MINUTES FOR THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
April 14, 2020

Meeting held Via Teleconference
Pursuant to State of California Executive Order N-29-20

PRESENT
Jim Robinson  President
Bryan Wadlington  Vice President
Thomas Ace  Treasurer
Jeff Lawler  Secretary
Jim Hickle  Director

A. Opening of Meeting

   A.1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ramona Municipal Water District was called to
order by President Robinson at 2:00 p.m. via Teleconference Pursuant to State of California Executive
Order N-29-20.

President Robinson led the Board and members of public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call.

Legal Counsel Announcement.

   A.2. Consideration of Non-Agenda Items Which Arose Subsequent to the Posting of the Agenda

None.

   A.3. Adoption of Agenda for Meeting of April 14, 2020

M\S\C  MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA FOR APRIL 14, 2020 (Ace/Wadlington)

AYES:  Ace, Hickle, Lawler, Robinson, Wadlington
NOES:  None
ABSTAIN:  None
ABSENT:  None

   A.4. Opportunity for Members of the Public to Address the Board on any Subject within its Jurisdiction but not on the Agenda

Gary Hurst spoke to the Board concerning sewer and water costs.

   A.5. Announcements and/or Informational Reports from Board and/or Staff
A.5.a. General Manager's Report

General Manager Barnum thanked staff for their diligent work under difficult conditions, with the coordination of all local, state and federal mandates brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring that the Ramona community has essential resources and continuing continuity of current fire and sewer operations. He confirmed that all levels of service remain unaffected and RMWD staffing is at full capacity. He reviewed the purchase of additional supplies and PPE (personal protective equipment) safeguarding the health and safety of customers and employees. He also highlighted the opening of the virtual web based EOC (Emergency Operations Center) and recommended that customers visit the website at www.rmwd.org for important updates and information.

A.5.b. Committee Reports

None.

A.5.c.- Staff Reports

None.

B. Ministerial Items

B.1. Consent Calendar

(All matters on the consent calendar are to be approved by one motion unless a Board Member requests separate action on a specific item)

B.1.a. Adoption of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2020

Recommendation: To adopt the Minutes for March 10, 2020.


Recommendation: No staff recommendation.

B.1.c. Authorization to Award a Contract for Construction of the Santa Maria Miscellaneous Sewer Rehabilitation and Valve Replacement Projects

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board authorize the General Manager to award a contract for construction of the Santa Maria Miscellaneous Sewer Rehabilitation and Valve Replacement Project to Cass Construction Inc. dba Cass Arrieta.

B.1.d. Authorization to Purchase a Tractor Loader

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the Board authorize the Purchasing Officer to execute a contract with RDO Equipment Co. for the purchase of the loader.

M/S/C  MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONSENT CALENDAR (Lawler/Hickle)

AYES: Ace, Hickle, Lawler, Robinson, Wadlington
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

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C. Public Hearing/Bid Openings

C.1. Public Hearing - To Take Public Input on Modifying the Rates for Untreated Water Pumping Services

After an introductory statement by legal counsel, President Robinson opened the public hearing at 2:15 p.m.

The following individuals presented testimony in opposition of the proposed pumping rate changes: Gary Hurst, Mathew Prickett and Hanna Bay.

The Board Secretary reported out that of 179 parcels subject to the District’s general untreated pumping rates, the District received 2 written protests to the proposed rate increases (no majority protest).

C.1.a Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt an Ordinance Modifying the District’s Untreated Water Pumping Rates

Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that after holding the public hearing and receiving public comments under Agenda Item C.1., the Board approve the untreated water pumping rate changes to be effective July 1, 2020 for Year 1, and subsequent Year 2-4 increases effective annually on July 1 from 2021-2023, by adopting the attached ordinance.

General Manager Barnum provided an introduction of the item and Chief Financial Officer Craig Schmollinger presented a history outlining previous board actions in 2019 that approved the current water rates. A summary of the requirements for Proposition 218 was defined. Actions of executive decisions that occurred concerning the COVID-19 pandemic, including social distancing requirements, were explained. Water service components, a pumping report verified by a second party (Raftelis), and staff recommendations to the Board of Directors were discussed. Board discussion followed.

Director Ace left the call at 2:48 p.m.

M/S/C MOTION TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE AS PRESENTED (Wadlington/Lawler)

AYES: Hickle, Lawler, Robinson, Wadlington
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Ace

D. Agenda Items which Anticipate Possible Input from Members of the Public
(This space on the agenda is reserved in the event a member of the public is scheduled to address the Board)

E. Agenda Items which Anticipate Possible Input from Other Agencies/Consultants
(This space on the agenda is reserved in the event another agency/consultant is scheduled to address the Board)

F. Agenda Items which Anticipate Possible Input from Staff

G. Remaining Agenda Items
G.1. Directors' Reports of Reimbursed Meetings
Pursuant to Legislative Code Section 2.08.140, members of the Board who receive reimbursement from the District for their actual and necessary expenses for attending meetings outside the District shall either prepare a written report to be submitted at the next subsequent Board meeting or make a verbal report during the next regular Board meeting. The report shall detail the information that may be of benefit to the District that was presented at the meeting.

None reported.

H. Closing Agenda Items

H.1. Date and Time for the Next Regular Meeting

May 12, 2020 - 2:00 p.m.

President Robinson adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

Adjourn

Jim Robinson, President
Board of Directors
RAMONA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT