

**Omochumne-Hartnell Water District**

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**Board Meeting – Minutes, December 3, 2015 @ 2 PM**

**7513 Sloughhouse Road**

**Elk Grove, CA 95624**

**Call to Order:**

1. Chairman of the Board, Mr. Ronald Lowry, called the meeting to order at 2:08 PM and a quorum was present including Board Members Leland Schneider, Robert Mahon, Thomas Young, Jr. and Kurt Kautz, General Manager Michael Wackman, Secretary Cindy Luellen and visitors Mr. Herb Garms and Mr. Jay Schneider. Ms Rebecca Smith, Legal Counsel, was also present.

**Public Comments:**

None.

**Action/Discussion Items:**

1. (items #1 & #2 combined) After a review of the agenda and minutes from the past meeting held September 16<sup>th</sup>, Director Schneider made a motion to approve the agenda and under the consent items and the financial report and to transfer \$20,000 from the LAIF Fund to the River City Account. It was seconded by Director Mahon and passed 5/0/0 The Board also discussed moving forward with working on the agency boundary lines and holding monthly meetings in the future.
- 3 Rooney Dam. RD800 is working on the permits to do the repair work, but paused due to the Regional Water Quality Control Board suggesting there may be a mitigation requirement with the current scope of work to be conducted on the levee. Further meeting with RD 800 and Regional Board staff will be set up by OHWD General Manager.
- 4 The FEMA rejected the districts appeal on the 2006 dam repair projects and has de-obligated funds already reimbursed to the district. Previously dispersed funds on the project are being request to be refunded. Legal counsel is researching options to determine the districts next steps.
- 5 Groundwater Recharge Project,
  - a. OHWD has not had recent discussions with Rancho Murieta for water availability for the project. At this time discussions have stalled due to water availability.
  - b. All work with the City of Plymouth for transfers have water has been halted due to water right concerns from the public and several Board members.
  - c. The decision for the lease option on the recharge site property must be considered before March 1, 2016, preferably by the January meeting. The decision was postponed until the January 2016 meeting. Presently no money has been collected from the grant.
6. Under Item # 6, Groundwater Sustainability Agency,
  - a. No discussion was held regarding SSCAWA's meeting on October 20, 2015 (Galt and Clay water districts).
  - b. OHWD's representatives met with the Sacramento County Water Agency (SCWA) on the regarding overlapping areas between OHWD and SCWA. SCWA has concerns if OHWD elects to become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the area. Jay Schneider discussed Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District's (SRCD) Resolution the implementation of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Within the SRCD area and handed out a copy of their Resolution 2105\_1111.
  - c. The Sacramento County Board of Supervisor's meeting held November 10, 2015

concerning the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Staff from the County presented several principles for the Board of Supervisors to adopt however the Board felt there was not enough information presented to them to adopt any policies at the time. They rescheduled the item for March of 2016 and request county staff to hold a workshop for the Board of Supervisors on the issue.

d. Boundary Change Adjustment

- i. General Manager Wackman has sent out bids (RFP's) and the closing date is Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 5pm – currently there are no responses.
- ii. Engineering firm picked by OHWD to complete the boundary line adjustment must then submit a proposal to the Department of Water Resources for any adjustments. All basin changes must be submitted to the Department of Water Resources by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District is interested in working with OHWD on engineering firms and basin changes.

**A motion was made by Director Mahon that two Board Members, Director Schneider and Director Kautz meet with the General Manager to review the results of the engineering firms presenting their bids and pick the group that will be hired to submit plans for the boundary changes. It was seconded by Director Young, and approved 5/0/0.**

7. Under Office Administration

- a. **Director Kautz made a motion to get DSL Service to the office after exploring the best options available. It was seconded by Director Schneider and passed 5/0/0.**
- b. **Director Kautz made a motion to purchase Quickbooks online service for the Office. It was seconded by Director Schneider and passed 5/0/0.**

8. Item #8 (resolution of new meeting date) was postponed until the January 2016 meeting.

9. The Directors discussed the election of officers and changes for 2016.

- a. **The motion was made by Director Mahon to elect Director Kurt Kautz Chairman of the Board. It was seconded by Director Young and passed 5/0/0.**
- b. **The motion to elect Director Schneider as Vice Chairman of the Board was made by Director Mahon, seconded by Director Young and passed 5/0/0.**
- c. **The motion to elect Ron Lowry as Treasurer was made by Director Schneider, seconded by director Mahon and passed 5/0/0.**

10. Closed Session – Discussion of contract with Wackman Consulting.

Report out of Closed Session.

**A motion was made by Director Young to increase the monthly payment for the General Manager, Mr. Michael Wackman, starting January 1, 2016 to \$2500, all costs – no expenses. It was seconded by Director Kautz and passed 5/0/0.**

**Status Reports:**

1. Communications received included ACWA News, Prospective from the ACWA/IPIA, Irrigation Leader and ACWA monthly letters and magazines.
2. Water Coordinator's Report – There's water in the Cosumnes.
3. ACWA activity – No activity.

**General Managers Report:**

1. General Manager Wackman informed OHWD Directors that Robertson-Bryan, Inc. and Stuart Robertson are no longer together.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

1. Under Director's meeting attendance report, Director Mahon –1 meeting, Director Schneider

– 1 meetings, Director Young - 1 meeting, Director Kautz – 1 meeting, Chairman Lowry – 1 meetings. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55PM.

**The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.**

(Central Zone Meeting Wednesday, January 13, 2016)

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Submitted by Secretary, Cynthia Luellen 01-01-2016