

CLEAR CREEK COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, August 18 , 2021, 6:30 p.m
Board chambers
5880 Oak Street, Anderson CA 96007

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MINUTES

DIRECTORS: Chair Trenerry, Vice Chair Fust, Director Miller, Director Twight

STAFF: IGM Palmaymesa, Kristen Thomas, Administrative Assistant

AUDIENCE: Scott McVay, Beverly Fickes, Terry Lincoln, Joanne Blomquist, Barbara Brink, Robert McConnell, Pam Beaver, Sara Lincoln, Sally Lunn, Ken Longcrier, Jackie Longcrier, and Dennis Possehn.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Trenerry called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Director Twight led the pledge.

OPEN TIME: Scott McVay submitted to the Board a draft Supplemental Water Program whereby customers could purchase water in advance during drought conditions. He asked that the Board discuss at the next meeting. Mr. McVay also mentioned that he had a forensic accountant review the District's last financial audit in which many discrepancies were uncovered. This gentleman is available to meet with the Board. Mr. Wallis made a presentation at the HVCC meeting. Director Miller thought it was a good idea as he had good information to share. Vice Chair Fust indicated we need someone to go in and review the activity report and confirm that they are valid. Vice Chair Fust confirmed with IGM Palmaymesa that Centerville's bookkeeper was currently assisting. Joanne Blomquist stated that this accountant really brought up some good information. Director Twight indicated that now was not a good time to schedule a forensic audit. Director Miller asked that this information be put on the agenda for September.

Dennis Possehn asked on behalf of his neighbor for Clear Creek to talk about consolidating with Centerville. Long term costs will continue to increase so it should benefit for us to join together. Vice Chair Fust indicated that there were talks previously and both districts declined. Director Miller stated he saw some consolidation feasibility studies and for Igo Ono they would lose their water rights so it's not a good option for

them and ranches would go under. Perhaps with Centerville a consolidation can be discussed once we get our finances in order.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. KLI/BVWD/COR WATER TRANSFER - APPROVAL OF TRANSFER/PURCHASE (DISCUSSION/ACTION) - IGM Palmaymesa said that working with Bureau of Reclamation that 700 AF of water was found through a contractor down south. Instead of purchasing directly from Knights Landing, City of Redding and Bella Vista buys the water and then City of Redding would sell us the water. This would avoid some environmental hurdles. The price difference that Bella Vista has to pay will be paid by Clear Creek. Bella Vista's Board has already approved the transfer and are just waiting on us. Vice Chair Fust asked whether this was just a letter of intent to buy not the actual agreement to buy the water. Director Twight stated that this is the way Bella Vista wants to handle it. He publicly thanked Bella Vista, City of Redding, and the Bureau of Reclamation for their efforts to assist. Director Twight indicated he would draft a letter for Board approval officially thanking these agencies for their assistance. Vice Chair Fust asked about a contract. Director Twight stated it was a purchase agreement with the City of Redding, it is not a secured contract. If we don't move on it now, it will likely be sold to someone else. Director Miller asked when final payments are due. Director Twight stated October for the \$53,000 due to Bella Vista and January 31, for the \$283,000 from the City of Redding. IGM Palmaymesa said legal counsel questioned how the Bureau of Reclamation could terminate our contract for water. That is the concern of staff and community. Director Miller asked if 700 AF was going to be enough for the District. IGM Palmaymesa stated that coupled with the 500 AF already purchased we should be okay. The 500 AF has already been used up entirely. We will be allocated the 700 AF first because it's cheaper and then the 500 AF. If we don't use it all up, do not have to pay for it. The Board also discussed water credit from the Bureau of Reclamation for water used by Cal Fire and local fire departments, about 150,000 gallons. West Valley and Cottonwood are the only two which are not keeping track of the water they pull. Director Miller moved to go forward with the letter of agreement with City of Redding and when final contract is presented that it indicates based on usage not take or pay. Vice Chair Fust seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

TRENERRY - YES

FUST - YES

MILLER - YES

TWIGHT - YES

OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATION: IGM Palmaymesa gave a report on well production. The generator is set up on the booster station so with the recent power outage, we did not run the wells. Director Miller asked what was causing all the ruptures on the lines. Is there a shifting of the ground or something we can pinpoint. IGM Palmaymesa said it was the piping 10" or 14" that is very thin and should not have been installed. The over pressurization can also cause issues. It's not just this year. Director Twight asked about remedies, like pressure reducers. IGM Palmaymesa

stated that 90% of the breaks are in the main pressure zone and the only thing that regulates that is the 4,000,000 tank. Without emptying the tank, the only other thing would be to install another pressure zone. It's been talked about but we have funding restrictions. Robert McConnell asked about utilizing solar for the wells. IGM Palmaymesa stated it would cost millions to go completely off the grid. Vice Chair Fust indicated the Board looked at this before and it was found to be too costly. Mr. Possehn stated he had a contact that could explain why the line breaks were continually happening and had some tips for the District to utilize. The contact did reach out to Bill. IGM Palmaymesa indicated it's the old asbestos pipes that never should have been put in the ground and are weak.

QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS: Beverly Fickes indicated that IGM Palmaymesa was coming to the HVCC meeting on Thursday and would be able to answer any questions. The Board is welcome to attend.

Director Miller reported on the outreach committee and discussed ways to disseminate information for the upcoming rate proposal public hearing. Director Miller also spoke about the official minutes of the Board. He checked with legal counsel on the requirements and 5 hour verbatim minutes are not what we want. We're behind on posting minutes because of trying to determine what to do with these long meetings. Director Twight stated it was not a good use of staff's time to take 8 hours transcribing minutes.

Chair Trenerry excused herself early from the Board meeting due to family.

Scott McVay asked about the meter reading and stated it would be helpful for customers to know what day in the three day window their meter was being read. Staff indicated it was difficult to commit when things can go wrong and then customers get upset when their meter doesn't get read when they are told it will. Director Twight stated we have these big penalties and what day the meter gets read matter. He felt the District has an obligation to read the meters on the day specified. IGM Palmaymesa stated it was dependent on the software, the handheld equipment, and how the meters read. Sally Lunn asked about volunteering and the liability form necessary. IGM Palmaymesa stated he was working on it.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT: Director Twight stated that he'd been working as an adhoc committee between himself and the HVCC to edit and revise the management's position. We need to schedule a personnel standing committee to finalize the document. The Board discussed just adding it to the next regular board meeting. Director Miller stated you just can't have anybody on the committee to review the applications. There are HR laws, questions you can't ask, labor laws so you can't just have anybody on the committee. People on the committee have to know what they are doing. Director Miller stated that the Personnel Committee either needs to be reformulated or meet. Director Twight stated they would schedule a Personnel Committee meeting as soon as possible. Board discussed hiring for the position when the District knows the financial standing.

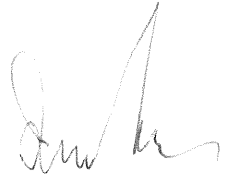
ADJOURNMENT: Vice Chair Fust adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by

Beverly Fickes, Volunteer




Johanna Trenergy, Chair



Irwin Fust, Vice Chair

Murray Miller, Director

Cedric Twight, Director



William Palmaymesa, Interim
Manager/Chief Plant Operator