



UTICA WATER AND POWER AUTHORITY

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Minutes of the December 14, 2021

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:

- Rocky Chick (UPUD), Chair
- Alvin Broglio (COA), Vice Chair
- Jennifer Davis-Herndon (COA), Secretary
- Tom Quincy (UPUD), Director Alternate
- Gary Conrado, Community At-Large Member

Directors absent: Greg Rasmussen (UPUD), Director

Also present:

- Joel Metzger, (UWPA), General Manager
- Lori Karnes (UWPA), Administrative Manager
- Frank Fields, (UWPA), O & M Superintendent
- Kyle Rasmussen, (UWPA), Conveyance Supervisor
- Sebastian Martz (UWPA), Conveyance Operator
- Jeremiah Hyde (UWPA), Hydroelectric Operator

- Larry Thompson (UWPA), Community At-Large Member Alternate
- Kaylee Dillashaw (Cal Am Team)
- Michael Minkler (CCWD)

Others Present:

- Public at Large

Item 1: CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLIEGIANCE

- The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Chick

Item 2: ROLL CALL

- Director Chick, Director Broglio, Director Davis-Herndon, Director Quincy, Director Conrado.

All present said aye.

Item 3: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Motion to approve:** Director Davis-Herndon
- **Second:** Director Broglio
- **Board Discussion:** None
- **Public Comment:** None
- **Vote:** 5-0
- **Ayes:** Directors Chick, Broglio, Davis-Herndon, Quincy, Conrado
- **Noes:** None
- **Abstain:** None

Item 4: PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Item 5: CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting dated 10/26/21
- B. General Manager's report (Metzger)
- C. Financial reports 10/01/21 – 10/31/21 (Karnes)

- D. Generation Report (Fields/Karnes)
- E. Operations report (Fields)
- F. Conveyance report (Rasmussen)
- G. Water Supply Conditions Report (Metzger)
- H. Resolution. No. 21-11, COVID-19 State of Emergency Dec. (Metzger)

Director Broglio made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar

- **Motion to approve:** Director Broglio
- **Second:** Director Quincy
- **Board Discussion:** None
- **Public Comment:** None
- **Vote:** 5-0
- **Ayes:** Directors Chick, Broglio, Davis-Herndon, Quincy, Conrado
- **Noes:** None
- **Abstain:** None

Item 6: REGULAR AGENDA

Discussion and possible action on all items

- A. Resolutions of recognition and appreciation: Resolution 21-13, Resolution 21-14, Resolution 21-15 (Metzger)

Metzger gave background prior to the resolutions being presented. The first two resolutions gave recognition to Frank Fields and Sebastian Martz for their years of service and contributions to the Utica Water and Power Authority (UWPA). The third was to recognize the contributions of the UWPA staff, past and present, who were instrumental and an intricate part of securing a Renewable Energy Market Adjusting Tariff (ReMAT) contract for the Murphys Powerhouse (MPH)

Resolution 21-13 – Resolution of Appreciation from the Utica Water and Power Authority Board of Directors for Frank Fields for his 10 Years of Service

Chair Chick read the resolution into the record. Mr. Metzger and others in the room thanks Mr. Fields on his 10 years of service and his continued contributions to Utica. Director Davis-Herndon made a motion to approve Resolution 21-13

- **Motion to approve:** Director Davis-Herndon
- **Second:** Director Broglio
- **Board Discussion:** None
- **Public Comment:** None

- **Vote:** 5-0
- **Ayes:** Directors Chick, Broglio, Davis-Herndon, Quincy, Conrado
- **Noes:** None
- **Abstain:** None

Resolution 21-14 – Resolution of Appreciation from the Utica Water and Power Authority Board of Directors for Sebastian Martz for his 15 Years of Service. Director Davis-Herndon read the resolution into the record. Mr. Metzger and others in the room thank Mr. Martz for his years of service and continued contributions to Utica.

Director Quincy made a motion to approve Resolution 21-14

- **Motion to approve:** Director Quincy
- **Second:** Director Broglio
- **Board Discussion:** None
- **Public Comment:** None
- **Vote:** 5-0
- **Ayes:** Directors Chick, Broglio, Davis-Herndon, Quincy, Conrado
- **Noes:** None
- **Abstain:** None

Resolution 21-15 – Resolution of Appreciation for Utica’s Employees for Their Efforts to Secure a ReMAT Contract for the Murphys Powerhouse from the Utica Water and Power Authority Board of Directors. Mr. Metzger read the resolution into the record and thanked all current and previous staff members who worked toward this goal. Mr. Metzger said each staff member would receive a copy of the resolution, along with consultants who worked on the project. Mr. Michael Minkler shared memories of his time working on this ReMAT contract and congratulated the Utica team on its successful effort to secure a contract for MPH.

Director Broglio made a motion to approve Resolution 21-15

- **Motion to approve:** Director Broglio
- **Second:** Director Conrado
- **Board Discussion:** None
- **Public Comment:** None
- **Vote:** 5-0
- **Ayes:** Directors Chick, Broglio, Davis-Herndon, Quincy, Conrado

- **Noes:** None
- **Abstain:** None

B. Appointment of Community At Large Member and alternate, and oaths of office (Karnes)

Metzger reported that Utica received two applications for the Community At-Large Member and the Community At-Large Member Alternate. Mr. Gary Conrado applied for the Community At-Large Member and Mr. Larry Thompson for the Community At-Large Member Alternate. The board approved both nominations for two-year terms.

Director Broglio made a motion to nominate Mr. Gary Conrado as Utica's Community At-Large Member and Mr. Larry Thompson, as the Community At-Large Alternate

- **Motion to approve:** Director Broglio
- **Second:** Director Quincy
- **Board Discussion:** None
- **Public Comment:** None
- **Vote:** 5-0
- **Ayes:** Directors Chick, Broglio, Davis-Herndon, Quincy, Conrado
- **Noes:** None
- **Abstain:** None

C. Informational overview of grant application for Hunter's Reservoir Fuel Reduction Project (Metzger and Cal Am representative)

Kaylee Dillashaw from Calaveras Amador Forestry (Cal Am) volunteer grant-writing group provided an overview of a proposed fuels reduction grant called the Hunters Reservoir Fuels Reduction Project, which would treat about 220 acres to provide fire protection for Utica, CCWD and Avery Middle School facilities. Cal Am is a group of volunteers who look for projects in Calaveras and Amador Counties to strengthen the wildfire defense system and reduce the risk of wildfire. Cal Am provided an overview of the project and indicated it would like to partner with Utica to submit the application. Cal Am said it was considering seeking funding from either the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, which has approximately \$20 million earmarked for watershed health and thinning projects in California, or Cal Fire. Cal Am is asked if Utica would act as the fiscal agent for the project. In return Utica could receive 10% of the total grant request to cover management costs needed

to complete the project. This is a 100% grant with no local match required. The project is estimated to take about 2-3 years to complete, including environmental, treatment and wrap-up.

The Board approved moving forward in support of this project and exploring other opportunities to work with Cal Am.

D. ReMAT program update (Metzger)

Metzger gave an overview of the historical pricing of the day ahead market and Renewable Market Adjusting Tariff (ReMAT) pricing. ReMAT gives Utica the potential of earning hundreds of thousands more each year with more stable pricing compared to the day-ahead pricing. Guaranteed Energy Production (GEP) in the Murphys Powerhouse (MPH) contract makes pricing a little different than Angels Powerhouse (APH) which does not include a GEP in its contract. If MPH meets the minimum GEP of 13,000 MWhrs and does not exceed that number by more than 120%, then the price for power is \$73.50/MWhr. If we exceed 120% the price drops, depending on market value. Penalties could also be levied if Utica produces less than the GEP target. Meeting the GEP target in Water Years 4, 5, and 6 may not be achievable. Water years 1, 2, and 3 are expected to meet or exceed the targeted GEP.

E. Review of Employee Handbook Update Project proposals (Metzger)

Metzger reported that \$10,000 was set aside in the budget to update Utica's Employee Handbook. Union Public Utility District (UPUD) expressed an interest in partnering with Utica as a joint project that would produce two separate handbooks tailored to each agency and save thousands of dollars. Both agencies reviewed the proposals and recommended CPS HR Consulting Services to update the handbooks. The Board took the recommendation from staff and decided to award the contract to CPS, contingent upon UPUD's board approval.

Director Conrado made a motion to award the contract to CPS, HR Consulting Services.

- **Motion to approve:** Director Conrado
- **Second:** Director Davis-Herndon
- **Board Discussion:** None
- **Public Comment:** None

- **Vote:** 5-0
- **Ayes:** Directors Chick, Broglio, Davis-Herndon, Quincy, Conrado
- **Noes:** None
- **Abstain:** None

F. 2021 Annual maintenance outage recap (Metzger, Fields, Rasmussen)

Rasmussen and Fields presented a Power Point, recapping the work the Utica team and a few local contractors completed during the month-long maintenance outage.

Item 7: BOARD / GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Metzger reported he is working with the California Conservation Corps and Cal Fire to secure a 6-week project for tree and bush removal along Utica's canal access roads. This project is 100% grant funded and falls under a blanket environmental exemption for roadside clearing approved by the County. The potential value of this work is estimated at \$110,000.

Item 8: UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS AND CALENDAR EVENTS

- Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting
- Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting

Item 9: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Approved at the January 25, 2022 meeting:

Ralph Chick

Chair

Attest:

Hori Karnes

Clerk to the Board

Signature Certificate

Reference number: NZPXA-SBWAJ-HVBND-MQIGG

Signer	Timestamp	Signature
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