

**MINUTES**

**BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
NORTH YUBA WATER DISTRICT**

**Held at the District Office – Through Zoom**

**8691 LaPorte Road, Brownsville**

Friday, March 26, 2021

NOTICE: THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20, ISSUED BY CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM ON MARCH 17, 2020, THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT (CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54950, ET SEQ.), AND THE FEDERAL AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. THIS MEETING WILL NOT BE PHYSICALLY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE AT <https://zoom.us/j/93705931210> OR VIA TELECONFERENCE BY CALLING 669-900-6833, MEETING ID: 937 0593 1210 AND WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT.

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**A. ROLL CALL**

President Eric Hansard called the meeting to order at 3:31 PM at the District Office in Brownsville, CA.

<i>NAME</i>	<i>PRESENT</i>	<i>ABSENT</i>	<i>VISITORS INCLUDING:</i>
<i>PRESIDENT</i>	Eric Hansard		Charles Sharp Lou Neil
<i>VICE PRESIDENT</i>	Gary Hawthorne		Marieke Donna C.
<i>DIRECTORS</i>	Gretchen Flohr Fred Mitchell Doug Neilson		Rulik Parla Albert Moulder Alton Wright Karen Henry
<i>GENERAL MANAGER</i>	Jeff Maupin		Jessica Chapin Christina Pritchard
<i>ATTORNEY</i>	Barbara Brenner		

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Hansard.

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**ACTION ITEMS**

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**C. PUBLIC INPUT:** President Hansard read the rules of public comment.

Opportunity for public comment on any **NON-AGENDIZED** items within the jurisdiction of the district Board. However, no action may be taken by the Board on topics or matters presented during this **PUBLIC INPUT** agenda item (**THE PUBLIC MUST ADDRESS THE BOARD ON SPECIFIC AGENDIZED ITEMS ONLY DURING THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEM.**)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** A member of the public commented on the 2020-2021 Budget, private survey of 41 irrigation customers, and South Feather potential lawsuits.

**President Hansard made a motion to amend the Agenda regarding Item I to be rescheduled as a Special Meeting. Vice President Hawthorne seconded the motion.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** A member of the public commented on the Agenda.

**The motion passed with a majority vote with Director Flohr voting no.**

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**D. CONSENT ITEMS:**

1. Approval of Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of February 26, 2021
2. Approval of Payroll for the Month of February 2021 - \$ 29,277.76
3. Approval of Bills for the Month of February 2021 - \$91,366.59.

**Director Neilson made a motion to approve consent items 1, 2, and 3. Vice President Hawthorne seconded the motion.**

Director Neilson discussed a comment made by the Public in the minutes regarding irrigation seasons. Director Flohr questioned the 3 banks used by the District. The Financial Manager explained that Rabo Bank was taken over by Mechanics Bank which recently closed their local branch. River Valley Bank will be the District's only bank once funds are completely transferred. Director Flohr also inquired about charges from Hard Core, Crystal Martin, the cell phone bill, Browns Gas, and new printed shirts.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Members of the public commented on lack of irrigation water and the June 2020 Minutes.

**The motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

**E. FINANCIAL MANAGER'S REPORT:**

1. Review of Cash on Hand and Income Statements for the period ending February 28, 2021.

Financial Manager Heidi Naether reviewed Cash on Hand and Income Statements for the period ending February 28, 2021. Total cash in all accounts including reserves was \$4,632,615.04. Total Income for the fiscal year to date (July 01– February 28, 2021) was \$1,226,097.70. Total expenses were \$1,153,449.31, leaving a net profit of \$72,648.39. Expenses out of Reserves not included in the Forbestown Ditch billing was \$656,875.91.

Director Flohr discussed the use of the words "profit and loss, other revenue, an expense related to the 2005 agreement, how fuel use is tracked on district vehicles and increase in expenses paid to North Star. Also discussed was the increase in treasury fund deposits and expenses out of reserves and the use of laptops for office or home. Director Flohr will compile a list of questions and email them the Financial Manager for further answers. Also discussed was information regarding the signers on the District checking account.

**Director Mitchell made a motion for the Board to accept the Financial Manager's report as presented. President Hansard seconded the motion.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Members of the public commented on the expenses paid out of reserves and the Financial Report.

**The motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

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DISCUSSION/REPORTS

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**F. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT**

1. Operations Memorandum

Director Flohr expressed her concerns regarding the General Manager giving a verbal report, the amount of water being used at SF14, whether South Feather was contacted regarding the bill for over usage, if Cal Fire was contacted regarding water use during the fire and why Incident Commander Dave Pender of the Bear Fire's call not returned. General Manger Maupin responded that to keep it filled and supplied, the most efficient way to have water brought in is to pull water from the pond that exists at the treatment plant. Regarding South Feather overage bill, General Manager Maupin explained via resolution it takes three board members to put something in action, no further action was given. As reported during the last meeting, South Feather provided the information from the dailies and the summations add up for their monthlies, but their bill did not complement what was given March 26, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes



to the Water District. South Feather's response to the water district was even though they received the extra water they would not pay for it, so it was charged to our account. Regarding Incident Commander Payne, there was no recall of a phone call. The Staff was dealing with all the water trucks at the Upper Forbestown Ditch. General Manager Maupin stated that he could not comment on the Lower Forbestown Ditch which South Feather has control of.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Members of the public commented on repair and maintenance on the Orgon House Canal and the leak on Citron Way.

**G. IRRIGATION SEASON PROJECTION:**

**President Hansard discussed the lack of water and snowpack and made a motion to forgo the irrigation season for 2021. Vice President Hawthorne seconded the motion.**

Director Flohr disagreed. The season should run until the water runs out. There was a lengthy discussion pertaining to snowpack, the water shed, the history of the last 10 years regarding rain fall, how much water is needed to start the season, and the fact that currently there is not enough water to even make it down 01. Also discussed was the pipeline in the Forbestown ditch and the significant resistance that was put up to stop its installation, the South Feather agreement, and the current Irrigation Policy.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Members of the public commented on the unprofessionalism of the board, the lack of an irrigation season and an opportunity to pay additional fees.

**The motion passed with a majority vote with Director Flohr voting no.**

**H. DIRECTORS INPUT:**

Directors may make brief announcements or reports for the purpose of providing information to the public or staff, or to schedule a matter for a future meeting. The Board cannot take action on any matter not on the agenda and will refrain from entering into discussion that would constitute action, direction, or policy, until the matter is placed on the agenda of a properly publicized and convened Board meeting. 1. Consideration of agenda items for the next meeting. Items must be requested in accordance with the District's POLICY FOR AGENDIZING ITEMS FOR BOARD MEETINGS.

Director Neilson discussed the 2018 season, the definition of beneficial use and the size of the Forbestown Ditch pipe. Director Flohr discussed the multiple invites from South Feather which were not brought to the Board or put on the agenda. A public records request that was received February 20, 2021.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Members of the public commented the private survey, South Feather usage, the unwillingness of the board to speak or meet with South Feather.

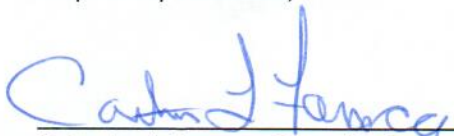
**L. ADJOURNMENT:**

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**There being no further business to discuss, President Hansard made a motion to Adjourn. Vice President Hawthorne seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Catherine L. Fonseca, Recording Secretary

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