



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 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, February 8, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. via teleconference. The Directors in attendance were Directors Daniels, Hughes, Thompson, Mourelatos, and President Coolidge. District Staff in attendance included General Manager Johnson, Chief Financial Officer Van Cleave, Utility Operations Manager Ken Fischer, Public Information Officer Justin Broglio, Recreation, Parks, and Facilities Manager Oberacker, Human Resources Manager Lazzareschi, and Administrative Liaison Moga. Counsel Nelson was also present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

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 and Director Daniels briefly discussed an OSHA violation cited during an inspection.

General Manager/CEO Report – General Manager (GM) Johnson provided highlights from his report, including an update on COVID cases and mask requirements.

GM Johnson provided a legislative affairs update. The Board and Staff discussed potential funding sources for projects.

In response to Director Mourelatos' questions about herbicide use in Tahoe Keys, GM Johnson provided an overview of the test treatment process and methods to mitigate the invasive weeds in the Tahoe Keys. The Board and Staff briefly discussed the process, timeline, and possible impacts of this test.

Public Information Officer Report – Public Information Officer, Justin Broglio, provided highlights from his report, including the Snowfest event, and a year-in-review of the website and social media, marketing, and advertising strategy. In response to Director Mourelatos' request for information about grant opportunities and priorities, GM Johnson spoke about recurring grants, strategy, and project alignment.

Accounting Department Report for the month ending December 31, 2021 – Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Vanetta Van Cleave, highlighted items from her financial report.

Recreation, Park, and Facilities Department Report – Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Manager Amanda Oberacker highlighted items from her report. In response to Director Mourelatos, Manager Oberacker spoke about methodical tournament scheduling. Additional information will be provided at the March board meeting.

Planning and Engineering Department Report – GM Johnson highlighted items from EOM Pomroy's report. In response to Director Daniels' inquiry, GM Johnson noted that the Psomas water model is important for understanding our weak points and critical for our capital investment strategy. Additionally, it's helpful for the fire district to have a map of the water system and flow tests. Director Thompson requested the Event Center architectural study qualifications to come before the Development & Planning. He added he would like to be part of the review process.

Utility Operations Department Report – UOM Fischer provided highlights from his report, including chlorination updates. President Coolidge and Director Daniels commended UOM Fischer on his 5-year CCTV efforts.

Legal Report – Legal Counsel Josh Nelson provided highlights from his report.

Board Committee Reports – GM Johnson provided an overview of the TTSA ad-hoc committee report regarding the governance option for TTSA and various utility districts. GM Johnson noted it would require special legislation to make changes.

Director Thompson noted the Development & Planning Committee recommended two items that are proposed on the consent calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- Approve Accounts Paid and Payable for the period from January 11, 2022, through February 7, 2022
- Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2022
- Extend Resolution 2021-13 to Re-Authorize Virtual Public Meetings in Accordance with AB 361
- Declare Items as Surplus and Authorize Sale, Donation, or Disposal as Appropriate
- Adopt Resolution 2022-04, a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the North Tahoe Public Utility District Approving the Application for Grant Funds from the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation Habitat Conservation Fund Program
- Authorize the General Manager to Execute Professional Service Agreements Budget Increases and a Capital Improvement Project Budget Realignment for the National Sewer Pump Station Rehabilitation Project

MOTION: Director Mourelatos moved to approve the consent calendar. Director Hughes seconded the motion. After a brief discussion regarding item E6, the motion was carried unanimously by roll call (5-0).

In response to Director Daniels' inquiry regarding item E-6, GM Johnson noted due to the nature of project; we need the design engineer to assist with completing the project with construction

management, tracking, reviewing progress and alternatives. The project has increased in time. This is a request for a budget realignment.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Budget Parameters and Strategic Plan Mid-Year Update Workshop – GM Johnson provided a PowerPoint presentation.

The Board and staff discussed current and future topics and priorities, such as projects, workforce housing, and transportation.

North Tahoe Event Center Status Update and Strategic Review

GM Johnson introduced the item. North Tahoe Event Center Manager Cathy Becker and Public Information Officer Justin Broglio provided a PowerPoint presentation.

In response to Director Mourelatos' inquiry, PIO Broglio spoke about website optimization, analytics, and ADA accessibility.

President Coolidge asked for clarification regarding revenue. GM Johnson noted our revenue projections were conservative; however, COVID lifted slightly, and our numbers surpassed our budgeted goal. The Board congratulated Ms. Becker on her numbers.

In response to Director Mourelatos, the Board and Staff discussed building regional business relationships and corporate strategy for weekday utilization.

In response to Director Hughes, Ms. Becker spoke about California versus Reno target markets. Director Hughes noted that the Reno/Tahoe airport would be a great place to advertise. She added she would like a more community-focused strategy.

Director Daniels stated this has been a dream come true after the years of road construction, sidewalks, and COVID. She suggested using virtual tours.

The Board and staff discussed inquiries, tours, and conversion rates. The Board and Staff discussed adding information on how to visit, lodging, and transportation to the Event Center website.

Director Thompson commented that the architectural study would be a selling point.

The Board commended Ms. Becker on her hard work.

At 4:57 p.m., Director Mourelatos left the meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS – Director Daniels provided an update on the Mountain Housing Council meeting.

LONG RANGE CALENDAR – GM Johnson highlighted events from the long-range calendar, including the Snowfest Pancake Breakfast on March 5.

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

Counsel Nelson noted there would be no reportable action taken during the closed session. The Board went into a closed session at 5:04 p.m.

A. CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION –

Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9:

Name of case: Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC (Liberty) 2022 General Rate Case (A. 21-05-017)

2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – Pursuant to Section 54957.6.

Agency Designated Representative: Bradley A. Johnson, General Manager/CEO

Employee Organizations: International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE)

Stationary Engineers Local 39 Memorandum of Understanding and

Unrepresented Employees Confirmation of Understanding.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.