



MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NORTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. Via Teleconference

CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH QUORUM

The North Tahoe Public Utility District Board of Directors' special meeting was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. via teleconference. The Directors in attendance were President Coolidge, Directors Mourelatos (re-joined the meeting at 2:10 p.m.), Thompson, Hughes, and Daniels. District Staff in attendance included General Manager Johnson, Engineering and Operations Manager Pomroy, Chief Financial Officer Van Cleave, Administrative Manager Holt, Utility Operations Manager Fischer, Public Information Officer Justin Broglio, and Administrative Liaison Moga. General Counsel Nelson was also present.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. No changes were made to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS (2:05 p.m.) - There were no requests for public comment.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Review, Discuss and Adopt Resolution 2021-04 Setting Various Fees and Rates for Use and Rental of the North Tahoe Event Center - AM Holt and GM Johnson introduced the item. The Board and Staff held a brief discussion about the proposed pricing change specifically for Lakeview, June 1- October 31. Staff noted the Lakeview room provides a premium view and allows the ability to charge more relative to the competition. AM Holt stated the Lakeview room demand has gone up, but demand for the entire center has gone down.

MOTION: Director Daniels moved to Adopt Resolution 2021-04 Setting Various Fees and Rates for Use and Rental of the North Tahoe Event Center. Director Thompson seconded the motion. During a brief discussion initiated by Director Mourelatos, GM Johnson spoke about the Lakeview suite's current and proposed rate changes. The motion passed unanimously by roll call (5-0).

Review and Approve General Liability Insurance and Property Insurance Program for 2021-2022 (effective April 1, 2021) - GM Johnson introduced the item. The Board and Staff discussed Cyber-attacks and coverage. Additionally, the Board discussed shopping and our ability to influence the premium. GM Johnson noted that JPRIMA is a specialized program for special districts in the water/sewer industry, putting the District in an already narrow risk pool, which helps us from rate inflation. He added the current provider understands our industry and best practices. GM Johnson noted we submit a comprehensive renewal application package to report our activities, flow rates, staff, revenues. The broker is the assigned agent about risk reduction to help keep claims down.

GM Johnson reported CSDA, SDRMA have announced premium increases of 20%. He added we have checked with neighboring districts that are covered by ACWA/JPIA who are

experiencing similar increases. In response to Board member inquiries, GM Johnson noted we have been with this program for three years, resulting in net savings and good value from the program. He noted the Tahoe basin has progressive and aggressive land management, multiagency coordination, and fuels reduction. GM Johnson spoke about the District's efforts to keep the premiums down, including participating in legislative advocacy and reviewing inverse condemnation reform.

President Coolidge asked GM Johnson to report back in September about the current program. GM Johnson noted additional increases are expected; however, there will be increased sophistication in wildfire assessment, more specialized and tailored programs.

Director Daniels stated she is comfortable with a 12-15% increase where homeowners are experiencing an 80-90% increase.

MOTION: Director Daniels moved to Approve JPRIMA General Liability Insurance and Property Insurance Program by Allied Public Risk/Allied World Assurance beginning April 1, 2021, to April 1, 2022, in the amount of \$234,104, offered through EPIC Insurance Brokers. Director Hughes seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call (5-0).

DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2021/22 DRAFT BUDGET PARAMETERS PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

GM Johnson introduced the item and provided a PowerPoint presentation. The Board and Staff discussed Property Tax and RDA and the potential impacts of Proposition 13 and 19. They discussed rate assumptions and rate maintenance. Director Mourelatos spoke about 5-year CIP and the District's role in Recreation Master Plan, workforce housing, and transportation improvements. He asked if opportunities align with our strategy. GM Johnson noted we will have a more targeted workshop to review 5-year CIP in its entirety in the coming months. He added we are always at the table participating, whether it's trails or workforce housing. The Board and Staff discussed Research and Development in the Capital Improvement Project process. The Board and Staff discussed the new engineer position and acceleration of project delivery. GM Johnson spoke about updating the procurement and bidding requirements and will bring back for further discussion. Director Hughes noted the California Energy Commission has a grant for electric snowmobiles. GM Johnson noted we are interested in having a conversation with existing and future vendors. The Board and Staff discussed the current and future maintenance contract with CTC and Placer County. GM Johnson noted there has been discussion regarding maintenance in downtown core. He said that would be an opportunity to staff up and enhance services if it aligns with our priorities. Director Daniels advised to keep eyes wide open. She noted the District might not want to get involved with sidewalk maintenance, but beaches would be good.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS - There were no requests for public comment. President Coolidge closed the public comment period.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.