

# MINUTES OF THE TUSCAN WATER DISTRICT

Meeting of Wednesday, June 19, 2024; 9:00 a.m.

Chico State University Farm, 311 Nicholas C Schouten Lane, Room 104, Chico, CA 95928

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## **MEETING MINUTES**

**The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.**

### **Roll Call:**

- Board members present: Steve Koehnen (presided), Andrew Mendonca, Craig Knight, Brian Mori, James Paiva Jr., Todd Turley, Rayme Antonowich. (Bill Chance joined the board during item 2d.)
- Board members absent: Rich McGowan
- Public Present: Dillon Raney, Bill Chance, Lance Atkins, Mike Sohnrey, Emily Alma, Kamie Loeser, Catherine Hansen (by Zoom, presenter), Joe Hughes

### **Item 2a: Meeting Minutes for the TWD Board Meeting on May 15, 2024.**

- Public comment: None
- Approved 7-0 - Turley Motion, Mori Second.

### **Item 2d: TWD Vacancy**

- Bill Chance, Lance Atkins and Mike Sohnrey attended and provided a brief recap of their experience and interest in being appointed to the Board.
- District Counsel provided context about the appointment process.
- Koehnen opened the floor to nominations.
- Antonowich nominated Mike Sohnrey. Todd Turley nominated Lance Atkins. Andrew Mendonca nominated Bill Chance.
- Board voted 7-0 to close Nominations. Antonowich motion, Mori second.
- Steve opened the floor to discussion.
- Mori asked the candidates to explain their water experience. Todd confirmed that all 3 nominations own land in the district.
- District counsel called for a roll vote: Bill Chance was appointed with 5 votes
- Koehnen thanked all 3 candidates for applying.

### **Item 2bi: Resolution to authorize opening a bank account and signatories**

- Public comment: None
- Amendment: 2 signatures required; 4 signatories (President, Treasurer, Vice President, Secretary)
- Approved 8-0, with amendment – Antonowich motion, Knight second.

### **Item 2bii – Legal Services Agreement with District Counsel Joe Hughes**

- Board question re: rates - \$395/hr is the Water District rate.
- Public comment: None
- Approved 8-0, Mori motion, Turley second.

### **Item 2biii – Payment of invoices, subject to funding**

- Public comment: None.
- Approved 8-0, all 3 invoices – Antonowich motion, Mendonca second.

**Item 2c – Resolution to detach territory**

- District staff provided background and clarified which parcels would be removed, per question from Mendonca.
- Public comment: None
- Approved 8-0, Mori motion, Rayme second.

**Item 3a – Staff provided brief updates regarding:**

- LAFCO Conditions 6(b) – Municipal Services Review – update only
- LAFCO Condition 9 – Divisions (Resolution, Map preparation) – update only
- LAFCO Condition 13 – MOU with Vina GSA and Butte Basin GSA – update only
- TWD Policies – Voluntary Landowner Contribution, Charitable/Sponsorship Contribution
  - Board members asked for staff/counsel to prepare draft policies and run by Finance Ad Hoc for review prior to returning to board for approval
- SWEEP Grant – update only

**Item 3b – Vina GSA Fee Study**

- Vina GSA staff and consultants provided an update on the Vina GSA Fee Study. Attached is the presentation that was used.
- Staff is kicking of an outreach process.

**Item 4 – Announcements and Reports from Board members – None.****Item 5 – Request of Board members for future agenda topics**

- Finish Ethics and Brown Act training at the July or August board meeting

**Item 6 – Public Comment – None.****Item 7 – Closed Session**

- The Board held a closed session with legal counsel to discuss anticipated litigation under Government Code, § 54956.9(d)(2). No reportable action was taken.

Meeting adjourned: 11:45 a.m.