

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RUNNING SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
AUGUST 19, 2020**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Running Springs Water District was held on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at the hour of 9:00 A.M. at the District office located at 31242 Hilltop Boulevard, Running Springs, California, and through teleconference.

The following Directors were present through teleconference:

Errol Mackzum, Vice-President

The following Directors were present at the District:

Tony Grabow, President

Mike Terry, Director

Bill Conrad, Director

Mark Acciani, Director

Also present at the District were the following:

Ryan Gross, General Manager

Amie R. Crowder, Board Secretary/Treasurer/Administration Supervisor

Randy Bobroff, Water Operations Manager

Trevor Miller, Wastewater Operations Manager

Mike Vasquez, Fire Chief

Cindy Strebel, Battalion Fire Chief

The following were present through teleconference:

Ward Simmons, Legal Counsel, Best, Best & Krieger

The following visitors were present at the District:

Cody Snow, Running Springs Fire Department

Zach Granzow, Running Springs Fire Department

Tyler Citro, Running Springs Fire Department

Ray Gayk, Running Springs Fire Department

Devon Dean, Resident

MEETING MINUTES

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call Meeting to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

The Running Springs Water District Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Tony Grabow. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Tony Grabow. Roll call was led by Board Secretary, Amie R. Crowder.

2. Recognize and Hear from Visitors/Public Comment

No public comments from visitors.

A. Special Recognition for Firefighter Cody Snow

Fire Chief Vasquez recognized Firefighter Cody Snow for his superior performance on Thanksgiving Day, 2019, in which his experience, education, devotion, and courage gave him the ability to act decisively and save the life of a young child. Firefighter Cody Snow was presented with a Letter of Recognition and a belt buckle that commemorates his actions. Firefighter Cody Snow was also joined by his fellow firefighters and loved one.

3. Approval of Consent Items

A. Approve Meeting Minutes

B. Ratify Expenditures and Review Reserves

Vice-President Mackzum requested clarification on the abbreviation of PPE, located in the expenditures. General Manager Gross informed Vice-President Mackzum that, in the specific line items on the expenditures that Vice-President Mackzum was referencing, PPE stands for “Pay Period Ending.”

Upon motion by Director Conrad, second by Director Terry and carried by a 5 to 0 Roll Call Vote, the Consent Items were approved.

4. Action Items

The following action items will be considered individually, and each require a motion by the Board of Directors for action.

A. Consider Approving Agreements with Tesla, Inc. for the SGIP and Authorize the General Manager to Execute the Agreements

General Manager Gross presented the details of the Self-Generation Incentive Program, which is a fully subsidized energy storage system that would have a significant savings on the Running Springs Water District’s monthly energy usage at the WWTP. It would also provide a full system backup power during a power outage. Manager Gross continued to outline that Tesla’s offering would be at no cost to the District. Various discussions occurred regarding other options that have been evaluated but proved to not be feasible. Minimal discussion continued.

Upon motion by Director Conrad, second by Director Terry and carried by a 4 to 1 Roll Call Vote with Vice President Mackzum voting no, Approving Agreements with Tesla,

Inc. for the SGIP and Authorizing the General Manager to Execute the Agreements, was approved.

B. Consider Authorizing Staff to Upgrade Communications Equipment for Sewer Lift Stations and Water Booster Station 9 Telemetry

Trevor Miller, Wastewater Operations Manager detailed the challenges of the current communication equipment which include false alarms, unreliable data, and other communication errors within the entire system. Trevor outlined both the upfront costs, long-term savings, and the benefits to switching the Sewer Lift Stations (SLS) and Water Booster Station 9 to broadband communication. Minimal discussion continued.

Upon **motion** by Director Conrad, **second** by Director Acciani and **carried by a 5 to 0 Roll Call Vote**, Authorizing Staff to Upgrade Communications Equipment for Sewer Lift Stations and Water Booster Station 9 Telemetry, not to exceed \$42,000, was approved.

C. Consider Adopting a new Fire Department Logo

Fire Chief Mike Vasquez presented the previous, current, and the proposed Fire Department Logos, as well as the minimal financial impact this would have on the Department. Fire Chief Mike Vasquez continued to share the positive team building experience the development of the new logo has provided to the Department. Minimal discussion continued.

Upon **motion** by Director Acciani, **second** by Director Terry and **carried by a 5 to 0 Roll Call vote**, Adopting a new Fire Department Logo, was approved.

D. Consider Adopting Resolution No. 11-20, Commending Randy Bobroff for 30 Years of District Service

General Manager Gross presented the details of Randy's retirement and Board Secretary Amie R. Crowder read Resolution No. 11-20, commending Randy for his professionalism and dedication to the District.

Upon **motion** by Vice-President Mackzum, **second** by Director Terry and **carried by a 5 to 0 Roll Call vote**, Adopting Resolution No. 11-20, Commending Randy Bobroff for 30-Years of District Service, was approved.

5. Information Items

A. Quarterly Running Springs Fire Department Report

Chief Vasquez shared that he would like to participate on a Type 2 Team. Chief Vasquez outlined the way Teams are structured for assignments within CalFIRE and the United States Forest Services, as well as his ability to leave an assignment, should an emergency

occur on our District. Chief Vasquez also shared how this would allow him to maintain his operation and management skills.

6. General Manager’s Report

General Manager Gross presented the Board Elections for this Fall and shared that the District did not have any candidates for the two vacancies. Manager Gross and Director Terry continued to share that Director Terry would like to continue with his seat for the next term. The District will obtain direction from the Board of Supervisors, on the process of appointing someone as a Board member.

7. Report from Legal Counsel

Ward Simmons, Legal Counsel, Best, Best & Krieger reported no changes.

8. Board Member Comments/Meetings

Director Acciani inquired as to whether the recent rain helped the District. Fire Chief Vasquez shared that the rain was helpful, but with the rain came numerous lightening strikes.

Various discussion occurred regarding the most recent Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting. Fire Chief Mike and the Board of Directors shared how the Fire Department is working on improving their local presence within the Community, Apple Valley Fire Department’s successful ballot measures; and, having the next Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting after the Elections.


Minimal discussion occurred regarding the construction project on Highway 330 and the Hazard Abatement Public Hearing on September 16th.

Vice-President Mackzum inquired about the construction on Treatment Plant Road because the construction will affect St. Anne’s Catholic Church. Manager Gross provided a timeline of this construction project, as well as the construction project that Bacon Wagner will be completing for the Library parking lot.


9. Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



President, Board of Directors
Running Springs Water District



Secretary of the Board of Directors
Running Springs Water District