MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS LA HABRA HEIGHTS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT July 28, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of La Habra Heights County Water District ("District") was held on July 28, 2020 at 4:07 p.m., at the office of the District, located at 1271 North Hacienda Road, La Habra Heights and by telecommunication.

Item 1. Roll call of Directors by Secretary/General Manager, Michael Gualtieri.

PRESENT: Directors Baroldi, Cooke, Crabb, McVicar and Perumean (all

board members by telecommunication)

ABSENT: None

Item 2. Staff members and others present. Staff: Michael Gualtieri, Secretary/ General Manager and Joe Matthews, Superintendent. Others present Michael Silander, Attorney at Law (by telecommunication) and Kyle Miller, resident (by telecommunication).

Item 3. Public Communications - None

Item 4. Directors Report -

Director Baroldi reported the following JPIA Board Meeting Minutes for July 27, 2020:

Consent Calendar/Administrative:

- 4 items for board members to vote on. I voted on behalf of district as follows:
- 1. Dec 2019 consent agenda/meeting minutes abstained since I did not attend meeting.
- 2. Ratify new agencies yes
- 3. Approve financial statements for 2019-20 yes
- 4. Budget for fiscal year 2020-21 yes

Financial:

Audited financial statement - passed

Audit submitted

Auditor feedback - JPIA received high praise for staff, well run organization

Budget passed

Budget decreased due to pension obligation changes

Budget only covers G & A (salary/benefits/operating costs) - not insurance related expenses.

Programs:

Huge focus on covid related issues. JPIA website traffic for covid information higher than any other program.

SB 1159 - relates to covid claims. Contact tracing, social media way to determine if workers exposed to covid at work.

Liability SAMS claims expensive due to unrest. Numbers are good but concerning. Property program impacted by fires. 10% increase because catastrophic events dominate pricing.

Workers comp. decreased by 10%. More people working from home less claims. 10% increase (property program) offset by 10% decrease (workers comp program) Employee benefits program – no change in rates for 2020-2021. Medical up 8-9 %. Wellness grants available. \$75,000 from Anthem. Contact Sandra for more information. CWIF – formed by Captive Insurance program. Doing well. It's too early to audit because it's a new program. Liability first program to go through CWIF. Good return so far. Stock market affected numbers, but as of June coming back around.

HR La Bounty Safety Award:

Winner Rancho CA Water District – Halo lights for helmets for night lighting. Improves safety for workers near roadways at night. May be beneficial for our district since we have narrow, winding roads and overgrown vegetation.

Fairly new program related to safety equipment/practices. Website has additional information on awards program.

Risk Control Grant program:

Assist members with funds for project that help reduce risk. Maybe relevant to helohydrant project? Offers up to \$10,000 for grant. Submit application. Awarded in March. Must participate in 2 of the 3 risk programs in order to be eligible for grants. More information on website.

CEO update:

Focused on covid changes, minimal impacts to how JPIA is operating.

Other Business:

No lawsuits - pending or ongoing.

Director McVicar discussed filing for upcoming election.

Item 5.a. & 5.c. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of June 28, 2020 and Investment schedule June 2020. After discussion, there was a motion by Director McVicar and seconded by Director Baroldi to approve the Minutes and Investment Schedule. The vote was as follows:

AYES:

Directors Baroldi, Cooke, Crabb, McVicar and Perumean

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

Item 5.b. Financial Reports – June 2020. After discussion there was a motion by Director McVicar and seconded by Director Baroldi to approve financial reports. The vote was as follows:

AYES:

Directors Baroldi, Cooke, Crabb, McVicar and Perumean

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

Item 6. Approval of warrants and authorize signatures per warrant list. After discussion, there was a motion made by Director McVicar and seconded by Director Baroldi that the warrant numbers 43769 through 43870 in the amount of \$413,333.76 and EFT transfers in the amount of \$15,948.42 be approved and signatures be authorized. The vote was as follows:

AYES:

Directors Baroldi, Cooke, Crabb, McVicar and Perumean

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

Item 7.a. Discuss and Action- Employee Request for Education Reimbursement. After discussion, Board of Directors requested staff and District legal counsel draft a contract for educational reimbursement not to exceed \$20,700.00 and place item next month for further discussion. No action was taken on this item.

Item 7.b. Discuss and Approve – H20 Pipeline Newsletter Summer 2020. After discussion there was a motion by Director McVicar and seconded by Director Crabb to approve newsletter, with minor changes. The vote was as follows:

AYES:

Directors Baroldi, Cooke, Crabb, McVicar and Perumean

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

Item 7.c. Update on District Activities. General Manger discussed Plant 1 regarding booster 3 malfunctioning. Also discussed was the pressure test for transmission line at the Wells. Emerson is scheduled to complete SCADA by June 26, 2020. Lastly, discussed was the production in June 2020.

Item 8. Closed Session. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION Rowland Water District v. La Habra Heights County Water District, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. KC070088. Discussion of existing litigation pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.96. No reportable action was taken.

Item 9. There being no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Director Cooke and seconded by Director McVicar that the meeting be adjourned at 5:24 p.m. The vote was as follows:

PRESENT:

Directors Baroldi, Cooke, Crabb, Perumean and McVicar

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

Dated:

August 25, 2020

Brad Cooke, President

(SEAL)

Michael Gualtieri, Secretary

07/28/20