

MINUTES

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

Held at the District Office  
8691 LaPorte Road, Brownsville

Thursday, May 24, 2018

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**A. ROLL CALL**

President Donald Forguson called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM at the District Office in Brownsville, CA. The recording secretary called the roll.

|                            | <i>PRESENT</i>  | <i>ABSENT</i> | <i>VISITORS</i>     |
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| <i>DIRECTORS</i>           | President<br>Donald Forguson<br>Vice President<br>Eric Hansard<br><br>Director Doug<br>Neilson<br><br>Director Terry<br>Brown<br><br>Director Gary<br>Hawthorne |               | Visitors Including: |
| <i>GENERAL<br/>MANAGER</i> | Jeff Maupin   |               |                     |

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Brown.

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**ACTION ITEMS**

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**C. CONSENT ITEMS:**

1. Approval of Minutes for regular Board Meeting of April 2018.

2. Approval of Payroll for the Month of April 2018 - \$31,525.15
3. Approval of Bills for the Month of April 2018 - \$423,279.92

Vice President Hansard made a motion that the Board approve Consent Items 1, 2, 3, Director Hawthorne seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**D. FINANCIAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Financial Manager, Heidi Naether, reviewed Cash on Hand and Income Statements for the period ending April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

As of April 30, 2018, total cash in all accounts including reserves was \$4,598,739.72.

Total income to date was \$3,612,116.57. Total expenses were \$1,323,571.80 leaving a net profit of \$2,288,544.77. The Financial Manager also reported that \$533,152.22 was used out of reserve for FT Ditch Geo Technical & Pre-Design, Auto & Mobile, Culvert Replacement and the Oroleve Survey. Reimbursement was received in the amount of \$124,248.00 for the FT Ditch Geo Technical & Pre-Design

**Public Input: None**

Director Hawthorne made a motion that the Board approve the Financial Manager's report as presented. Director Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**E. SURVEILLANCE/SECURITY SYSTEM: Security cameras for the District office and yard.**

General Manager Maupin reported that due to break-ins and vandalism including personal vehicles he is requesting the Boards consideration in purchasing a surveillance system. After discussion the Board requested proposals.

**Public Input: Questions were asked by an unidentified visitor as to what security options have been explored, how many break-ins, the financial results of the break-ins and could existing equipment be used for surveillance.**

**DISCUSSION/REPORTS**

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**F. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT:**

1. Operations Memorandum Provided by General Manager Maupin.
2. NYH Bridge
3. USBR Grant – Irrigation 03
4. GIS/DTA set MHI
5. Vehicle Replacement Policy

General Manager Maupin reported that the NYH Bridge is under construction. The County inquired if NYWD could assist them in providing a secondary source of escape in case of a fire for emergency use only. The County will cover all cost including insurance coverage. General Manager Maupin also reported that he is working on a Bureau of Reclamation grant for the lower ditch and the USDA for the same. Regarding the GIS mapping for the medium home income survey, Northstar has stated it would be delivered this Friday. General Manager Maupin provided the Board with a copy of a Replacement policy for review. After discussion it was determined that a workshop would be scheduled in the month of June.

**Public Input:** A member of the public, presented General Manager Maupin with a public records request.

#### **F. DIRECTORS INPUT:**

President Forguson read the rules for Director input.

Director Hawthorne made a comment regarding a newspaper article stating the North Yuba Water District received 30 million dollars from South Feather Water and Power Board since 2011. Director Hawthorne stated that the amount was around 10 million, two hundred thousand.

President Forguson also committed on the idea that irrigation water is used for fire suppression. If the water is there the fire department uses it, if is not they find it other places. It is not used for fire. The policy also supports these facts.

Director Brown inquired another policy could be added for review. The Domestic Policy was suggested and after discussion Wednesday June 6th and Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 2pm was set.

#### **G. PUBLIC INPUT:**

President Forguson read the rules for public input.

A member of the public inquired of President Forguson information on the tank size that is filled by the Fire Department for fire prevention. That size is up to 3000 gallons. If the water is used by the Fire Department to fight a fire they will refill the tank for free. Director Hawthorne also commented that

an adapter that is available at the hardware store can be installed to assure that the Fire Department could access the water.

Members of the public addressed the Board regarding a request for an item to be added to the agenda last meeting regarding irrigation water. This was discussed at the last meeting. This request could not be discussed during Public Input.

A member of the public requested public records of all photographs with embedding date and time of all locations where the district is alleging violations of irrigation policy in 2017. Also requested are all recorded easements with date and file number of recording of all easements with descriptions of Oregon House Canal.

A member of the public, discussed the letter that was given to the Board at the last meeting. General Manager Maupin addressed the public, that there was a meeting at the Acouffe Center and the district recapped that meeting and mailed a letter to all current irrigation customers which included the conversation and information given regarding the lack of irrigation. All customers have been informed in person and in writing. President Forguson stated that it is only obvious why there is no water. There is no pipeline and there is no snow. The run off is needed in Dry Creek to make it work. Dry Creek does not supply enough water to get it down to 03. President Forguson suggested that the letter be reprinted and sent to all irrigation customers again. General Manager Maupin asked for a consensus and all agreed. It was also suggested that the letter be put in local publications. Director Hawthorne suggested that a clearer explanation with easier terms be implemented into the letter which could include the plans regarding the upgrades to the ditch this summer.

A member of the public addressed the Board regarding other water available for irrigation. Also addressed was the dollar figure mentioned by Director Hawthorne. Director Hawthorne asked if she would provide a report that she would stand behind regarding the numbers she is referring to. Director Hawthorne responded that when this Board took over there was \$2,597,000.00 in the bank and the alleged \$27 million must have been spent by the prior Boards.

A member of the public addressed the Board regarding the previous drought years. A member of the public expressed concern about not receiving the notice of the meeting held at the Alcouffe Center regarding the irrigation.

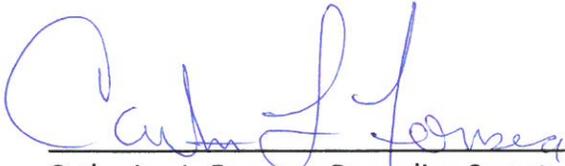
A member of the public expressed concern about the lack of irrigation water.

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Catherine L. Fonseca, Recording Secretary