A summary of accounts payable in the amount of \$1,037,541.41 was provided for Board information and approval. The Board approved the payments to vendors as presented by staff in the amount of \$1,037,541.41.

Motion: Nelson Second: Hoag Rollcall: Nelson-Yes; Brown-Yes; Hoag-Yes; Foreman-Yes; West-Yes Board of Directors Andrew F. Nelson Division 1 Jeffrey C. Brown Division 2 Timothy H. Hoag Division 3 Eugene F. West Division 4 Terry L. Foreman Division 5

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#### 3. Heritage Park – Monitoring Well Installation

The Board took the following actions:

- Appropriated additional funding in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the potable capital improvement fund to the Pleasant Valley Monitoring Well CIP for the Heritage Park monitoring well, and
- 2) Authorized the Interim General Manager to award a contract to South Valley Companies (SVC), Inc., in the amount of \$463,026.00, for the installation of a new monitoring well.

Motion: Nelson Second: Hoag Rollcall: Nelson-Yes; Brown-Yes; Hoag-Yes; Foreman-Yes; West-Yes

#### 4. Valve Box and Manhole Cover Raising

The Board authorized the Interim General Manager to issue a purchase order to Sam Hill & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$159,000.00.

Motion: Nelson Second: Hoag Rollcall: Nelson-Yes; Brown-Yes; Hoag-Yes; Foreman-Yes; West-Yes

#### **Primary Agenda**

#### 5. Operating Budget Excellence Award

The Board received the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO) Operating Budget Excellence Award.

No action necessary; for information only.

#### 6. Network Backbone Switches Refresh

The Board authorized the Interim General Manager to enter into an agreement and issue a purchase order with AllConnected Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$81,837.47, for purchase, provisioning, and installation of Cisco Catalyst series 9300 core and series 1200 edge switches for direct replacement (and spares) of aging network switches.

Motion: Hoag Second: Foreman Rollcall: Nelson-Yes; Brown-Yes; Hoag-Yes; Foreman-Yes; West-Yes

#### 7. Design for Repair of 16 Sewer Collection System Hotspots

The Board authorized the Interim General Manager to award a contract and issue a purchase order to Cannon Corp. in the amount of \$91,514.00 for design services.

Motion: Nelson Second: Hoag Rollcall: Nelson-Yes; Brown-Yes; Hoag-Yes; Foreman-Yes; West-Yes

#### 8. Legal Counsel Review

The Board discussed the District's legal counsel.

No action necessary, for information only.

#### **Comments by Interim General Manager**

- The Dupont PFAS litigation settlement was approved by the Court.
- The Interim General Manager reported meeting with the mayor of Camarillo to discuss the Heritage Park monitoring well and public outreach regarding the project.
- The Treasury bills were rolled over at 4.863% for 1 year.

## **Comments by Directors**

- Director Nelson reported attending the AWA breakfast, requested staff discuss rates with Leisure Village's new General Manager, Christi Moore, and reported attending the Calleguas board meeting on February 21, 2024.
- Director Foreman reported on Metropolitan's proposed rate increases.
- Director Hoag expressed appreciation for the Interim General Manager's weekly email updates.

**CLOSED SESSION:** The Board entered into closed session at 5:19 P.M. to confidentially discuss litigation and/or personnel matters as authorized by Government codes 54956.9(d) and 54957(b) respectively.

9. <u>Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel – Litigation Matters</u>

The Board discussed litigation matters.

No action was taken in closed session.

## 10. Closed Session – Personnel Matters

The Board discussed personnel matters.

No action was taken in closed session.

#### The Board returned to open session at 5:59 P.M.

#### Announcement of action taken in closed session.

The Board announced that no reportable action was taken in either closed session.

# Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M

Norman Huff, Interim Secretary Board of Directors Camrosa Water District

Eugene F. West, President **Board of Directors Camrosa Water District** 

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