

UTICA WATER AND POWER AUTHORITY

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Minutes of the

August 25, 2020

Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Utica Water and Power Authority met in Regular Session via remote access at the UWPA office in Angels Camp, California.

Directors present:

Amanda Folendorf, COA	Chair
Greg Rasmussen, UPUD	Vice Chair
Ralph Chick, UPUD	Secretary
Joe Oliveira, COA	Director
Scott Behiel, Community	Director

Also present:

Joel Metzger	General Manager
Lori Karnes	Administrative Manager
Dave Andres	Consultant
Frank Fields	O & M Superintendent
Kyle Rasmussen	Water Conveyance Supervisor
Larry Thompson	UWPA Community Alternate
Karlee Karnes	Administrative Assistant
Public At Large	

This item was addressed in Item B.

B. System education- photos, videos (Metzger)

Metzger presented the security videos of the Angels Powerhouse Substation Swirthyrd and the accident that occurred there on Wednesday, August 20 2020. Metzger explained that a man lost control of the vehicle and crashed into one of our power poles, knocking our powerplants offline and causing damage to our property, as well as causing areas of the county to lose power as well. Metzger explains that the "slack-span corner" is where the damage was done. Metzger says that he would like to work with the veterans to install a barrier between their parking lot and our yard to prevent this, or something similar, from happening again. He said that PB Electric has given us a quote for the work that would need to be done in order to fix the damage and allow our powerplants to be back online. This has been brought to our insurance and the insurance company recommended that we declare this as an emergency to ensure that we get the repairs necessary in a timely manner. Metzger is requesting authorization from the board to spend up to \$75,000 in order to complete the repairs.

Director Chick moved to approve Item B; seconded by Director Behiel and adopted 5-0; Ayes: Oliveira, Chick, Folendorf, Rasmussen; Noes: none; Absent: none.

C. Multi-year commitment from UPUD update (Metzger)

Metzger explains that he presented an informational presentation at UPUD, including discussion regarding the contributions from member agencies. Metzger reports that we have a long-term commitment with a resolution and commitment letter from his meeting at UPUD. Metzger continues to state that this is an important piece in having an opportunity to get into CalPERS. Metzger expresses gratitude to UPUD for its commitment to UWPA. He would like to continue to educate the public regarding our work with UPUD. Rasmussen mentions that they are already in the process of starting the rate study that will be followed by Prop. 218 proceedings.

D. CalPERS educational presentation re: unfunded liability (Andres)

Andres presents a presentation regarding PEPRA and CalPERS. Andres presents statistics on CalPERS showing the funding and the changes this plan has seen

to educate themselves and be impressed with the professionalism of the site. He would like to be able to link the social media outlets together in order to be effective in public outreach. Metzger is seeking authorization for up to \$5,000 for a redesign and rebuild of the website. He recommended a one-time cost for the redesign, and allow the UWPA team to do the maintenance up-keep and hire a consultant as needed. Oliveira asks what the views are on our current website. Metzger responds that we do not currently have a report on how many people are viewing the website, but he expects that the current viewing traffic is low. Oliveira continues to ask if the posting requirements will be lessened if we post the agendas on the website. Metzger responds that the requirements are met once the agenda is publicly posted and on the website.

Director Chick moved to approve the Item E; seconded by Director Oliveira and adopted 5-0; Ayes: Oliveira, Chick, Folendorf, Rasmussen; Noes: none; Absent: none.

F. FY 2020-21 Budget adjustment (Metzger)

Metzger explains that there have been minimal changes made to the budget that needed to be captured in a budget adjustment and asked for Board approval.

Director Folendorf moves to approve the Item F; seconded by Director Oliveira and adopted 5-0; Ayes: Oliveira, Chick, Folendorf, Rasmussen; Noes: none; Absent: none.

G. Conveyance vs. Power Generation Summary (Andres)

Andres presents a slideshow to educate about Water and Hydroelectric costs.

Andres points out that this presentation will not be able to project the costs in the coming years. Andres refers to the question asked in the last meeting regarding whether costs would be reduced without the powerplants. Because of the staffing, this would most likely not cut costs for the entity. Andres presents that the overall water conveyance costs are a little over 1 million, and the hydroelectric costs are a little under 1 million. The total revenues for water conveyance are \$621,800 with a breakdown between water agreements, member contributions, irrigation sales, grants, and all other income. For hydroelectric, the total revenues are \$1,669,800 with a breakdown between power sales, water sales to NCPA, member

Noes: none; Absent: none.

Item 6: Staff/Directors' Reports, Comments and Future Agenda Items (if any)

Metzger applauds the UWPA team for their composure during the emergency. He also expresses his interest in furthering his education of the system by more hands-on work with the operators, when time allows.

Behiel expresses appreciation for the information provided on the water conveyance and hydroelectric costs, as well as the clarification on budget items. Behiel also applauds the entity's ability to save costs on the new UWPA truck.

Director Rasmussen applauds the group on their composure during the emergency.

Chick had no comment.

Karnes had no comment.

Rasmussen had no comment.

Fields had no comment.

Item 7: Calendar – L. Karnes

No calendar items to report.

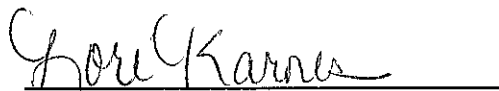
Director Behiel moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Director Rasmussen and adopted 4-0-1 absent; Ayes: Oliveira, Chick, Rasmussen, Behiel; Noes: none; Absent: Folendorf.

Adjournment at 6:56 pm

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 5:30 pm

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Board Chair

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Secretary