



MINUTES

NORTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
Special Regular Meetings are held at
the North Tahoe Event Center and via teleconference

Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH QUORUM

The special meeting of the North Tahoe Public Utility District Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at the North Tahoe Event Center. The Directors in attendance were Thompson, Hughes, Mourelatos, Daniels, and President Coolidge. District Staff in attendance included General Manager Johnson, Engineering and Operations Manager Pomroy, Public Information Officer Broglio, Utility Operations Manager Fischer, Human Resources Manager Harris, Recreation, Parks, and Facilities Manager Oberacker, and Administrative Liaison/Board Secretary Moga. District Legal Counsel Nelson was also present via teleconference. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. President Coolidge announced there were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS (11:00 a.m.): There were no requests for public comment.

GENERAL BUSINESS

North Tahoe Event Center Status Update and Strategic Review – GM Johnson introduced the item. NTEC Manager Cathy Becker provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Director Hughes initiated a discussion on corporate bookings. The Board and Staff exchanged ideas about collaborating with local and drive-in corporate markets, exploring new opportunities, and finding solutions to the lack of lodging options. NTEC Manager Becker agreed to provide the statistics on local corporate bookings. Director Hughes suggested that NTEC should make a presentation to NTBA's Economic Vitality Group to share their vision for the potential opportunities.

Director Hughes discussed the potential for future opportunities with the NTEC Architectural study, as well as the possibility of seeking grant funding to improve building energy efficiencies. GM Johnson confirmed that the staff is actively pursuing local and state grants and that the NTEC architectural study will be updated accordingly. Director Daniels raised concerns about potential business losses during any building construction and suggested planning ahead sooner rather than later.

GM Johnson addressed questions about the challenges with a government entity acquiring a liquor license, prime dates, and flex pricing to entice corporate bookings on non-prime days.

The Board members expressed their gratitude for Cathy's hard work and applauded her and the staff for accomplishing the advisory committee's mission.

Public Comment:

Dan Daniels thanked Cathy. He suggested bundling corporate bookings and local rental properties to get more corporations to book at the Event Center.

Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Strategic Focus and Draft Budget Parameters Discussion – GM Johnson provided a PowerPoint presentation. GM Johnson addressed questions about workforce housing, fleet asset management, and electrification requirements. EOM Pomroy spoke about addressing water loss.

Director Hughes left the meeting at 12:58 p.m. President Coolidge left the meeting at 1:07 p.m. Vice President Daniels took over chairing the meeting.

In response to Director Daniels, GM Johnson noted that low-budget work will be performed on the Active Recreation Needs Assessment before the November results of ACA-1.

GM Johnson discussed beach maintenance contracts and potential opportunities with CTC in response to Director Mourelatos' questions.

Approve General Liability, Property, and Cyber Insurance Program for 2024/2025 (effective April 1, 2024) – GM Johnson introduced the item. GM Johnson addressed Director Thompson's question about replacement costs. He stated that Administrative Liaison Moga works with the engineering team to estimate the cost of replacing the asset.

Director Daniels inquired about wildfire risk and its impact on water quality and business continuity. GM Johnson stated that insurance companies are still wrestling with wildfire impacts and coverage. He added that staff continues to research parametric insurance coverage to help support business operations and make the necessary ordinance updates to be in a good position from a policy standpoint.

MOTION: Director Mourelatos moved to approve the general liability, property, and cyber insurance program for 2024/2025. Director Daniels seconded the motion. The Board held a brief discussion about wildfire coverage and business continuity. The motion carried unanimously in favor by roll call vote (3-0). President Coolidge and Director Hughes were not in attendance and absent from voting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS – There were no requests for public comment.

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.