# Watermaster District

#### - DRAFT MINUTES --

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors January 26, 2022 in Yreka, California

Directors present: Jeff Fowle, Rick Lemos, Bruce Fiock, FJ Hayden, Tony Bishop, John Spencer, Rod Dowse

Absent: none

By Zoom/Phone: Leah Grassman, Susan Hart, Nick Joslin (Friends of the Shasta)

Others in Attendance: Janae Scruggs, Bonny Nichols, Elisa Noble

#### 1. Call to Order

- a. **Establish Quorum** a quorum is established. Meeting called to order by Chairman Fiock at 7:00pm
- b. Pledge of Allegiance was said
- c. **Agenda Adjustments and Approval –** Move Item 4d and 4e to the top of Old Business ACTION: Approve Agenda as amended. MOTION: Hayden; SECOND: Fowle; AYES: Fiock, Bishop, Lemos, Dowse, Spencer; NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none.

d.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

## a. November 17, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

ACTION: Approve minutes as presented: MOTION: Fowle; SECOND: Spencer; AYES: Fiock, Bishop, Hayden, Dowse, Lemos; NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none

#### 3. Public Comment - none

## 4. Old Business (possible action items)

a. Elections - Swear in New Board Members

ED Noble reported that the newly elected board members had completed their oaths of office

## b. Select Chair and Vice Chair

ACTION: Bruce Fiock was nominated for Chair and Jeff Fowle was nominated for Vice Chair. MOTION: Spencer; SECOND: Fowle; AYES: Fiock, Bishop, Hayden, Dowse, Lemos; NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none

#### c. Update on SGMA

ED Noble and WM Grassman provided an update on the SGMA process. DWR has released the Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Plans for 75-day public comment. WM Grassman will take the lead working with ad hoc committee board members Fiock and Bishop.

#### d. Update on SWB Emergency Drought Regulation Curtailments

ED Noble and WM Grassman provided an update on the District's ongoing coordination with the SWB regarding implementation of the drought regulation curtailments. There were questions and discussion amongst board members. Board members Jeff Fowle and Rod Dowse agreed to serve an ad hoc committee to provide input to staff as the issue progresses.

e. Approve SSWD contract with SWB for services related to Drought Emergency Regulation ED Noble reviewed the current draft Scope of Work and Budget. ED Noble noted that all edits requested by the SSWD Board at their previous meeting had been accepted by the SWB. ED Noble clarified that this meeting's action was to approve the Scope of Work and the Budget; the complete contract is expected to be completed in three to four months, and will then come back to the SSWD Board for approval. ACTION: Approve the Scope of Work and Budget for the SSWD contract with the SWB for services related to the Drought Emergency Regulation. MOTION: Bishop; SECOND: Dowse; AYES: Fiock, Fowle, Hayden, Spencer, Lemos; NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none

#### f. Approval of Audit Report

ED Noble provided an overview of the Audit Response drafted with assistance from Susan Werner. The issues all need to be resolved by June 2022. ACTION: Approve the Audit Response. MOTION: Fowle; SECOND: Spencer; AYES: Fiock, Dowse, Hayden, Bishop, Lemos; NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none

#### 5. New Business (possible action items)

# a. Proposed Policy re: Board Member Conflict of Interest

ED Noble and legal counsel Kiehl reviewed the policy. Board discussion was held. ACTION: Approve the Board Member Conflict of Interest Policy. MOTION: Fowle; SECOND: Bishop; AYES: Fiock, Dowse, Hayden, Spencer, Lemos; NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none

## b. Proposed Policy re: Water User Non-Compliance Process

ED Noble and legal counsel Kiehl reviewed the policy. Board discussion was held. ACTION: Approve the Water User Non-Compliance Process Policy. MOTION: Dowse; SECOND: Fowle; AYES: Fiock, Bishop, Hayden, Spencer, Lemos; NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none

#### 6. Financials

a. Financial reports tabled until Quickbooks is updated.

ACTION: Pay obligations as presented, total of \$7,794.67. MOTION: Spencer; SECOND: Bishop; AYES: Lemos, Fiock, Dowse, Fowle, Hayden; NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none.

# 7. Watermaster Reports – summary of activities provided by WM Grassman & WM Nichols

#### 8. Closed Session

**a.** Employee Performance Review pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957; Executive Director (annual)

#### 9. Return to Open Session

ACTION: Continue contract with Elisa Noble as Executive Director through June 2022 at the current rate. MOTION: Fowle; SECOND: Spencer; AYES: Fiock, Bishop, Hayden, Dowse, Lemos; NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none

**10. Next regular meeting** – March 30, 2022 at 7:00pm

11. Adjournment 8:46pm.