

**FLORIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
7090 McComber Street
Sacramento, CA 95828
Monday, June 12th, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

President Baliel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1.	Timothy Baliel	President	Present
	Gary Schopf	Director	Present
	Judi Johnson	Director	Present
	Leonard Heimericks	Director	Present
	Vacant	Director	Absent
	Edmond Leggette	General Manager	Present

2. ESTABLISH QUORUM/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Quorum established. Director Johnson asked that the consent calendar be moved to the end of the agenda, as she had many questions that could be time consuming. President Baliel strongly objected to the request asking why Director Johnson does not want the public to hear the issues. Director Johnson her concern was not having it completed timely. President Baliel refused the request.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comment.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Minutes – May 18th, 2023.

The minutes of the April 10th meeting were reviewed with the following issues being raised. *Item #5* – no minutes of the closed session has been received. *Item #15* – noting that the email and text from Bob Murray & Associates notifying of their withdrawal of the project had not been received in the office. *Item #18* – Director Johnson reminded that the required Ethics and Sexual Harassment prevention training has not been received.

Directors' comments and suggestions – Director Johnson informed that the objection of President Baliel regarding her car in the handicap spot in the Districts parking lot had no merit as she and General Manager Leggette have both checked with authorities, as long as staff knew and the handicap placard was in place there was no issue. Replying strongly, President Baliel stated there was a 48-hour limit.

The minutes of the April 24th meeting were reviewed with the following issue. Director Johnson asked why the Minutes of the closed session had not been completed and distributed to the Board. President Baliel said he did not like the comments made about the correction regarding the minutes and would not approve.

A. Minutes – June 5th, 2023.

Ms. Russell stated that the word argued was incorrect; and therefore, the word should be "explained".

B. Accounts Payable

Director Johnson called attention to several items. *North Star Construction, Teichert and son, Capital Rubber, Fasteners Inc, Hedman Wells*, K, M, T & G*, Opengov Inc, SMUD* Hedman Wells* – This does not represent a final payment.

K, M, T & G – Concern was raised regarding having family members of the Directors calling the Attorney. Director Heimericks reminded that contacting the Attorneys had been discussed and voted on with the President allowed 1 hour per month and General Manager Leggette an unlimited time for business purposes.

C. Adjustment Report

No comment.

Motion: Director Heimericks so moved.

Second: Director Johnson.

Vote: 3 Ayes, 1 Nay (Baliel)

5. BOARD GOVERNANCE:

Lively discussion ensued regarding residential requirements for Directors. President Baliel spoke at length on his living arrangements. He also said, responding to a question from the audience that he paid bi-monthly water bill with a check from his business.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF MS. PARSONS' RESIGNATION:

It was so ordered.

7. VACANCY NOTICES – PREPARATION AND MAIL DISTRIBUTION:

The mailings were completed on June 7, 2023. Director Johnson spoke of the hard work and diligence of staff in preparing the notices for mailing with good leadership being shown by General Manager Leggette and Office Manager Leggette.

8. WATER METER PROPOSALS:

General Manager Leggette provided an overview of the process completed to date and made a recommendation for contracting with Badger Meters. Director Heimericks spoke in favor of the recommendation noting that this proposal when enforced would ensure compliance with State mandates. President Baliel did not agree, questioning the timeframe previously presented together with the amounts quoted. Director Heimericks stated that time was of the essence and the matter has reached a critical stage of purchasing and made the motion to adopt the presented proposal with the charges so noted. Director Johnson second the motion which did not pass on a 2-2 vote.

9. PROPOSED BUDGET 2023-2024:

Director Heimericks asked all present to review the proposed budget and supported documentation and asked if there were questions. He detailed the income noting any changes and said he would be happy to answer questions regarding the expense items. He then called attention to several of the expense items such as items: *21, 24, 27, 41, and 54*. A question from the audience regarding *item# 35* (Office expense) asking where that number came from. Director Heimericks said he would provide his figures at the next meeting for clarification. Another question was raised regarding obtaining a staff member to complete meeting minutes. Director Johnson said, "Already done." President Baliel said Director Johnson was in violation of the Brown Act, banging the gavel and declared the meeting closed at 8:42PM.

President Baliel stood up and told Director Schopf to leave with him. They departed the meeting room along with most of the public that was in attendance.

Director Heimericks, Director Johnson, General Manager Leggette, and Attorney Lauren Bernadette remained in the meeting room until 9:00PM.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:42PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Edmond J. Leggette

General Manager/Secretary to the Board