

Timber Cove County Water District

Board of Directors

General Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 10:06 2-16-19

Roll Call: John Rea, Warren Doyle, Chris Feddersohn

Guest: Carolyn Abst, Ron Case, Spencer Lipp, John Rosson, Scott Farmer, Diane Feddersohn

1-Approval of Agenda: The presented agenda was approved unanimously.

2- Approval of the minutes: Minutes from the 1/19/2019 board meeting were approved unanimously.

3-Public Comment: -Carolyn Abst gave an update on her search for grants. She has determined there is nothing we can seek at this time and is discontinuing her search.

-The question was asked what is being done to lower costs of water to the customer. Chris Feddersohn stated that he is concentrating his efforts towards lowering costs and has looked in to how base rate money could be used to offset the expense of making water. He also identified that our labor costs will be less this year due to staffing changes and our plant is operating more efficiently than in previous years.

-Diane Feddersohn asked what progress has been made on the audits. Chris Feddersohn indicated we are moving forward however the auditor is waiting for some information that John Howland is providing. Warren Doyle will follow up with John Howland.

4-President's report: Chris Feddersohn identified that Spencer Lipp (PG&E engineer) has looked at our electric bills and based on his review no PG&E grants are available to help with our electric costs. It was noted that the peak hours are noon to 6:00pm, that our variable speed pumps are operating at 75% capacity (which is good) and our backup generator is set up for manual activation. It was noted that the tech from the generator company will be out to service the generator and teach our staff to do future service. Scott Farmer explained power usage issues but there are no recommendations for change at this time... It was noted and discussed that internet issues in our community remain a problem that if fixed, would benefit the district as well as the community... Chris Feddersohn relayed that our two water operator trainees were laid off, reducing our overhead, and they have subsequently found employment in the Gualala Water Department. They continue to lease the Smith Court house but the Timber Cove County Water District is no longer involved in that lease.

5-Treasurer's report: Due to the treasurer not being able to attend the meeting the report is postponed until the next regular meeting.

6-Operator's report: Water operator Tanner Heirs provided a lot of information on plant and district operations for review by the board and interested community members. Warren Doyle read an excerpt from the report to show how well the staff is doing on upkeep, preventative maintenance and plant operating improvements which will produce benefits in to the future. Chris Feddersohn asked Warren Doyle to read the rest of the report to inform the audience what our water operators, Tanner Heirs and Cory Cresswell, are working on.

7-New Business: Chris Feddersohn explained that Jessie Barton, the district attorney, was scheduled to attend the meeting however the weather and other factors prevented him from attending. Mr. Barton was asked to review the District Fire Abatement Ordinance due to continued questions about the policy. After reviewing correspondence and the policy he determined that the policy was (a) unnecessary, because the County already has its own policy (b)expensive, because the district could have the County provide the same , or better service, for

free and (c) poorly written. He suggested that rather than try to fix the existing policy, it would be better to have the County enforce its own policy for a trial period and if it turns out that using the County is not working, the District can always come back and adopt a new and better drafted fire abatement policy. He recommended rescinding the existing policy and fee, permanently. This triggered a lengthy discussion regarding County Fire Department inspections, Cal Fire Inspections and the penalties, enforcement issues and fire safety in general...

It was moved By John Rea and seconded Warren Doyle that the District Fire Abatement Ordinance, resolution 2016-02, be rescinded permanently. The motion was passed unanimously.

It was moved by John Rea and seconded by Warren Doyle that the fire abatement fee, resolution 2017-01, be discontinued. The motion was passed unanimously.

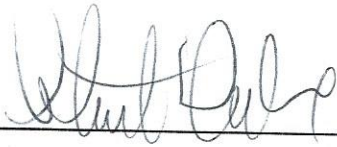
It was moved by John Rea and seconded by Warren Doyle that the Water District revisit Fire Abatement at least annually each February to determine if the County enforcement is affective for our community. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to pay the monthly bills as presented by Chris Feddersohn passed unanimously.

8. Next meeting is scheduled for 3/23/19 at 10:00am.

9. Meeting adjourned

Attest: _____



Date: _____

4-27-19

The Secretary of TCCWD hereby certifies the above minutes were approved and adopted by the Board on the above date.