

MIDWAY HEIGHTS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2022, 6:00 P.M. at District Office
16733 Placer Hills Road, Meadow Vista CA. 95722

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Goodwin called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Richard Goodwin, President
Don Rushton, Vice-President
Jim Mehl, District Treasurer
Pauline Nevins, CSDA Representative
Craig Stone, ACWA/JPIA Representative

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Tiffany, General Manager and Board Secretary
Andrew Ramos, District Counsel

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Barbara Milton
Jeff Scherr

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S Jim Mehl/ Pauline Nevins to accept the March 21, 2022, minutes as written.

Richard Goodwin	Aye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jim Mehl	Aye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pauline Nevins	Aye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>
Donald Rushton	Aye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>
Craig Stone	Aye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>
Board Totals	Aye	<input type="text" value="5"/>	Nay	<input type="text" value=""/>	Absent	<input type="text" value=""/>	Abstain	<input type="text" value=""/>
Passed Unanimously:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Barbara Milton, a District customer, voiced her concern that item V.A.1 could create a financial hardship for the District in the form of a lawsuit.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. DIRECTORS REPORTS -- Craig Stone, Water Quality Sampling

The Chair disallowed consideration of the document provided in the Board Packet due to its controversial and inflammatory nature, adding that it was included in the agenda without approval. With advice of Counsel, public comment was taken, but action was disallowed.

Director Stone described his reasons for having filed his complaint with the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) concerning water quality sampling on Director Mehl's property.

Director Mehl read a prepared statement challenging the complaint and submitted four related documents as submitted by him and his wife to the FPPC, asking they be included with the minutes. (Documents are attached)

Barbara Milton, a District customer, repeated her concern that a lawsuit could create a financial hardship for the District and would not benefit the customers.

2. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE - none.

B. DISCUSSION & ACTION RE: HARASSMENT COMPLAINT

The Chair disallowed consideration of this Item in open session, adding that it was included in the agenda without his approval.

C. DISCUSSION & ACTION RE: POLICY CONCERNING DIRECTORS WHO SHARE A HOUSEHOLD

This item was not taken up and may appear on a future agenda.

D. DISCUSSION & ACTION RE: AD-HOC COMMITTEE PROGRESS REPORTS

1. FY 2023 Budget

The Board reviewed the budget with the GM. A known unfunded liability is out for actuarial review and will be discussed with the next draft in May.

2. Strategic Planning

Director Nevins updated the Board on the strategic planning progress. The RFP has been posted on the District's web and the web site for CSDA. Several consultants were also contacted directly.

3. Connections Policy

The GM advised that Hansford Economic Consulting is available to provide support on connections and asked that the Connections Ad-Hoc Committee provide him with a list of questions and recommendations.

E. DISCUSSION & ACTION RE: THE CONSENT CALENDAR

This item was not taken up and may appear on a future agenda.

F. DISCUSSION & ACTION RE: GENERAL DISCUSSION AND CALENDAR REVIEW

This item was not taken up and may appear on a future agenda.

G. DISCUSSION & ACTION RE: PROSPECTIVE VACANCY ON THE BOARD

The Board asked staff to send out postcard notices to the public about the vacancy with a deadline of June 1, 2022, for interested parties to notify the District. Applicants will be interviewed during the June 16 session, and a selection will possibly be made by the Board at that time.

H. DISCUSSION & ACTION RE: DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

The General Manger stated that he would try to include a newsletter in the upcoming billing cycle. Director Nevins offered her support if needed.

I. FIELD REPORT

The Board reviewed the report and asked questions about the listed activities.

J. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

The GM informed the Board that the survey was almost done for the Hillsdale irrigation main replacement project. He would also be working on the Electronic Annual Report (EAR), a survey of public water systems, to be submitted to the State Water Board.

VI. FINANCIAL

A. TREASURER’S LEGAL ACCESS TO CERTAIN RECORDS OF THE DISTRICT.

The President briefed the Board on the District Counsel’s advice affirming the Treasurer’s access to expense-related Personnel Records, along with scope clarification about seeking legal advice from our insurer, JPIA. No action was taken.

B. TREASURER’S REPORT - APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT TRANSFERS AND BILLS PAID

Board Treasurer Mehl reported that all looked to be in order.

M/S Pauline Nevins/Richard Goodwin to accept the reports for February 2022 and March 2022.

Richard Goodwin	Aye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jim Mehl	Aye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>
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VII. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND CALENDAR REVIEW

The Board reviewed the calendar.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE & TIME

The next regular meeting date is set for May 19, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

IX. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH DISTRICT COUNSEL

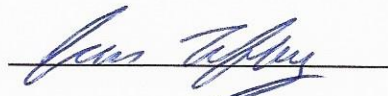
The Board went into closed session at 7:54 PM with only Board members present. The session was restricted to matters related to a Confidential Board Investigation and to issues relating to the conduct of the GM's next performance review.

Upon return to Open Session there was no report of action taken.

X. ADJOURNMENT

President Goodwin adjourned the meeting at about 9:00 PM.

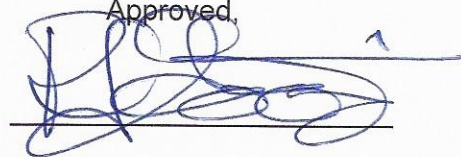
Respectfully Submitted,



Jason Tiffany
Secretary to the Board
Midway Heights County Water District

Dated: 5-19-2022

Approved,



Richard Goodwin
President of the Board

Midway Heights County Water District
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