

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Directors of the
Aromas Water District
March 26th, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Aromas Water District was called to order by President Holman on Tuesday, March 26th, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office located at 388 Blohm Ave, Aromas, California.

II. ROLL CALL:

President Holman, Vice President Mahler, Directors Dutra, Norton and Leap were present. General Manager Vicki Morris, Counsel Bob Bosso, Engineer Mike Freitas and staff Maureen Cain and Gina Patten were also present.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Holman led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. STATEMENTS OF DISQUALIFICATION: There were no disqualification statements

V. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: There were no additions or deletions.

VI. MINUTES: The minutes of the February 26, 2013 Regular Meeting were presented for acceptance and approval.

Director Norton moved and Director Mahler seconded that the minutes be approved and they were unanimously accepted as written.

VII. ORAL COMMUNICATION: None

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Director's Reports: Director Leap visited the office during March and talked to staff Laurie Goodman. He was interested in seeing the District system and boundary maps. Staff Goodman showed him the maps on the AutoCad program as well as the large scale system maps and other resources used by staff to utilize mapping information. Dir. Norton reported on behalf of the Aquifer Protection Ad Hoc Committee that the San Benito County Supervisors were getting close to adopting a new ordinance to regulate oil and gas extraction. The local group, Aromas Cares for the Environment, has been meeting regularly and going to the Supervisors meetings to insure the protections are in place.

B. Attorneys Report: None

C. Manager's Report:

Operations: Production in February was 5.4 million gallons. All sampling has met State Health Standards. Loss production is now only about 6%. Staff: GM Morris has taken a Water Distribution refresher course. Intern, Davin Clark, is working on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the District may enlist the help of a paid intern to work during the summer. Projects: Staff has done work in the office yard to develop a drought tolerant demonstration garden. Although it won't be ready in time for the Aromas Garden tour this year, perhaps it will be next year, when plants are established. The garden will be a benefit to the District and Community. *The Seely Area Annexation* CEQA Initial Study has been completed and on the agenda as item IXA. GM Morris is working on the USDA loan application for *Oakridge/Via del Sol*, which is taking precedence over any other aspects of the project at this time. The *Caltrans San Juan Road Relocation Project* work has been completed by MPE until Caltrans completes the widening of San Juan Road.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Initial Study and Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration for Annexation of Eighteen Parcels in the Seely Avenue Area:** Board has given staff direction to proceed with application to annex the parcels which are part of the Sphere of Influence in San Benito County adopted in 1971. Staff Laurie Goodman completed the Initial Study and three areas of minor concern were discussed. They are 1) Growth Inducement, 2) Increase in water demand leading to expansion of facilities and 3) Need for a new water source. The affects are considered to have a "less than significant impact. Only four of the parcels are unimproved.

President Holman made a motion to approve the Initial Study and Negative Declaration. Director Norton seconded. It passed unanimously. The 30-day public review period will begin on April 1st and the public hearing is tentatively scheduled for the May 28th board meeting.

- B. Request by Property Owners for Refund of Capacity Assurance Deposits:** Mr. William Kemling, owner of APN 267-111-006, 327 Blohm Ave. and Mr. Robert Mize, owner of 011-350-047, on Pinetree Ave. have both requested that they be refunded their \$2,000 deposits which were for new meter connections. According to our Ordinance 72 (Section 8: Will Serve Letters, Item a-d), if the customer is unable to meet the condition of service because of circumstances beyond their control, they may appeal to the Board of Directors for a refund. Neither of these property owners has been able to develop their respective parcels.

Director Norton moved to approve the refund of \$2,000 each to the two property owners, per the ordinance. Director Mahler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Resolution 2013-04 in Appreciation of General Manager Vicki Morris on her 20th Anniversary of Employment with the District:** GM Morris was hired in 1993 and has worked for the Aromas Water District continuously during those 20 years. Secretary Goodman expressed her appreciation for GM Morris's dedication and professionalism. She was thanked for her vision bringing the District to its current solid standing. President Holman complimented her as a most outstanding manager and all directors in turn expressed their gratitude for her accomplishments.

Director Norton made the motion to adopt the resolution and Vice Pres. Mahler seconded. The Resolution passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Holman, Mahler, Dutra, Norton, Leap

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Staff presented a cheesecake and sparkling cider to celebrate.

D. Presentation of Financial Reports for the Month of February 2013: Revenue for February was \$50,231.00. Total assets are \$6.6 million. Total liabilities are \$1.47 million. Expenses from February 20 to March 19, 2013 were \$143,445.93. There was discussion about vehicle expenses and wear and tear on tires because of the recent purchase of new tires for the 2004 truck. Payments were reviewed by Pres. Holman.

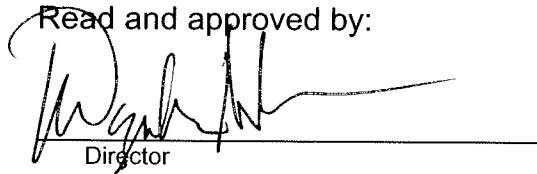
Pres. Holman moved to accept the financials as presented and Director Norton seconded. The financials were accepted unanimously.

X. ADJOURNMENT

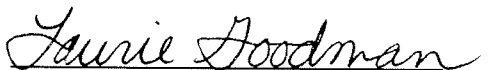
President Holman adjourned the meeting at 7:43 PM.
Report submitted by Laurie Goodman, Board Secretary

Date: April 23, 2013

Read and approved by:



Director

Attest: 

Laurie Goodman, Board Secretary