

UTICA WATER AND POWER AUTHORITY

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Minutes of the

September 22, 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	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
Frank Fields	O & M Superintendent
Larry Thompson	UWPA Community Alternate
Karlee Karnes	Administrative Assistant
Public At Large	

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Vice Chair Rasmussen.

Item 1: Roll Call

Director Rasmussen, Director Chick, Director Oliveira, Director Behiel. 4-0-1-absent. All present said aye; Absent: Folendorf

Note: Director Folendorf joined the meeting at 5:40pm during the discussion of Item 5A. She was unable to join earlier, due to technical difficulties.

Item 2: Approval of Agenda

Director Behiel moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Director Oliveira and adopted 4-0-1 absent; The Board was polled. Ayes: Oliveira, Behiel, Chick, Rasmussen; Noes: none; Absent: Folendorf.

Item 3: Opportunity for Public Comments:

Limited to 5 minutes per person. Members of the public may address the board on items not on the agenda. 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 on the agenda.

- No Public Comment

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

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated 8/25/20
- B. Financials 8/1/20 – 8/31/20 (Karnes)
- C. General Manager's report (Metzger)
- D. Administrative Report – see GM report
- E. Generation and O&M Report (Fields)
- F. Water Conveyance (Rasmussen)

Director Behiel moved to approve Item 4; seconded by Director Oliveria and adopted 4-0-1; The board was polled. Ayes: Oliveira, Behiel, Chick, Rasmussen; Noes: none; Absent: Folendorf.

Item 5: Regular Agenda – Discussion and possible action

A. CPPA Nomination (Metzger)

Metzger explained that the UWPA board has been asked to nominate a member agency to be placed on the Board for CPPA. Metzger briefly explained the history of CPPA, and its relevancy to our entity. The Board discussed nominees .

Director Rasmussen moved to nominate UPUD for the CPPA Board position; seconded by Director Folendorf and adopted 5-0. The Board was polled. Ayes: Oliveira, Rasmussen, Behiel, Folendorf, Chick; Noes: none; Absent: none.

B. Update on Angels Powerhouse damage and outage (Metzger)

Metzger presented an update on the Angels Powerhouse and the repairs that have been completed. He continued by expressing gratitude to Frank Fields for his leadership and the whole UWPA staff for their work on emergency repair project. Metzger also mentioned that UWPA was able to improve safety infrastructure in APH substation yard, in order to prevent this type of incident from occurring again. Metzger explained that UWPA is actively working with the Veterans Memorial District to install a barrier between our substation yard and the parking lot to provide additional safety measures. Behiel expressed concern regarding the use of public funds for a private project. Metzger responded that we strongly believe that this project can be done with the \$1,500 budget approved by the Veterans Memorial District, along with volunteer and UWPA labor

C. Preparation for November maintenance outage (Metzger)

Fields explained the work that will be done during the duration of the November maintenance outage. Metzger spoke on behalf of Kyle Rasmussen to provide information about the water conveyance aspect of the outage. Metzger said he is concerned with the potential lack of CalFire hand crews for the outage. Metzger introduced a "Plan B", which included doing minimal Flume 14 (3/4 Mile) repairs, as well as rebuilding flume 15 immediately downstream and Flume 9 as well.

D. Utilities cost savings analysis (Metzger)

Metzger gave a utility cost savings presentation. He discussed cancelling AT&T and Comcast lines, as well as cancelling Motherlode Answering Service. He also mentioned the potential for UWPA's water meter to be reduced from a 1 ½-inch meter and a 5/8-inch meter, to a 1-inch meter for the combined buildings. In addition to combining the Main Office with the Angels Powerhouse for the water meter size, UWPA is also looking in to the possibility of running our sewer together as well. If all potential savings are

realized, UWPA could save up to \$35,144. Metzger thanked Ms. Karlee Karnes for her work facilitating line cancellations, working with the city on water and sewer issues and creating a spreadsheet showing savings.

E. Conflict of interest code update. Adopt Resolution 20-09 (Metzger)

Director Rasmussen explained briefly that it is time to review and rewrite the Conflict of Interest code. Metzger proposed on the addition of a sentence into the Conflict of Interest code. After discussion, the Board approved of the additions to the code resolution.

Director Chick moved to approve Resolution 20-09; seconded by Director Behiel. The Board was polled; Ayes: Oliveira, Behiel, Folendorf, Chick, Rasmussen; Noes: none; Absent: none. The Resolution was adopted 5-0

F. Darby Fire Overview and Hazard Mitigation Plan Potential (Metzger)**

Metzger explained that he hopes to receive grant money in order to rebuild the flume with fire-resistant materials, such as metal, concrete or a tunnel. He presented an overview of the Darby Fire that burned the ¾ Mile Flume in 2001 and showed the costs of the rebuild. He told the Board that replacing the wooden flume with non-flammable building materials would hopefully prevent a disaster like this from occurring again. Metzger said he believed it was UWPA's responsibility to actively pursue projects to harden the system that delivers the sole water supply to Murphys and Angels Camp. Metzger updated the Board on the development of a Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) that is a grant-funded project, which will identify potential hazards that could damage UWPA's system and will open up grant funding opportunities to mitigate these hazards before disaster strikes. The Board gave Metzger direction to continue his efforts to harden the water conveyance system against wildfire and continue pursuing grants to offset the costs.

G. Discussion regarding Mountain Counties Water Resources Association membership (Metzger)

Metzger presented materials provided by John Kingsbury, executive director of the MCWRA, inviting UWPA to rejoin the organization. Members of the Board expressed budgetary concerns and stated that the annual membership

fee had not been included in this year's budget. The Board decided not to rejoin this year, but said they would like to revisit the membership decision again in the next budget development process.

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

Metzger had nothing to add in addition to his written report.

Fields mentioned that UWPA will need to place an ad for a new operator in the coming weeks, due to one of the Authority's operators putting in his two-week notice.

Karnes had no report.

Chick had no report.

Rasmussen said he was impressed with the presentations and information presented at the meeting.

Behiel had no report.

Oliveira had no report.

Folendorf thanked Director Rasmussen for running the meeting.

Item 7: Calendar (Karnes)

UWPA's EAP Seminar is on October 14th and will be taking place virtually.

Director Behiel moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Director Oliveira and adopted 5-0; Ayes: Oliveira, Rasmussen, Behiel, Folendorf, Chick.

Adjournment at 6:55 pm

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 5:30 pm



Board Chair



Secretary