

MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
Strathmore Public Utility District
Thursday, May 8, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.
19626 Orange Belt Drive, Strathmore, CA 93267
P.O. Box 425 Strathmore, CA 93267

Meeting in person at:

Strathmore Public Utility District Office: 19626 Orange Belt Dr. Strathmore, CA 93267

ATTENDEES:

Christina Lightner, President

Nicholas Martinez, Vice President

Allaney Briggs, Treasurer

Adrian Ordonez, Board Clerk/Manager

Adele Sanchez, Bookkeeper/Secretary

Dennis Keller, District Engineer

Absent: Julia Lew, District Counsel

QUORUM? Yes

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 6:37 P.M.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public present.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Review of minutes from the Board's regular meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2025.

Motion to approve minutes: LIGHTNER Second: BRIGGS 3-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS

4. **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Presented by MRS. SANCHEZ.

5. **APPROVAL OF BILL AND PAYROLL PAYMENTS:**

Review of district bills and payroll through June 1, 2025.

Motion: LIGHTNER Second: MARTINEZ 3-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS

6. **TERMINATION AND/OR ABANDONMENT OF SERVICES:**

(a) *Review of extensions or waivers of payments requested in writing by delinquent customers.*

(b) *Review list of customers with delinquent accounts.*

Motion to terminate services: LIGHTNER Second: MARTINEZ 3-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS

(c) *Review of accounts eligible for initiation of abandonment proceedings.*

7. **WATER USAGE/SUPPLY 2025-2026:**
Monthly usage: 31 acre feet 54 Year-to-date: acre feet.
Engineer Keller will update the Board with the water supply forecast for the upcoming year 2025-2026.
8. **SIERRA VIEW WATER CAPACITY RIGHT TRANSFER:**
Sierra View and Freddie Espinoza have agreed to transfer the water capacity right fee within a property located within the Strathmore PUD boundaries. The water capacity transfer will go from Sierra View to Freddie Espinoza, property 23070 Lawson Ave, Strathmore CA 93267 APN 215-071-010-000. Sierra View will have this item for discussion and possible approval at their May 27th meeting.
9. **19640 ORANGE BELT DRIVE CAPACITY REQUEST:**
Property owner Victor Ceballos is requesting an approval letter for the County to be able to convert the second story into 8 apartment residences (4-1 bedroom units and 4-2 bedroom units). The bottom portion will remain as a commercial use. The property currently has 2 commercial capacity connections. Engineer Keller was calculating the fixture count for water capacity to provide for Mr. Ceballos. Engineer Keller will send the calculations to Mr. Ceballos.
10. **CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT 2024-2025:**
Authorize sending CCR in color and larger paper. Approved District prepared consumer confidence report.
11. **WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE:**
Engineer Keller has signed the contract to subcontract with P&P. Engineer Keller and Manager Ordonez met with Kirk Koester and Michael Taylor with discussion of how the treatment plant functions, locations of connection points to City of Lindsay and City of Porterville, and possibilities of disposing of reclaimed water.
12. **STORAGE TANK ROOF REPAIR PROJECT:**
Engineer Keller will update the Board on the progress of the project. Engineer Keller has reached out to a structural engineer and has secured him under contract. The engineering firm has equipment which does not require a person to go inside the tank but can utilize a drone to check the interior condition. They are able to do penetration analysis with equipment to check the welds on the roof.
13. **STRATHMORE PUD AND LINDSAY-STRATHMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT AGREEMENT DISCUSSION:**
Discussion regarding the operation and maintenance of the water treatment plant between Strathmore Public Utility District and Lindsay-Strathmore Irrigation District.
14. **PERSONNEL POLICY REVIEW:**
Discussion regarding review of District personnel policy and addition of holidays. Management has requested additional holiday: Columbus Day and Juneteenth.
Tabled
15. **RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF FEE SCHEDULE:**
Approval for adoption of resolution for fee schedule. Motion to approve or deny the fee schedule.
Tabled
16. **2023-2024 AUDIT:**
Jaribu Nelson met with the Board and reviewed the 2023-2024 audit. The requested changes were made to the audit. The Board motioned to approve the 2023-2024 audit.
Motion: LIGHTNER Second: BRIGGS 3-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS

17. MUFFIN MONSTER GRINDER REPAIR:

JWC has provided a quote for replacement of the muffin monster grinder at the wastewater plant. The Board may or may not approve the repair. Please see attached quotes.

Motion: LIGHTNER Second: MARTINEZ 3-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS

18. WATER TREATMENT PLANT INTERNET SERVICE:

District staff is requesting internet service for the water treatment plant. The current internet service is slow and the equipment being used is aged. The internet service is used for computer work in the water treatment plant and for the remote connection to the scada system.

Tabled

19. UPDATE REPORTS / INFORMATION ONLY:

20. CLOSED SESSION ITEM:

Time in: 7:55 p.m. Time out: 7:58 p.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION. [GC 54956.9(d)(2): Three cases, facts not known to potential plaintiff

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING POTENTIAL INITIATION OF LITIGATION. [GC 54956.9(d)(4)] Three cases.

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS [GC 54956.8]

Property: Water Tower, Strathmore California.

Agency Negotiator: Adrian Ordonez and Julia Lew. Negotiating Parties: Strathmore Public Utility District and TowerPoint.

Under Negotiation: Terms for purchase agreement.

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS [GC 54956.8]

Property: 22395 Ave 196, Strathmore California.

Agency Negotiator: Adrian Ordonez. Negotiating Parties: Strathmore Public Utility District and Jim Campbell.

Under Negotiation: Terms for purchase agreement.

Action taken: Nothing to report.

21. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: LIGHTNER Second: MARTINEZ 3-0 PASSED UNANIMOUS

Time: 8:10 p.m.

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