

UTICA WATER AND POWER AUTHORITY

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Minutes of the

May 26, 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	Chairman
Greg Rasmussen, UPUD	Vice Chairman
Ralph Chick, UPUD	Secretary
Joe Oliveira, COA	Director
Scott Behiel, Community	Director

Also present:

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Chairman Folendorf.

Roll Call

Board of Directors

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Ralph Chick, U.P.U.D. ~ Secretary Scott Behiel, At Large Member

Director Folendorf, Director Rasmussen, Director Chick, Director Oliveira, and Director Behiel.

5-0 none absent all present said Aye.

**A. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957:
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE: Public Employee Appointment**

Title: General Manager Recruitment

End of Closed Session at 5:39 pm. Convene to Open Session.

Action from Closed Session reported in Open Session under Item 2B

Convene Open Session 5:45 pm

Item 1: Roll Call

Director Folendorf, Director Rasmussen, Director Chick, Director Oliveira, and Director Behiel. 5-0 none absent all present said Aye.

Item 2A: Approval of Agenda

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

Item 2B: Action Item:

Consider adoption of GM contract and report from Closed Session.

The Board adopted the GM contract. Director Rasmussen made a motion to adopt the GM contract; seconded by Director Behiel and adopted 5-0-0. Ayes: Oliveira, Rasmussen, Chick, Behiel, Folendorf; Noes: none; Absent: none.

Joel Metzger expressed his gratitude to the board for the opportunity to become the new general manager, and hopes to create a smooth transition into the new position.

Item 3: Opportunity for Public Comments:

Limited to 5 minutes per person. Members of the public may address the board on items not agendized. The public is encouraged to work through staff members to put items on the agenda to be considered by the Board. No action will be taken unless an item is agendized.

- No Public Comment

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Item 4: Consent Calendar and Staff Reports - Approval of all items

Director Oliveira requested to pull items B and C for discussion. Interim General Manager Andres suggested to pull items B and C for discussion, and approve items A, D, E, and F. Director Behiel requested to abstain from voting on Item A, as a result of being absent for the April 28 Closed Session Meeting. Director Oliveira moved to approve items A, D, E, and F; seconded by Director Rasmussen and adopted 4-0-1 abstention. Ayes: Oliveira, Rasmussen, Chick, Foldendorf; Noes: None; Abstention 1-Behiel.

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated 4/28/20

Minutes of the Special Meeting dated 5/19/20

- B. Financials 4/1/20-4/30-20 – L.Karnes

Director Oliveira expressed concern regarding item B. Director Oliveira asked questions about additional money included in the budget, and how much would be spent in the coming weeks prior to the new fiscal year. There was discussion about charges and accounts that are still being reconciled through the end of the fiscal year.

- C. General Manager's report – D. Andres

Director Oliveira suggests to move on to discussing Item C involving the ReMAT letter from Todd Thorner. Director Oliveira's concern regards ensuring that the appropriate representatives are notified of the developments involving ReMAT, to ensure that we are on record supporting those developments. Dave Andres states that he will contact General Manager Michael Minkler at CCWD to see if the two entities can send something jointly. Newly appointed General Manager Joel Metzger updates the Board involving the drafting of a letter by Michael Minkler for approval from Senator Bigelow and potentially Senator Borgeas as well. The hope is to have both senators approve and send the letters to express the support in the reopening of ReMAT. Metzger suggests a bi-partisan effort in writing letters to the PUC. A draft of the letter will be sent to Dave Andres.

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

- D. Administrative Report – L. Karnes
E. Generation and O&M Report for March – F. Fields – No report
F. Water Conveyance – K. Rasmussen

Item 5: Regular Agenda – Discussion and possible action

- A. Approval of Resolution No: 20-04 – Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and the Hourly Wage Schedule Effective July 1, 2020

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Dave Andres introduced Item A. Andres explains that this year's budget has been modified to process a more accurate budget. Director Behiel expressed concern that Murphy's ReMAT is not involved in the budget.

Director Rasmussen asks about the maintenance costs for Crestview repairs. Kyle Rasmussen responds dictating that they are working with the homeowners to come to an agreement about road maintenance and costs for each homeowner.

Chairman Folendorf brings up the concern she has with being able to cut costs in the communications portion of the budget. Shawn Graham explains that he is putting together a presentation about our costs in the communications area. Graham continues to explain that we are trying to get in contact with our vendors to cut costs and possibly remove devices. Andres points out that redundancy is important to ensure that we always have a line of communication as well as a backup line, therefore our costs are inexplicably going to be higher.

Director Oliveira expresses his concern regarding the 3% COLA increase. Andres explains that not everyone would be receiving a 3% raise and that it will be based on the new index. He goes on to say that the 3% is an average based on the changes throughout the economy. Andres also mentioned that the rate increase is a decision to be made by the Board.

Director Oliveira requests more information from Dave Andres regarding the \$182,000 deficit. Andres answered by explaining that the entire difference could be covered by carry overs/reserves.

Chairman Folendorf asks about the ACWA membership and if we have more information. Lori Karnes responded by explaining that we have been attempting to get into contact with them, and have not had much luck. Karnes also mentions that we could be saving money by not renewing the membership, and instead sending the guys to the trainings as non-members. Joel Metzger mentions that he has personal connections at ACWA, and he expressed concern about leaving ACWA in terms of pushing for ReMAT to get done this year. Joel goes on to mention that he prefers that we do not lose the ACWA membership.

Chairman Folendorf asks about the costs in the budget regarding the money for the new truck. She wonders if we could find a cheaper truck, and use the remainder of the money for Booster Way paving. Andres responds that the truck will be more expensive because it is a utility truck for hauling electrical equipment. He goes on to say that we think we have found a dealer outside of the state that should be able to get us the truck for a lower price than budgeted.

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

B. Report from Closed Session Meeting of April 28, 2020 (6:45pm)

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE

Title: General Manager Recruitment - *Report of reportable action*

Direction was given to staff. No public comment

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C. Report from Closed Session Meeting of May 19, 2020 (1:10 pm)

**CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION
54957: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE**

Title: General Manager Recruitment - Report of reportable action

The Board approved the general manager's contract under item 2B above. No public comment

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

Item 7: Calendar – L. Karnes

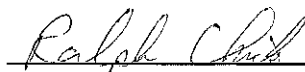
Most meetings have been cancelled or moved to remote access.

Director Behiel moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Director Rasmussen and adopted 5-0. Ayes: Oliveira, Rasmussen, Chick, Behiel, Folendorf; Noes: none. Absent: none.


Adjournment at 7:40 pm

Next Regular Meeting : Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 5:30 pm

Approved at the Regular Board Meeting June 23, 2020



Board Chairman



Secretary

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