

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

(Held at the Commission office on June 28, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.)

1. Call to Order ❖

Vice-Chairman Fairbanks called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call ❖

Commissioners present were Commissioners Mastelotto and Fairbanks from the Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District, Reynolds from the City of Oroville, Wristen from the Thermalito Water and Sewer District. Staff present was Manager Glen Sturdevant, Plant Supervisor Mikah Salsi, and Attorney Scott Huber. Commissioner Thomson attended via Zoom, and Commissioner Hatley was absent.

3. Salute to the Flag ❖

Commissioner Reynolds 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 May 24, 2022 ❖

Upon motion by Commissioner Reynolds to approve the minutes of the meeting, and seconded by Commissioner Wristen, the minutes of the May 24, 2022 regular meeting were unanimously approved.

6. Employee Safety Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2022 ❖

Upon motion by Commissioner Reynolds to approve the minutes of the meeting, and seconded by Commissioner Mastelotto, the minutes of the June 13, 2022 employee safety meeting were unanimously approved.

7. Authorization of Warrants ❖

Commissioner Fairbanks met with Manager Sturdevant and reviewed the warrants, and having found everything to be in order made a motion for their approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. Warrants 27497-27562 in the total amount of \$1,234,092.03 from May 24 to June 28, 2022, including Commissioner fees and electronic fund transfers, were unanimously approved and ordered paid.

8. Fiscal Reports ❖

Manager Sturdevant reported that fiscal reports for May 2022 were in the packets for review. There were no questions and nothing further to report.

9. Election of Officers ❖

Clerk Sturdevant opened the nominations for Chairperson for fiscal year 2022/2023. Commissioner Mastelotto was nominated by Commissioner Reynolds for the position of Chairperson, which was seconded by Commissioner Wristen; the nominations were closed by Commissioner Reynolds. There being no other nominations, Commissioner Mastelotto was elected Chairperson in fiscal year 2022/2023 by acclamation.

Vice-Chairman Fairbanks opened the nominations for Vice-Chair. Commissioner Wristen nominated himself for the position of Vice-Chair for fiscal year 2022/2023, which was seconded by Commissioner Mastelotto, and nominations were closed by Commissioner Wristen. Commissioner Wristen, was elected Vice-Chair in fiscal year 2022/2023 by acclamation.

10. CalPERS contribution ❖

Fiscal Officer Sturdevant stated that each year we must pay our CalPERS annual unfunded accrued liability. If we pay it in a lump sum now for the fiscal year it will cost \$185,409.00, which will save SC-OR \$6,380.00, rather than as a monthly payment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds to authorize the manager to pay the CalPERS annual unfunded accrued liability in the sum of \$185,409.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wristen, and passed by the following vote: Fairbanks – Yes, Reynolds – Yes, Wristen – Yes.

11. Board Approval to Recognize Environmental Documents ❖

Manager Sturdevant reported that Provost & Pritchard has finally completed the application for the State Revolving Funds Loan. The publication of the Draft Notice of Intent of the Initial Mitigated Negative Declaration Study for the Plant Upgrade Project must be authorized by the Commission to publicly post it to allow for a 30-day public comment period. Once the public comment period is over, then we will bring it back to the Commission, along with any comments received from the public, for adoption. We can then post it to the State Clearing House and actually apply for the funding. After the document is adopted, there is then a 45-day period for protests.

Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to authorize the publication of the Draft Notice of Intent to adopt the Initial Mitigated Negative Declaration Study for the Plant Upgrade Project, and post the document at the State Clearing House for public comment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wristen, and passed by the following vote: Fairbanks – Yes, Reynolds – Yes, Wristen – Yes.

12. Closed Session ❖

Adjourned to closed session at 5:13 pm and reconvened to open session at 5:20. Vice-Chairman Fairbanks reported that there was no reportable action taken.

13. Attorney's Report ◆

Reported under closed session.

14. Manager's Report ◆

Manager Sturdevant reported there were no problems in operations and maintenance.

He reported on the following items:

- The engineers are working on costs and a plan for a change order if we cannot get the electric building for the influent pump station. They are fairly sure that they can get a building constructed within the budget. We are waiting on their determined costs.
- The East Interceptor Repair Project that serves LOAPUD is moving along nicely. He wanted to inform and thank the LOAPUD board members, as the LOAPUD crew came and video surveyed the line for us and did a great job. It was a huge help for SC-OR and very much appreciated.
- The Ruddy Creek Pump Station: Staff is working with Commissioner Mastelotto to get all of the documents needed to move forward with an appraisal on the purchase of the property. Commissioner Mastelotto used her expertise in getting us the documents that we were unable to find.
- We held another JPA Managers meeting at SC-OR, and discussed a potential district-wide F.O.G. program. We are laying the groundwork to bring the proposal to the Commission for consideration in the future. We also reviewed the introduction of SC-OR's ADU policy for input with the other entities. We will send it to Attorney Huber once it is finalized so he can make it legal. These JPA meetings seem to be viewed as very beneficial by all of the member entities.
- Manager Sturdevant and Plant Supervisor Salsi met with Rath Moseley, the manager of South Feather Water & Power (SFWP), about potentially partnering with them on a recycle water project. Since SC-OR is not a water purveyor, we must partner with a water purveyor to consider selling our water. Rath was very open to the idea of keeping our water in the North State. It was a very good meeting. Manager Sturdevant and Plant Supervisor Salsi are just doing homework before presenting these concepts to the Commission for consideration and/or direction in the near future. We have other option to consider on water sales, but will have to meet with Attorney Huber regarding these options. Commissioner Mastelotto asked if California Water Services sells the water, do they have anything to do with the recycle water, and can they file a suit if we recycle our own water? Manager Sturdevant said no. Our water is ours until it goes

into the Feather River, and then the State owns it and they sell it. This doesn't seem fair to our community. The people of Oroville pay to pump the water out of the ground, drink it, pay to pump it to SC-OR, pay to clean it, and pay to pump it to the river; then the State sells it and makes money from it. We need a middleman, someone who when we are done treating the water it becomes their water before it is pumped to the Feather River. They then can sell it, but SC-OR cannot. He believes that since the State is trying to buy water rights from farmers, there is an opportunity for SC-OR to sell our water through a middleman. We should be able to keep the water in the North State while recouping some money for the rate payers. Commissioner Wristen asked if the middleman would pay us for the water. Manager Sturdevant replied yes. Water is like gold in California. Commissioner Wristen asked if the rate payers would get any benefit from this, to which Manager Sturdevant said it would keep the sewer service charges stable or even lower them. Attorney Huber stated once a user puts their waste water in the sewer line it is SC-OR's, just like once SC-OR puts the cleaned water into the river it is the States. We can use the income to stabilize rates or lower them, but not to refund monies to the rate payers.

Manager Sturdevant presented Vice-Chairman Fairbanks with a plaque of appreciation in recognition of his service to the SC-OR Board of Commissioners, and thanked him for all of his time and effort put into serving on the Commission.

15. Visitor Comments ❖

None

16. Commissioner and Staff Comments ❖

None

15. Adjournment ❖

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m. to the regular meeting scheduled for July 26, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



GLEN E. STURDEVANT, CLERK