

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Lower Lake County Waterworks District No. 1
Minutes of the April 21st, 2022 Regular Meeting

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Frank Haas called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 4:06 P.M. Chair Frank Haas and Directors Frank McElwain and Coleta Barnhart were present. Also present was Amy Loren, Clerk of the Board and members of the Public: Jean Yanich, Barbara Wahlborg, Colleen Camerlo, and Steve Aten. LLCWD field staff Mike Kallerman, James Kingland, Duane Nowinsky, and Wayne Rivera also attended.

B. PRESENTATION BY JEAN YANICH TO DISCUSS CONSIDERATION TO PLACE A MORATORIUM ON NEW SERVICE CONNECTIONS AND IMPLEMENT FINES FOR EXCESSIVE WATER USE:

Ms. Yanich spoke about the situation in her neighborhood in Twin Lakes regarding cannabis grows and water use. Her neighbor has a large cannabis grow disrupting the neighborhood. There is constant traffic, and they have aggressive dogs that are killing residents goats and chickens. She is concerned about how the excessive water use is affecting the Districts water supply. She has contacted the Sheriff's office, the Board of Supervisors, code enforcement and animal control numerous times. Several other neighbors have complained also. When she was able to take drone footage the growers came over to intimidate and threaten her. She has heard multiple gunfire in the neighborhood. Jean spoke to Moke Simon about controlling the water use from the growers and said he was surprised that if someone owns property with no home or building permit that they can still have access to Lower Lake water service. "What do they need water for?" Jean commented that if LLCWD has to provide service, there should be a limit to how much water they can use. She suggested a 400 cu ft. limit and asked if the tier rates could be raised. "By giving cannabis growers access to water we are enabling them to continue with their illegal activities." She presented a video of drone footage showing the numerous grows in the area and asked the Board to consider finding a solution to this issue. Chair Haas said the District will need to consult with legal counsel about the options available. Tabled.

(All members of the Public left the meeting at 4:28pm)

C. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 17, 2022 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD MARCH 22, 2022:

On a motion from Director Barnhart, seconded by Chair Haas, the minutes were approved with 3 ayes, 0 nays.

D. FINANCIAL:

1. **Review and Discuss the Financial Statement:** The Board was provided a check register and financial statement for the month of March 2022 and approved the financials on a motion from Director Barnhart, seconded by Chair Haas, the motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays.

E. PUBLIC INPUT: None.

F. CORRESPONDENCE: Executive Order N-6-22 from Governor Newsome was received and reviewed by the Board. No action taken.

G. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:

(Mike Kallerman presented the report since Billy was absent)

1. **Emergency Drought Funding:** Nothing new to report. At the same point in the process as last meeting.
2. **Office Position Interviews:** Employees who filled the positions are working out great.

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3. **Emergency Intertie:** Nothing new to report. Still awaiting next steps from engineering and DWR. Director McElwain inquired as to why LLCWD is no longer taking the lead in this project, which he heard has now gone to Konocti Water. Mike said that would be a question for Billy.
4. **Twin Creeks Mobile Home Village Extension:** Mike gave an overview of what the project would entail. He estimated the cost to be around \$1 million. The Board agreed that if the project is to proceed, the costs should be the responsibility of the park and not the District. The General Manager's report was accepted on a motion by Director Barnhart, seconded by Chair Haas, with 3 ayes, 0 nays.

H. OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Consideration to Amend Salary Schedule to Increase Pay Scale Caps:** The Board was presented with an amended salary schedule for consideration. On a motion by Director Barnhart, seconded by Chair Haas the Board moved to adopt the new salary schedule with 3 ayes, 0 nays.
2. **Consideration to Adopt Resolution 2022-02, A Resolution Amending By-Laws to Change Day of the Month Regular Board Meetings:** The Resolution to change the Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors to the fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:00 P.M. was adopted on a motion by Director Barnhart, seconded by Chair Haas, with 3 ayes, 0 nays.

I. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Consideration to Adopt Annual CPI Increase:** Base charges for water service may be annually adjusted based on the December 31 Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the San Francisco Bay Area. That index being 4.2 percent, The Board agreed that it would be wise to adopt the maximum 3 percent CPI increase for the District. On a motion by Director Barnhart, seconded by Chair Haas, the increase was adopted with 3 ayes, 0 nays.

J. ANNOUNCEMENTS


1. **Next Regular Meeting to be held May 24, 2022 at 4:00pm**

ADJOURNMENT AT 5:01 P.M.

There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Director Barnhart, seconded by Chair Haas, 3 ayes 0 nays



Frank Haas, Chairman



Attest: Amy Loren, Clerk of the Board
Approved: May 24, 2022