



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

Absent: none

Others in Attendance: Leah Grassman (SSWD staff), Rhonda Muse (SSWD staff), Bonnie Jespersen (SSWD contractor)

By Phone: Elisa Noble (SSWD staff), Bonny Nichols (SSWD staff), Cherie Stephens (SSWD staff), Janae Scruggs (CDFW), Lorrie Bundy (water user), Susan Hart (water user), Nick Joslin (Mt Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center)

1. Call to Order

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

b. **Agenda Adjustments and Approval**

ACTION: Approve Agenda with amendment to move Item 8 (Financials) above Item 6 (Old Business), to move item 3 (Public Comment) below Item 5 (Return to Open Session), and to postpone Item 6c (policy re: modifying decreed water rights) to a future meeting. MOTION: Hayden; SECOND: Fowle AYES: Fiock, Dowse, Lemos, Bishop; NOES: none; ABSTENTIONS: none.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. **Regular Board Meeting September 28, 2022**

ACTION: Approve minutes with correction of adding that Susan Hart and Janae Scruggs were also in attendance. MOTION: Fowle; SECOND: Hayden; AYES: Fiock, Bishop, Dowse, Lemos; NOES: none; ABSTENTIONS: Hayden

3. Non-Public Closed Session

4. Return to Open Session

a. Chair Fiock reported that discussion was held regarding the District entering into contract with a general counsel. *ACTION: Approve the District entering into contract with general counsel Joshua Horowitz for certain services. MOTION: Fowle; SECOND: Bishop AYES: Fiock, Dowse, Lemos, Bishop; NOES: none; ABSTENTIONS: none.*

5. Public Comment – None.

6. Financials

a. **Update on Financial System/Process**

Bonnie Jespersen reported that she has been working with Rhonda to update Quickbooks, and that the District financials are currently reconciled through October 31st on a cash basis.

b. **Discuss and Possibly Approve Current Financials**

ACTION: Approve paying the unpaid bills in the amount of \$4,432.25. MOTION: Hayden; SECOND: Fowle ; AYES: Lemos, Fiock, Dowse, Bishop; NOES: none; ABSTENTIONS: none

7. Old Business (possible action items)

a. **Discuss SWB Emergency Drought Regulation curtailments and status**

SSWD staff Noble and Grassman provided an update on the ongoing communication with SWB regarding SWB implementation.

b. **Discuss and Possibly Approve French Creek LCS**

SSWD staff Nichols and Director Fowle provided an update. Meeting is scheduled with CDFW for November 21st.

i. **Potential Little Shasta LCS.** SSWD staff Grassman has been communicating with water users on the Little Shasta to see if there is interest in developing a LCS for that tributary.

c. **Discuss SSWD Contract with SWB and Invoice**

SSWD staff Noble provided an update on the SWB contract, and that she is waiting for SWB feedback to submit the first invoice.

d. **Discuss and Possibly Approve Appointment of New Director**

SSWD staff Noble reported that we are still waiting to hear from County Counsel on how to proceed.

8. **New Business (possible action items)**

a. **Discuss and Possibly Approve support letter for County SGMA Grant Application**

SSWD staff Noble discussed the support letter request from the County GSA for a grant that would fund implementation. Board and staff discussed that the District's letter should specifically highlight the need for more research on the groundwater – surface water connectivity issue, as it specifically pertains to our water users. *ACTION: Approve writing a support letter for the County SGMA Grant Application. Include verbiage highlighting the importance of the groundwater – surface water connectivity issue. MOTION: Fowle; SECOND: Lemos; AYES: Fiock, Hayden, Dowse, Bishop; NOES: none; ABSTENTIONS: none.*

9. **Watermaster & Staff Reports.** ~~Staff reported that the main issues had been covered during the meeting.~~

Rhonda & Leah provided written reports.

10. **Next regular meeting** – January 25, 2023

11. **Schedule Special Meeting**

Chair Fiock reported that a special meeting will likely be scheduled within the next few weeks.

12. **Meeting adjourned:** 8:50pm.

Minutes approved [] as presented with corrections on the 20th day of December, 2022.

Bruce E Fiock

Signature of Board Chairman

Signature of Secretary