



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Via Teleconference

CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH QUORUM

The North Tahoe Public Utility District Board of Directors' regular meeting was held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. via teleconference. The Directors in attendance were Directors Daniels, Hughes, Thompson, and Mourelatos. President Coolidge arrived at 2:38 p.m. District Staff in attendance included General Manager Johnson, Engineering and Operations Manager Pomroy, Chief Financial Officer Van Cleave, Utility Operations Manager Fischer, Public Information Officer Justin Broglio, and Administrative Liaison Moga. Counsel Nelson was also present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

CALL TO ORDER/CLOSED SESSION (2:00 p.m.)

There were no changes to the agenda. The pledge was recited.

Extend Resolution 2021-13 to Re-Authorize Virtual Public Meetings in Accordance with AB 361 - GM Johnson introduced the item. He noted a special meeting would be needed to extend the resolution in order to hold the December meeting virtually. The legal counsel's opinion is that while the District would be in substantial compliance with the law should the District wait to the December meeting to extend the resolution, the conservative approach to host a quick special meeting to ensure overlap.

MOTION: Director Thompson moved to extend Resolution 2021-13 to Re-Authorize Virtual Public Meetings in Accordance with AB 361. Director Hughes seconded the motion. The Board held a brief discussion. The motion carried unanimously (4-0). President Coolidge was absent.

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

MANAGEMENT TEAM INFORMATIONAL UPDATES:

Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency (T-TSA) Report – Lane Lewis, TTSA Representative, provided highlights from his report. Mr. Lewis thanked Director Hughes and President Coolidge for participating in a TTSA facility tour. Director Thompson spoke about supply chain impacts on projects. The Directors and Mr. Lewis discussed upcoming projects.

Recreation and Parks Commission Report – There were no reports for this month.

General Manager/CEO Report – General Manager (GM) Johnson provided highlights from his report. He spoke about potential funding and grant opportunities for water infrastructure and Parks projects. In response to Director Hughes' inquiry about the potential for boat storage in TVRA parking lot, GM Johnson spoke about liability issues, privatization of public assets, and how most boat owners want to store their vessel down the hill.

In response to Director Hughes inquiry's about TRPA's EIP program and water projects, GM Johnson provided background information regarding the EIP and the narrow entry limited to fireflow and water system inter-tie projects. He noted the District is targeting Lake Forest watermain and Carnelian watermain as potential projects. GM Johnson spoke about the strategy of proposing smaller fire flow projects with quick execution, prioritization, and basin-wide partnerships.

President Coolidge arrived at 2:38 p.m.

Public Information Officer Report – Public Information Officer, Justin Broglio, provided highlights from his report. Director Hughes requested a brief summary of the breakfast club and other meetings he attends to be included in his report.

Accounting Department Report for the month ending September 30, 2021– Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Vanetta Van Cleave, highlighted items from her financial report.

Park and Facilities Department Report – PIO Broglio provided highlights from the Recreation and Parks Facilities Department report. The Board and Staff discussed the wildfire smoke impact to the area over the summer. The Board and Staff discussed the Event Center as a resource during the fire and future emergencies. President Coolidge recommended to agendizing this topic for strategic planning.

Planning and Engineering Department Report – EOM Joe Pomroy provided highlights from his report. In response to President Coolidge's inquiry, EOM Pomroy spoke about the watermain project quick completion. In response to Director Daniels' inquiry of National Sewer Pump station status, EOM Pomroy stated it's behind schedule due to supply chain issues with electrical components. The Board and Staff briefly discussed supply-chain impacts and the District's approach and response.

Utility Operations Department Report – UOM Fischer provided highlights from his report. Director Mourelatos stated he would like to discuss this report in terms of maps for hydrants, watermain, and CCTV work. GM Johnson spoke about a graphical representation of work performed and shared screen of the work done on the NTPUD water system. The board members complimented the map.

Legal Report – Legal Counsel Josh Nelson provided highlights from his report, including an update on 2022 ballot measures. He provided a summary of the Taxpayer Accountability Act. The Board and counsel held a brief discussion about the act and its potential impacts.

Board Committee Reports – The Board members reported on Committee items.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- Approve Accounts Paid and Payable for the period from October 12, 2021, through November 9, 2021
- Approve Minutes of the October 12, 2021 Regular Meeting

- Adopt Resolution 2021-17, a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the North Tahoe Public Utility District Approving the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Publicly Available Pay Schedules

MOTION: Director Mourelatos moved to approve the consent calendar. Director Coolidge seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously by roll call (5-0).

GENERAL BUSINESS

Hearing to Consider Customer Appeal for Water Overage Charges at 8590 Loch Levon (APN 90-111-037) (Time Certain 3:00 p.m.)

GM Johnson introduced the item. The Board and GM Johnson held a long discussion regarding the customer's appeal and the specific circumstance. The board members requested bringing the ordinance back to discuss relief based on tiered meter sizes.

Motion: Director Thompson moved to deny customer appeal. Director Mourelatos seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote (4-1); Director Daniels opposed.

Authorize the General Manager to Sign on Behalf of the District in Support of Special District Appointments to the Placer County Capital Project Advisory Committee

GM Johnson introduced the item. President Coolidge spoke about the current representation and the benefits of this arrangement.

MOTION: Director Thompson moved to Authorize the General Manager to Sign on Behalf of the District in Support of Special District Appointments to the Placer County Capital Project Advisory Committee. Director Daniels seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously by roll call vote (5-0).

Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement to Support the District Five Year Strategic Plan Update

GM Johnson introduced the item. GM Johnson and the Board members discussed how the District has changed in the last five years and the need to hire a consultant to help facilitate the strategic planning process.

MOTION: Director Daniels moved to Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement to Support the District Five Year Strategic Plan Update. Director Hughes seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously by roll call vote (5-0).

Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement for Board of Directors Participation in Management Leadership Training

GM Johnson introduced the item. Director Daniels stated she is excited to do this with the rest of the Board.

MOTION: Director Daniels moved to Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement for Board of Directors Participation in Management Leadership Training. Director Thompson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously by roll call vote (5-0).

LONG RANGE CALENDAR – GM Johnson noted the first and second quarter of 2022 will be busy with strategic planning and budget workshops. GM Johnson noted that the Clifton Strength workshop for the Board members would be held in January at the Event Center. The Board agreed to hold a special board meeting on November 30, 1 p.m. to extend resolution for AB361 and review the long-range calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS: There were no requests for public comment.

After a brief recess, the Board went into a closed session at 5:07 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION –

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: 1 case

MOTION: The Board authorized the General Manager to initiate participation in the Liberty Utilities general rate case proceeding pending before the CPUC (A.21-05-017). The vote was unanimous (5-0).

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – *(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Case name unspecified: Settlement negotiations*

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – Pursuant to Section 54957. Title: *Chief Financial Officer*

ADJOURNMENT – There was reportable action taken during closed session as noted above. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.