

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
THE GOLDEN VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Golden Valley Municipal Water District was held at 2:00 PM, Friday, December 9, 2022, at the District Office located at 49744-3 Gorman Post Road, Gorman, CA.

President Ralphs called the meeting to order and noted the following people were present: Secretary Edwards, Engineer Kirill Dolinskiy. Virtually present; Karl Erbacher. Absent; Susan Ralphs and Trent Rymer. Public; William Tinney, Artin Aghamalian from Lake Hughes Recovery (LHR) - he is the Financial Controller for LHR.

Secretary Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes of the last Board Meeting held on September 9, 2022, Director Erbacher, seconded.

Director Erbacher made a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda as presented today, Secretary Edwards, seconded.

Oath of Office read and singed. Ryan Ralphs - Incumbent, Patty Edwards - Incumbent, William Tinney - new Board Member

Public Comment: None

Wastewater System Operation and Maintenance; Jonnie Allison reported the pond leveler still need to be repaired/replaced. All weeds around the ponds are pulled except for a small section of cattails. Patty will call weeding company to remove. Otherwise, everything is good.

Water System Operation and Maintenance; Jonnie Allison reported Superior Tank fixed the small leak on the water tank. Auto dialer isn't working at the well site because it needed to be upgraded from 3G to 5G. Telstar who originally installed it sent info on what to get. Patty called Verizon and ordered- it was a free upgrade just had to pay the shipping cost of \$9.99. It will be installed when it arrives. Secretary Edwards said the water meter for customer ATG may need a new meter. Jonnie stated the weeds by that meter are out of control and need to be cleared. President Ralphs stated the weeds will be cleared this afternoon. Jonnie will look at the meter and see about a new one. Jonnie stated as time goes on and depending on the budget of the District we should move towards replacing all meters. First get the rate study done and then start replacing meters.

Report by District Engineer Kirill Dolinskiy; Engineer Kirill reported stated we have approval to be assigned a wastewater person from RCAC the other one that was supposed to do it left RCAC. Engineer Kirill has a conference call next week with the State and RCAC for the feasibility studies. We are continuing to scan files. The website is almost ready-Microsoft 365 and website needs to merge. Secretary Edwards asked who will receive the any inquiries from

the general email that is listed on the website? Engineer Kirill stated it would come to Patty to address. Patty would have two emails to check.

Report by Office Manager; Secretary Edwards reported that all weeds around ponds, water tank and well site are done. The weeding company was nice enough to let the District make 4 payments for clearing around the ponds. The total cost was around 7k.

Back-up generator application was sent to RCAC with the help of Sarah at RCAC. They will let us know if we are a candidate.

Secretary Edwards stated all legal fees are paid up to date -the total paid to date \$49,289.00.

Secretary Edwards stated that Engineer Kirill and Jonnie did the inspection at Lake Hughes Recovery (LHR) of Building B. Engineer Kirill stated they could not see that the bathrooms were actually capped but stated there is no access to them whatsoever (walls are permanently up blocking access-no door access). It was agreed with Artin (LHR-Controller) that the District can inspect annually to make sure there is no access/no doors in place. Water/Sewer Operator Jonnie stated we now have access to LHR water meter but in the future if we don't have access, we can call Thomas (security guy) still or Artin directly to clear access. It was almost four months with no water meter access. Artin asked what the outstanding balance is owed because LHR will cut a check today. Secretary Edwards stated she did a quick accounting of LHR bill balance and stated there is approximately \$11,618.87 owed but probably more as she needs to do a more detailed accounting. She can get the exact amount owing after the meeting. Engineer Kirill stated to the Board that LHR is asking to drop all late fees and the sewer charge of \$431.00 (Building B) from August 2022 forward. Engineered Kirill asked for Board approval. President Ralphs made a motion to approve the resolution (above request underlined) for Lake Hughes Recovery, Secretary Edwards seconded.

Secretary Edwards is following up from last meeting regarding the rate study for residential and ask Engineer Kirill if it is for commercial as well. Engineer Kirill said it was for both. Also Patty asked Engineer Kirill if he has talked to RCAC regarding the pond leveler to see if they can help towards that. Engineer Kirill stated he apologizes- he hasn't, but he will talk to RCAC.

Secretary Edwards stated any new connections to the District's system- the District needs a deposit from the new customer and any existing water/sewer lines that are disconnected but customer wants to reconnect we pay our engineer directly for any plans review done by the customer. Jonnie stated the customer's engineer should send any plans to our engineer for review.

Secretary Edwards asked Engineer Kirill for back-up documentation for all his invoicing- not only for the District records but for our auditors as well. The total cost to date in Engineering fees for 1 year is \$37,880.00 we have paid \$14,000.00 to date. Total balance today \$23,880.00.

Secretary Edwards also asked Engineer Kirill to please have ITVizion invoice of \$90.00 per month made out to the District directly instead of to Kirill Dolinskiy. Engineer Kirill stated he has already spoken to the company.

Secretary Edwards ask Jonnie about the back up battery that went out and if it was replaced. Jonnie stated it has been replaced. The back-up battery is used at the well site for the auto dialer.

Secretary asked the Board if the District can have contract directly with Rene Ferrara (our previous Engineer Frank Springer's assistant of +25yrs) instead of going through our current Engineer Kirill. No objections from the Board. Patty will get a contract in place with Rene Ferrara.

Engineer Kirill stated RCAC is helping us with an updated Emergency Response Plan as we speak.

Financial Report; Secretary Edwards stated in the various banking accounts total balance is \$137,559.22. Bills to be ratified in the amount of \$72,615.86. President Ralphs made a motion to approve the Financial Report, Director Erbacher, seconded.

Comment by Directors; None

No Executive Session

Director Erbacher made a motion for adjournment, Secretary Edwards, seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:58P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

RYAN RALPHS
GOLDEN VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER
DISTRICT, BOARD PRESIDENT