

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SEWERAGE COMMISSION - OROVILLE REGION

(Held at the Commission office on January 23, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.)

1. Call to Order ❖

Vice-Chairman Pittman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call ❖

Commissioners present were Commissioners Mastelotto and Salvucci from the Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District, Pittman and Thomson from the City of Oroville, and Koch from the Thermalito Water and Sewer District. Staff present was Manager Glen Sturdevant and Plant Supervisor Mikah Salsi. Commissioner Taggart was absent. Attorney Ryan Jones attended via Zoom.

3. Salute to the Flag ❖

Vice-Chair Pittman led the commissioners and staff in the salute to the flag.

4. Acknowledgment of Visitors ❖

None

5. Board Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 19, 2023 ❖

Upon motion by Commissioner Koch to approve the minutes of the meeting, and second by Commissioner Salvucci, the minutes of the December 19, 2023 regular meeting were unanimously approved.

6. Authorization of Warrants ❖

Commissioner Mastelotto met with Manager Sturdevant and reviewed the warrants earlier, and having found everything to be in order made a motion for their approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Koch. Warrants 28564-28623 in the total amount of \$186,668.53 from December 20, 2023 to January 23, 2024, including Commissioner fees and electronic fund transfers, were unanimously approved and ordered paid.

7. Fiscal Reports ❖

Manager Sturdevant stated the fiscal reports for December 2023 were in the packets for review. There were no questions expressed and nothing further to report.

8. Closed Session ❖

The Commissioners adjourned to closed session at 5:04 pm. Meghan Wharton from Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley was in attendance. The closed session reconvened to open session at 5:23 pm. There was nothing to report, and information was received.

9. Resolution 01-24 (Investments of SC-OR Monies in L.A.I.F.) ❖

Manager Sturdevant reported that SC-OR funds are invested in the Local Area Investment Fund (L.A.I.F.) per board action, which pays a better interest than banks. This Resolution brings the annual authorization for investment to the Commission for approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Koch to adopt Resolution 01-24, (Investments of SC-OR Monies in L.A.I.F.). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Salvucci, and passed by the following vote: Pittman – Yes, Koch – Yes, Mastelotto – Yes.

10. Contract with NorthStar Engineering for Boundary and Topo Survey, and New Parcel Plat and Legal APN 030-212-046 ❖

Manager Sturdevant stated that this contract is for the property purchase for the Ruddy Creek Pump Station. The property needs to be surveyed to move forward with the pump station rebuild, as well as completion of the legal description so that we can legally acquire the property. The cost of the contract for these services with NorthStar Engineering will not exceed \$15,000.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Salvucci to approve the contract with NorthStar Engineering for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for Boundary and Topo Survey and New Parcel Plat and Legal APN 030-212-046. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mastelotto, and passed by the following vote: Pittman – Yes, Koch – Yes, Mastelotto – Yes.

11. General Services Contract with Coleman Engineering ❖

Manager Sturdevant reported we have a general services contract with Jacob's Engineering, and we use them for in-plant engineering purposes where we need institutional knowledge. Coleman's rates are quite a bit cheaper than Jacob's, so he would like to have a contract with them to use when we just have simple engineering needs.

Commissioner Salvucci made a motion to approve a contract with Coleman Engineering for general services for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Koch, and passed by the following vote: Pittman – Yes, Koch – Yes, Mastelotto – Yes.

12. Attorney's Report ❖

Attorney Jones had nothing more to report than what was said in closed session.

13. Manager's Report ❖

Manager Sturdevant reported that we are getting ready to pull quarterly samples in the near future. We had some issues with the rain; we had operators here the last couple of nights, and we went over normal flows where we are comfortable leaving the plant unmanned.

The progress report on the influent pump station is that all of the equipment is installed, and we are in the process of squaring up the integration. We recently realized that Jacobs is not bringing into the plant what we think is minimum mandatory signals for running (i.e. alarms, information, etc.). We have asked for changes; we are hoping to do this within the remaining budget, but there may be a change order.

We have submitted our funding application to the State for phase 1 of the upgrade project. The environmental report has been reviewed and commented on by the State, and the County is now reviewing the public notice, and hoping to send it out this week so it can be included on the Butte County Supervisor's Board Meeting Agenda in February.

Commissioner Mastelotto asked Manager Sturdevant if our employees had gone to the 4/10 work schedule, and how that was going. He responded that we are on that schedule, and have had some hiccups, but are learning as we go. It seems more work is getting done and the employees love it.

14. Visitor Comments ❖

None

15. Commissioner and Staff Comments ❖

Commissioner Koch asked about the Feather River flow meter. Manager Sturdevant responded that we just paid \$10,000 for a new ABB controller, and it is already out. Neither Telstar or Aqua Sierra have the equipment needed to fix it. Telstar is supposed to be at the plant on February 20th, and will have someone from ABB technical services on the phone to try to figure out what is going on with it. We are getting to the point of considering sending the ABB flow meter back for a refund and installing a Westinghouse flow meter.

Vice-Chair Pittman reported that DWR had contacted him to let him know they have activated their monitoring crews, and if the next storm comes in with substantial rain, they will probably open the spillway.

Vice-Chair Pittman also said that in discussions with California Water Service (Cal Water), the City is probably going to move forward with the fluoridation issue. He also found out that two of Cal Waters' wells in Oroville were shut down because of PFAS (micro-plastics). Manager Sturdevant said that SC-OR has issued Cal Water a P-2 permit on their well system. They can dump raw well water into the sewer system, but any water trapped in their filter system has to be disposed of elsewhere. Vice-Chair Pittman said that Cal Water is ahead of the EPA in confronting this.

16. Adjournment ❖

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m. to the regular meeting scheduled for February 27, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



GLEN E. STURDEVANT, CLERK

Approved