

Minutes of the SPECIAL Board Meeting for the
Scotia Community Services District
Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE at 5:34

ROLL CALL

Paul Newmaker, President– Present

Diane Black, Vice President – Present

Delia Ansted, Director – Present

Susan Pryor, Director – Present

Nina Sellen, Director – Present

Leslie Marshall, GM; Julie Hawkins, Board Clerk; Amanda Urhammer, Legal Counsel; Frank Bacik, TOS; Mike Foget, SHN; Renee Abrams, member of the public.

B. SETTING OF THE AGENDA

No Changes

C. CONSENT CALENDAR

None

D. PUBLIC COMMENT & WRITTEN COMMUNICATION: None

E. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – at 5:39 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Paul Newmaker, President– Present

Diane Black, Vice President – Present

Delia Ansted, Director – Present

Susan Pryor, Director – Present

Nina Sellen, Director – Present

3. Government Code §54956.9; Discuss pending litigation with District Legal Counsel .

4. Government Code §54956.9; Discuss anticipated litigation with District Legal Counsel

5. Closed session discussion

F. ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION – 6:50

a. Report out of closed session

Board met in closed session to discuss two items, one pending litigation and one anticipated litigation. Direction to staff was given.

Adjourned for a brief recess 6:51-6:56

G. PUBLIC HEARING – None

H. BUSINESS

1. New Business – None

2. Old Business –

- a. Discuss Scotia Subdivision & River Pumps and Approve Sending Board Signed Letter

LM introduced. Written communication received from Mike Foget & from Frank Bacik. Forwarded to the board and legal counsel prior to the meeting.

Director Ansted: Yeah, I just want to reiterate my concerns over item three on counts cautious letter to us regarding the emergency alternative water supply plan. That Initially, I was under the impression that there was going to be an emergency pump in place, ready to go. But this now looks like it's a plan. And not an actual pump ready to go.

Mike Foget: I apologize if that was a misunderstanding. That is what Gregory Hufford and myself were proposing – that was the plan. So if that was misunderstood, my apologies.

Dir. Ansted: Why wouldn't there just be a pump in place.

Foget: That would be very expensive. The actual pump will soon be in. This would just be a backup plan if there is a failure with the existing high voltage pump. That is when the plan would be enacted. There would be a plan for water rationing until the pump would arrive.

Dir. Ansted: Is that a rental?

Foget: Yes

Dir Ansted: Do you have some kind of guarantee that the pump will always be available?

Foget: I can call and request confirmation on that. I haven't confirmed the availability of that but that's something we could potentially look into- having a payment to make sure a pump is kind of on standby. There is usually some fee for that.

Leslie Marshall: There is a concern over availability due to the fact that we're approaching fire season.

Dir. Ansted: The plan that you have is not really a guarantee that we would have a backup pump in place if the primary pump fails.

Foget: Will confirm with the vendor in terms of the availability or of how many pumps they have access to.

Dir. Ansted: Better to have a physical pump in place and ready to go in the event of an emergency. I Understood that there would be a pump in place – this is just a plan and doesn't seem like a very good plan.

Foget: Will call tomorrow about what access they have to pumps, for example how many they have.

Marshall: Will the pump be delivered or will someone drive to get it?

Foget: It will be picked up by Wahlund.

Marshall: That will be a 12 hour turn around.

Foget: Yes and during that time they will be securing and plumbing up the fittings on the wet well.

Dir. Ansted: In this letter there's the authorization of purchase of remaining parts and equipment including final new low voltage pump and motor what is the lead time on that?

Foget: Two weeks. They have been ordered. The first pump and motor are already here in Eureka.

Dir Ansted: Two weeks to shipment or to delivery?

Foget: Delivery

Dir Ansted: Shipping from where?

Foget: Redding – that is where the parts are now. Originally from Fresno. This is the second pump and motor. A lot of work has to be done to prepare the pump. There is a lot of pre-testing to be done to make sure everything is in order. Then it needs to be installed and tested before it is even started. So the timeline for that is about 4-6 weeks out from hitting the power switch. Probably by end of next week we will have a schedule for the project that will be more detailed.

Dir. Ansted: I'm sorry, you kind of lost me there. What part of it? Do you not have on order? Or did I misunderstand?

Foget: Everything has been ordered. Not as simple as turning on a switch. Testing needs to be done per motor and pump manufacturer's recommendations.

Foget: Work has begun in good faith. The next thing we will see is a schedule of work. Working methodically and quickly but they will not skip steps.

President Newmaker: We're not questioning the ability or the pump itself. We understand the process of it and the need for testing and the need to make sure everything's right. We understand what you're saying about the timeline. What I guess what I'm saying is, we're more interested in timelines, not what has to be done. We know what has to be done, but we're more interested in the timeline itself.

Foget: Will confirm next week when the schedule is released – but is anticipating the 4-6 weeks. And then the process will be: leave the high voltage pump in place (that will be back up in essence as pump one is in place). Then the 2nd pump will be installed – but that requires removing the high voltage pump. So everything with the first pump will need to be functional and working well before that can be done.

Marshall: How long will you run the first pump and test before starting install on the second pump?

Foget: Contract says 90 days. Could extend that a little longer if the district would like to see that. We can get pump one up and running and then we can revisit how long we want to run pump one before we remove the high voltage pump. Right now the contract say 90 days.

Frank Bacik: This project, like any other project has two phases. One is the plans, the design specifications, and two is the implementation. We are now at the transition from the planning to the implementation. The plan part is now going to be implemented. Issued a notice of award. Purchase of the remaining parts authorized (new pump and motor). Contract will be signed; notice to commence will be issued. The contract requires a detailed schedule – this will be a 90 day job. There will be a Gantt Chart with a detailed schedule. All is moving fast now - commencement is not far away. Metering station and some additional transducers can be started right away. Signed contract will be received by the board in a few days.

Dir Ansted: That sounds great. We are most interested in when it will be done. We are looking forward to project completion.

Dir. Ansted: Frank, were you present for our discussion about the emergency backup plan?

Bacik: I volunteered to have that plan created. And I've reviewed it and it was put together by the engineers in a professional way. It's not practical to have the plumbing installed or in the way of the new construction just on the possibility that there might be a failure. I think it is also rather normal to have a contingency plan that involves procuring the material within the timeframe that the circumstances allow. And in the plan we've got time where we will be operating off of storage. Yeah, but do you have any particular question?

Dir Ansted: I was under the impression that a pump would be on site – not that it would be a plan. And as I understand it with this alternative water supply plan, you're going to have a pump available to you that you'll bring into place in some amount of time if our primary pump fails, is that correct?

Bacik: This is considered a contingency plan – I apologize if there was a misunderstanding. But we never intended to get a second system installed, while we're working on replacing the pump system. This is a plan that can be implemented in the event of further failure.

Foget: Again, I will follow up with the rental company and ask how many pumps they have available or what they can do if they run out - can they pull from another location? I will share that with Leslie and she can distribute to the board.

Dir. Ansted: Thank you

Newmaker: Any other questions?

Marshall: Nina did you have any questions?

Dir Sellen: I think a lot of my questions have been answered. The state recommends that we have an emergency pump in place. But I hear him say that it isn't standard procedure to do that.

Bacik: Customary to have contingency plans. That is what this is meant to be. It would add complications to have to work around an emergency pump in order to accomplish what we are trying to do with the new pumps, motors, and testing.

Amanda Urhammer: Recommended that the letter be tabled to a special meeting July 8th, 2021 so it can reflect the new information that has been received.

Bacik: Will be prepared to give a progress report at that time.

Newmaker: Any other questions or public comment?

No additional public comment

Motion: To Table the letter to a Special Meeting on July 8th, 2021 at 5:30PM

Motion: Ansted Second: Sellen

Motion Vote: Ayes Ansted, Black, Pryor, Sellen, Newmaker Opposed None Absent None Abstain None

I. BOARD TRAINING “– Brown Act Training Completed with Legal Counsel Amanda Urhammer

J. ADJOURNMENT at 8:27 PM

Approved:



Paul Newmaker, President

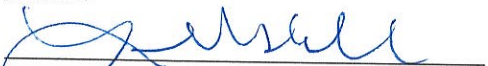
Board of Directors

Scotia Community Services District

Date

7/15/21

Attest:



Board Clerk

Date

7/15/2021

Scotia Community Services District

for Julie Hawkins

