

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

(Held at the Commission office on November 14, 2023 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, Taggart and Koch from the Thermalito Water and Sewer District. Staff present was Manager Glen Sturdevant, Plant Supervisor Mikah Salsi, and Attorney Danielle Williams in for Attorney Jones.

3. Salute to the Flag ❖

Chairman Taggart 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 October 24, 2023 ❖

Upon motion by Commissioner Koch to approve the minutes of the meeting, and seconded by Commissioner Salvucci, the minutes of the October 24, 2023 regular meeting were unanimously approved.

6. Authorization of Warrants ❖

Commissioner Salvucci met with Manager Sturdevant and reviewed the warrants earlier: Warrants included check numbers 28463-28494 for a total amount of \$131,336.67 from October 25, 2023 to November 14, 2023, including Commissioner fees and electronic fund transfers. The warrants were ordered paid by consensus.

7. Fiscal Reports ❖

Manager Sturdevant stated that the fiscal reports for October were included in the packets. There was a change to the budgetary summary; when it was created, we did not have the PG&E invoice for the plant to accurately report the utilities. That invoice came in yesterday, and the report was updated, and each commissioner received an updated copy.

8. Closed Session ❖

The Commissioners adjourned to closed session at 5:02 pm. Meghan Wharton from Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley's was in attendance. The closed session reconvened to open session at 5:14 pm. Chairman Taggart stated there was nothing to report.

9. Amendment No. 1 to Engineering Task Order No. 36 – Ruddy Creek Lift Station Design ❖

Manager Sturdevant said that with the purchasing of the property for the Ruddy Creek Lift Station Project, Jacob's is asking for an additional \$167,000 to complete the design project.

He talked with Dena today, and she had some minor concerns regarding the contract on the purchase of the property. He will have Attorney Jones make those changes, and we should have a signed contract very soon.

Commissioner Mastelotto asked if we had spoken with the County regarding doing a parcel map. Plant Supervisor Salsi said he had talked to a Butte County Senior Planner, who said because we are a public utility district we would be exempt from the Subdivision Map Act. Mikah is still going to meet with someone from Public Works to process our map, and will continue to work with them to determine what kind of environmental review we have to do for this project.

Manager Sturdevant said this property could be a good candidate for solar, with a battery system running it during the night. PG&E just emailed us stating we are getting another increase in our rates.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Pittman, and seconded by Chairman Taggart to approve the amendment to Engineering Task Order No. 36 – Ruddy Creek Lift Station Design, for an amount not to exceed \$167,000. The motion passed by the following vote: Pittman – Yes, Taggart – Yes, Mastelotto – Yes.

10. Attorney's Report ❖

Attorney Danielle Williams said that there was nothing to report.

11. Manager's Report ❖

Manager Sturdevant stated there were no operational issues to report this month. Hauling of our sludge is completed, and we just received the results from our quarterly sampling with 100% survivability rate.

We have been told that the VFD for the influent pump station will ship on November 24th. Gateway received the letter from Attorney Jones, and it seems to have gotten the results we wanted. Hopefully we'll have the lift station up and running in December at full capacity.

Manager Sturdevant reported that he and Plant Supervisor Salsi attended the California Water Reuse Conference, and learned about the new regulatory requirements on recycled water and direct potable reuse. Four large Southern California water districts are dictating what everyone else must adhere to. Mikah had a good conversation with the gentleman that runs the recycled water funding program. We think that we can get one of those planning grants; it is a 50% grant, but may be worth our while to see what the feasibility of recycled water at SC-OR would be. As part of the LOAPUD project to study sewer in Palermo, their manager included purple pipe and a recycle project in that study. It looks like there will be some future mandates for recycled water in California and we will start to see water districts pop up that all they do is sell recycled water. There are already four in the state. They don't have an actual water source other than the back end of a wastewater treatment plant.

He also reported that we have hired an Operator-in-Training, who will start on November 27th.

12. Visitor Comments ❖

None

13. Commissioner and Staff Comments ❖

Commissioner Pittman reported there is more affordable housing coming into the city.

16 Adjournment ❖

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m. to the regular meeting scheduled for December 19, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



GLEN E. STURDEVANT, CLERK