

MINUTES

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

Held at the District Office

8691 LaPorte Road, Brownsville

Special Board Meeting Tuesday, August 13, 2019

A. ROLL CALL

President Eric Hansard called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM at the District Office in Brownsville, CA. The Recording Secretary called the roll.

	<i>PRESENT</i>	<i>ABSENT</i>	<i>VISITORS</i>
<i>PRESIDENT</i>	Eric Hansard		Visitor's Including:
<i>VICE PRESIDENT</i>	Terry Brown		Donna Corson
<i>DIRECTORS</i>	Doug Neilson		Melinda Johnson
	Gary Hawthorne		
	Gretchen Flohr		
<i>GENERAL MANAGER</i>	Jeff Maupin		
<i>ATTORNEY</i>			

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

ACTION ITEMS

C. RESOLUTION 19-733 Resolution re General Manager Authority to Execute Grant Applications:

General Manager Maupin presented Resolution 19-733 to the Board. He discussed with the Board that in the normal course of business funding opportunities are pursued for the District to offset the cost of replacing aging infrastructure. As the Board knows, we are a severely disadvantaged community and these opportunities benefit our customers. It has been called into question whether

or not I am operating with the approval of the Board to pursue grants. It is the purpose of this resolution to confirm whether I am operating according to the Boards desires.

Director Flohr stated that special meetings should be called for urgent situations that are not quite emergencies, which this is not. If there is any justification to call a special meeting it would be the General Managers decision to reduce the top three water user's allotment. There is nothing that could not wait until the next regular board meeting. If any board member was involved in creating this resolution or proposed this resolution, she was not aware of it. There was no prior public involvement or board meeting discussion to add this on the agenda for a vote. Director Flohr discussed the authority that the resolution could give the General Manager while taking approval away from the Board. Director Flohr also discussed the current investigation by the State for possible grant fraud and expressed concern of the Board giving the General Manager power over grants at this time. She also expressed concerns regarding the request by the General Manger for additional funding from Yuba Water Agency and also discussed the engineering plans that have not been reviewed as of yet by the Board or the public.

Vice President Brown stated that he has been on board for 2.5 years. It has always been clear that we always encouraged the General Manager to reach out to grants. Any grants that were found would need to come to the Board for approval. The grants allow us to do things that our rate payers could never afford. He is not hurting you, he is helping you.

Director Neilson stated that in #3 of the Resolution, nothing in the resolution authorizes the General Manager to execute a grant without the Boards approval. In regards to item #2, he has always had the ability to go out and find funding as well as others on the Board. Nothing can happen unless the Board approves it. Concentrate on Item #3 of the resolution. Nothing in the resolution authorizes the General Manager to execute anything without the Boards approval. The monies are coming to a project that was approved 2.5 years ago.

President Hansard commended the General Manger for bringing this subject in a resolution form and item 3 covers the questions raised.

Director Hawthorn stated that there is nothing in the resolution stating that anything will be done without approval from the Board. This resolution helps us get funding and have funding from other sources. There is no slippery way that someone can do something that no one knows about, that is all falsehoods.

Director Neilson made a motion that the Board approve Resolution 19-733, Vice President Brown seconded.

Public Comment:

1. Disagreed that the Board is transparent, no discussion, private meetings, violates the trust of the public, please take into consideration what the public is saying. Referenced the ethics training on March 31, 2017, the community wants to be heard, not frowned on and what they say taken into consideration.

2. General Manager Maupin's relationship with the Board, the grant from Yuba Water Agency, the piping project, and poor customer relations.
3. Supports grants that would improve and repair the ditches and the hardware but does not trust the General Manager. Would like to see more discussion to increase transparency.
4. A member of the public expressed his frustration with the lack of full Irrigation Delivery, and his division Director.

The motion passed with a majority vote with Director Flohr voting nay.

D. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Vice President Brown made a motion that the Board adjourn. President Hansard seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote with Director Flohr abstaining.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Catherine L. Fonseca, Recording Secretary