

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Directors of the
Aromas Water District
August 23rd, 2011

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, August 23rd, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office located at 387 Blohm Ave, Aromas, CA.

II. ROLL CALL:

Pres. Holman, Vice President Mahler, Directors Dutra and Huggins were present. Director Borchard arrived at 7:05. General Manager Vicki Morris, Engineer Mike Freitas, Staff Maureen Cain and Counsel Bob Bosso were also present.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pres. 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 July 26th, 2011 Regular Meeting were presented for acceptance and approval.

Director Huggins motioned and Vice Pres. Mahler seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. ORAL COMMUNICATION: None

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Director's Reports: Director Huggins announced that he visited the construction of the new well with GM Morris.

B. Attorney's Report: None

C. Manager's Report:

Operations: July production was 13.41 million gallons, lowest in the previous ten years. All sampling has come back non-detect for iron and manganese. All Coliform testing has been negative.

Maintenance: GM Morris passed around photos showing problems that operators encounter in the field including gopher activity covering meters and tree roots disturbing pipelines.

Administration: Staff Laurie Goodman has completed 12 years and Operator David DeAlba 5 years at the District.

Projects: The *Carpenteria Well Replacement* continued to have delays caused by equipment failure, but mechanical well development and step testing was completed on 8/17. Staff constructed a large model in a tube displaying soil samples and depths taken from the well site. There has been no response from MPE regarding the letter sent to them on liquidated damages for the *Carr Tank and Booster Station*. The *Oakridge/Via del Sol Annexation* environmental review requires that a temporary silhouette of the proposed tank be constructed to help determine any impact it may cause. The property owner is receptive. Directors and Staff will be available to greet and answer questions on *Aromas Day*, August 28th. Director Huggins has provided a booth and will bring a dog water dish and treats. Information, displays and water saving devices will be available.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution 2011-07 to Clarify Monthly Rates for Private and Commercial Fire

Protection Service: Directors discussed this revision of the resolution passed at the 7/26 Board meeting. Changes make clear that property owners are responsible to pay for labor as well as all equipping of fire service installation. The new resolution also states that the monthly base rates only apply to fire service customers.

Director Dutra motioned and Dir. Huggins seconded to pass the resolution. It passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Holman, Mahler, Dutra, Huggins, Borchard

Noes: none

Abstain: none

- B. Resolution 2011-08 to Authorize borrowing \$1,457,578 from Santa Barbara Bank and Trust:** GM Morris went over the main points of the loan which refinances the original \$1,020,000 loan in 2006. A fixed rate of 4.8% will mean monthly payments of \$9515. Most of the increase in monthly payments will be recovered by the savings in no longer having to pay for rent when the new office is built, plus the additional asset of our own building and income from a Sheriff's substation. Funding will close in mid-September.

President Holman moved and Director Huggins seconded that the resolution be passed to authorize the loan agreement. It passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Holman, Mahler, Dutra, Huggins, Borchard

Noes: none

Abstain: none

- C. Equipping of the Carpentaria Replacement Well:** The well is capable of producing the 400 gpm hoped for. GM Morris was pleased to announce the initial water sample results are below the maximum contaminate levels for both iron and manganese. Engineer Freitas went over the proposal for equipping using the existing pipe and chlorination system and a submersible vertical turbine pump and motor with pump station improvements. There was discussion about whether to pass the bid proposal before its final form, but it was desirable to expedite its approval.

Director Dutra made a motion to approve the proposal, with the condition that President Holman go over the documents before they go out to bid. Director Borchard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Financial Report:** GM Morris presented the financials for the month of July 2011, the first month of the fiscal year. Total assets are \$6.25 million. Revenue for July was \$76,758.30. President Holman reviewed the payments for July 20th to August 16th 2011, which totaled \$102,400.37 and included the quarterly Santa Barbara Bank loan payment and pass through payment to PVWMA.

President Holman moved to accept the financials and Vice President Mahler seconded. They were approved unanimously as presented.

X. FUTURE MEETINGS & AGENDA ITEMS

The next Regular Meeting will be Tuesday, September 27th, 2011 at 7:00 pm. The location will be at the District Office at 387 Blohm Avenue.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Holman adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.
Report submitted by Laurie Goodman, Board Secretary

Date: September 27th, 2011

Read and approved by:

Director

Attest: _____
Board Secretary