Watermaster District

- DRAFT MINUTES --

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors May 26, 2021 in Yreka, California

Directors present: Justin McMahon, Rick Lemos, Bruce Fiock, FJ Hayden, Michael Stapleton

Absent: John Spencer, Tony Bishop

By Phone: none

Others in Attendance: See Sign in Sheet

1. Call to Order

 Establish Quorum- a quorum is established. Meeting called to order by Chairman McMahon at 7:00pm

b. Pledge of Allegiance was said

c. Agenda Adjustments and Approval – Approve Agenda with corrections. ACTION: Approve Agenda as presented. MOTION: Hayden; SECOND: Stapleton; AYES: McMahon, Lemos, Fiock; NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular meeting March 31, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

ACTION: Approve minutes with date correction: MOTION: Stapleton; SECOND: Fiock; AYES: McMahon, Lemos, Hayden; NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none

3. Public Comment - none

4. Old Business (possible action items)

- a. Update on SGMA development and ongoing SSWD input. At this point is reminding SGMA on what we do. The process is still very informal. Deputy Watermaster did add additional comments regarding extending channel 4 diversion on the Shasta side. Sometime in the summer there should be an official draft.
- b. Update on MWCD 1707. Executive Director had a productive conversation with Gary Black and the State Water Board as was able to narrow down the concerns. Shasta and Montague curtail use completely to Lower Shasta. Quantity of releases in what they are picking up. The Board is comfortable enough with continuing the discussion. The State Water Board is willing to let Montague make changes to the petition.
- c. Review and Approve Annual Financial Statement for Mailing to Landowners. Updated the numbers. Listed staff and put a note to remind the public if they are getting a call about a diversion make sure it is coming from a Board member or staff. Board Member Stapleton recommended adding a Grand Total for Expenses so public can compare Income and Expenses ACTION: Approve the Annual Financial Statement with corrections adding a Grand Total for Expenses so public can compare Income and Expenses. MOTION: Hayden; SECOND: Lemos; AYES: McMahon, Stapleton, Fiock; NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none

5. New Business (possible action items)

- a. Discuss and approve concept of administrative fee waivers. Concept admin fee waivers do not require request from land owner. Diversion must qualify cost to manage far exceed to diversion owner. Additional conditions adjudicated lands converted and/or land has been paved over. Boles Creek recommended to be brought back as a policy. ACTION: Approve concept of administrative fee waivers bring back as a Policy. MOTION: Stapleton; SECOND: Hayden; AYES: McMahon, Fiock, Lemos; NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none
- b. Discuss and possible approve options for providing retirement benefits for employees. Item has been tabled until Special meeting on June 1, 2021. Deputy Watermaster will bring in a comparison.
- c. Discuss and potentially approve Draft FY 21-22 Budget. Ex Director recommending take out \$24,000 and increase Legal fees from \$5,000 to \$15,000. ACTION: Approve FY 21-22 Budget. MOTION: Fiock; SECOND: Hayden; AYES: McMahon, Lemos; Stapleton; NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none.
- d. Drought Updates. Deputy Watermaster handed out a graph comparison from 2017 to current. Reach out to landowners willing to measure diversion. Frech Creek steep drop from previous week.
- e. State Water Board Tour in July. Some staff expressed interest. Board Member Stapleton will be

attending.

6. Financial -

- **a.** Balance Sheet / Check Register / Unpaid bills in the amount of \$2225.00 ACTION: Approve the financials presented and pay payables in the amount of \$2225.00 MOTION: Hayden; SECOND: Stapleton; AYES: McMahon, Lemos, Fiock; NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none
- 7. Next regular meeting July 28, 2021 at 7:00pm
- 8. Adjournment 8:01pm.

Minutes approved Aas presented [] with corre	ections on the 28 day of Juy ,2021.
Bruce E Frock Signature of Board Chairman	Signature of Secretary
Signature of Board Chairman	Signature of Secretary