SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES*

(*In order discussed)

Board of Directors Meeting
June 6, 2019
6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:	Sukey Robb-Wilder Tim Lipinski Gaylord Schaap
Board Members Absent:	Rich Holmer Pip Marquez de la Plata
Staff in Attendance:	Ed Fortner, General Manager Christine Hanley, Acting Secretary to the Board
Others in Attendance:	Rachel Hundley, Legal Counsel Carlos Abela Sandy & John Vitorello Tiffany O'Hara

I. CALL TO ORDER (6:30 p.m.)

The properly agendized meeting was called to Order by President Tim Lipinski at 6:30 p.m.

II. CHANGES TO AGENDA and DECLARATION OF CONFLICT (6:31 p.m.)

President Lipinski moved to Amend the Minutes of the May 2, 2019 Board Meeting, because he Was absent from the April 6, Board Meeting. Director Schaap seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR (6:33 p.m.)

President Lipinski reviewed the items on the Consent Calendar. Director Robb-Wilder moved to approve the items on the Consent Calendar. Director Schaap seconded. The following items were approved:

A. Approval of the Minutes of the May 2, 2019 Board Meeting, as Amended.

B. Approval of Operations Warrants/Online payments/EFT payments.

C. Receipt of Item(s) of Correspondence: Letter to the Board from Carlos Abela.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (6:35 p.m.)

IV. Public comment was made by Sandy Vitorelo, who expressed concerns about fire hydrant maintenance and operation within the District. Brief discussion ensued. Ms. Vitorelo's issue was agendized for the July Board meeting. Comments were made by Director Wilder, Director Lipinski and General Manager Ed Fortner.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE (6:40 p.m.)*

**in the order discussed*

V-A **(6:40 p.m.) Open Public Hearing, Discussion/Action re: Resolution 19-06, Adopting Water Rates for FY 2018-19 and Analysis of protests received.**
The GM gave a presentation and provided an analysis of this item, noting that 116 protests had been received. Board discussion ensued. No public comment. Director Robb-Wilder moved to approve Resolution 19-06, Adopting Water Rates for FY 2018-19. Director Schaap seconded. Motion carried 3-0., All in favor.

V-B. **(7:15 p.m.) Continue Public Hearing, Discussion/Action re: Resolution 19-07, Adopting the FY 2018-19 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget.**
The GM provided an overview of this item. No Public Comment. Director Robb-Wilder moved to approve Resolution 19-07, Adopting thre FY 2018-19 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget. Director Schaap seconded. Motion carried 3-0, All in favor.
(7:45 p.m.) Close Public Hearing.

VI. CLOSED SESSION

VI-A. **(7:45 p.m.) Conference with Legal Counsel re: Anticipated Litigation**
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Section 54956.9 based on correspondence from Carlos Abela (one potential case).

V. ADMINISTRATIVE *(Continued)* (8:00 p.m.)*

**in the order discussed*

V-C. **(8:00 p.m.) Discussion/Action re Customer construction at 14631 Old Cazadero Road**. Discussion ensued between Customer:Carlos Abela, Board Members Schaap, Robb-Wilder and Lipinski and GM .Ed Fortner. Rachel Hundley, Legal Counsel, made comment to Mr.Abela. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Abela agreed to meet with District Field Personnel to establish where his construction will be modified to allow unimpeded access to District Service Line.

V-D. **(8:40 p.m.) Discussion/Action re District Strategic Planning.**
The GM provided an overview of this item. Board discussion ensued. This item was agendized for the July meeting. Public comment provided by Tiffany O'Hara.

V-E. **(8:55 p.m.) Discussion/Action re Water tax legislation**
The GM provided an overview of this item. Board discussion ensued. This item was agendized for the July meeting.

VII. CLOSED SESSION (9:05 p.m.)

VII-A **(9:05 p.m.) Conference with Legal Counsel** Anticipated Litigation Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Section 54956.9 based on correspondence from Carlos Abela (one potential case)

VIII. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (9:30 p.m.)

The GM provided a report on the following items:

1. Water production and sales
2. Leaks
3. Guerneville rainfall
4. River Lane property sale
5. 2019 CIP
6. In-House Construction Projects
7. Gantt Chart

Brief discussion ensued.

VIII. BOARD MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS (9:45 p.m.)

1. Director Robb-Wilder announced that she would not be here for the July meeting.

IX. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA (10:00 p.m.)

1. Cybersecurity
2. PDA's & PFA's Possible Groundwater Contaminants not monitored or regulated
3. Hydrant Maintenance and Operation
4. Websites re: Special Districts in 2020
5. Low Income Policy Change/Customer Service/Discontinuance Service For Non-Payment Law
6. Open Spatial
7. Cost of service discussion

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Hanley
Acting Clerk to the Board of Directors

APPROVED:

Gaylord Schaap: _____
Sukey Robb-Wilder: _____
Tim Lipinski: _____