

**FLORIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
 7090 McComber Street
 Sacramento, CA 95828
 Monday, December 9, 2024
 7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Russell called the meeting to order at **7:24P.M.**

2. ESTABLISH QUORUM/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Cindy Russell	President	PRESENT
Leonard Heimericks	Director	PRESENT
Edward Taylor	Director	PRESENT
Rachel Walker	Director	PRESENT
Judi Johnson	Director	PRESENT
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Quorum established.

Director Johnson offered to have Agenda Item number 7 begin first to allow the representative with Akel to give their presentation regarding the CIP.

Director Taylor made a motion to approve with Agenda with the change to allow Agenda Item 7 (Capital Improvement Plan) be addressed first. Director Heimericks second the motion. Board unanimously in favor to approve the Agenda with this change.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

A Member of the Public identified herself as Loretta Schopf, wife of former Director Gary Schopf. This member commented her feelings that the District was destroyed by the actions of former General Manager Rick Bedal. She raised concern about discrepancies with Well operations and transparency to the Board, pay increases, misconduct with voter registration and appointment of new Board Members, and other actions taken not in the benefit of District. She requests the Board hire a General Manager that is the best and most qualified for the District.

Another Member of the Public questioned Director Heimericks' readiness with meeting materials he said he would have present at the meeting tonight.

Another Member of the Public said he has been coming to Board Meetings for the last 2 years and it has been pure chaos. The Member notes the new Board seems to have gotten their act together.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Johnson made a motion to approve the entire consent calendar. Director Taylor second the motion.

Director Walker requested more time to review the materials and would like to vote at a later meeting.

President Russell claimed she did not review all the Accounts Payable and will not be approving the Consent Calendar.

Votes as follows:

Director Johnson – YES
Director Taylor – YES
Director Heimericks – NO
Director Walker – NO
President Russell – NO

The Board did not approve motion and the entire Consent Calendar has not been approved.

The Board will discuss and/or vote on each section individually.

A. Minutes –

- 1) November 12, 2024
- 2) November 21, 2024
- 3) December 3, 2024
- 4) December 5, 2024
- 5) December 6, 2024

Director Heimericks made a motion to accept the Minutes listed on the Agenda. Director Walker second the minutes. Votes as follows:

Director Heimericks – YES
Director Walker – YES
Director Johnson – YES
Director Taylor – YES
President Russell – NO

The Board approved the Minutes listed above by a majority vote. Approved minutes will be listed on the District's website.

B. Accounts Payable/Past Accounts Payable

The invoice for the Employee Handbook, Director Heimericks made a motion to pay the invoice for that law firm minus the charges accrued prior to May 15, 2024 when the Board voted to approve the contract with that law firm. Director Walker second the motion. Votes as follows:

Director Heimericks – YES
Director Walker – YES
President Russell – YES
Director Johnson – NO
Director Taylor – NO

The Board approved Director Heimericks motion by a majority vote.

Director Heimericks made a motion to terminate the contract with Palmer law firm. Director Taylor second the motion. Votes as follows:

Director Heimericks – YES
Director Taylor – YES
Director Johnson – YES
Director Walker – NO
President Russell – NO

By a majority vote the Board approved to terminate the contract with Palmer Law Firm.

Director Johnson made a motion for all other bills presented be paid. Director Heimericks second the motion. Board unanimously approved the motion.

C. Adjustment Report

Director Johnson made a motion to approve the adjustment report. Director Taylor second the motion. Board unanimously approves the adjustment report.

5. SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

New Board Members were sworn in at County Elections since the District currently does not have a Board Secretary to administer the oath of office.

The District welcomes Director Edward Taylor and Director Rachel Walker to the Florin County Water District Board of Directors.

6. ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT – New President Starts January 2025

Director Heimericks made a motion to nominate Director Judi Johnson as the new Board President. Director Taylor second the motion. Votes as follows:

Director Heimericks – YES

Director Taylor – YES

Director Johnson – YES

President Russell – NO

Director Walker – NO

By a majority vote the Board appointed Director Johnson as the new Board President. She will take the position effective January 1, 2025.

7. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP)

Director Johnson made a motion to accept the bid for Akel based on the information received. Director Walker second the motion. Votes as follows:

Director Johnson – YES

Director Walker – YES

Director Taylor – YES

President Russell – YES

Director Heimericks – NO VOTE GIVEN

The Board approved by a majority vote to accept the bid to contract with Akel for the Capital Improve Plan (CIP).

8. MISSION, GOALS, VALUES, AND BY-LAWS

The Board opted to table this Agenda Item until after the first of the year.

9. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM (Gov. Code § 54954.3(a))

No Public Comment.

10. CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

President Russell convened closed session at 8:27PM.

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Gov. Code § 54957)

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

11. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

12. IF APPLICABLE, PUBLIC REPORT OF (1) ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY, AND (2) VOTE OR ABSTENTION ON THE ACTION OF EVERY BOARD MEMBER PRESENT (Gov. Code § 54957.1(a))

A. The Board would like to have all three applicants to come in for a second interview.

B. The Board has no reportable action.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS

Director Heimericks would like to set up a sub-committee with himself and Director Taylor to work with the District's IT person to improve the District's website and report back to the rest of the Board in January 2025.

ADJOURNMENT: [------]

Respectfully submitted by:

General Manager/Secretary to the Board