

Amador Regional Sanitation Authority

"Servicing Amador City, Martell, & Sutter Creek"

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING January 6, 2021

Present:

Robin Peters, Chairman
Richard Forster, Vice Chairman
Frank Axe, Board Member
Susan Bragstad, Board Member
Jim Swift, Board Member

Staff Present:

Amy Gedney, Interim General Manager
Karen Darrow, City Clerk
Jodi Steneck, Accounting Supervisor
Harriet Steiner, ARSA Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Meeting called to order by Vice Chairman Forster at 10:05 A.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Vice Chairman Forster led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC FORUM- None

4. ANNUAL ORGANIZATION OF THE ARSA BOARD

A. Election of a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the ARSA Board.

M/S Swift/Axe to nominate Board member Peters as Chairman.

AYES: Axe, Bragstad, Swift and Forster
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Peters
MOTION CARRIED

M/S Swift/Axe to nominate Board member Forster as Vice Chairman.

AYES: Axe, Bragstad, Swift and Forster
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Peters
MOTION CARRIED

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed on the consent agenda are considered routine and may be enacted in one motion. Any item may be removed for discussion at the request of the Board or the Public.

A. Minutes of September 23, 2020

Approve Minutes of September 23, 2020

B. Approval of Warrants

Approve warrants.

C. Financial Statements

For information only.

D. System Status Report
For information only.

Board member Bragstad requested a breakdown of expenses.

Interim General manager Gedney noted that overtime expenses have been significantly reduced due to a change to a 4/10 work schedule.

M/S Axe/Peters to Approve the Consent Agenda, with minor edits to the minutes.

AYES: Axe, Bragstad, Forster, Swift and Peters
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Peters arrived at 10:15 a.m. and presided over the remained of the meeting.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- A. Resolution 20-21-* extending the loan term with the City of Sutter Creek for the Noble Ranch spray easement.

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution 2020-21 extending the loan.

Board member Bragstad voiced her concern regarding repayment of the loan.

Chairman Peters explained that the money is better retained by the City of Sutter Creek to pay the expenses.

Amador City Council member Russell Robinson asked what the \$2,630 that Amador City pays Sutter Creek is related to.

Interim General Manager Gedney explained that Amador City pays the City of Sutter Creek for sending wastewater to their treatment plant.

M/S Forster/Axe to Approve Resolution 20-21-01 extending the loan term with the City of Sutter Creek for the Noble Ranch spray easement.

AYES: Axe, Bragstad, Forster, Swift and Peters
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION CARRIED

- B. Correspondence from RWQCB regarding Mule Creek Storm water system deficiencies.
Recommendation: For information only.

Vice Chairman Forster reported that the Board of Supervisors had filed action against CDCR for the spills and that The Sportfishing Alliance has also filed suit. He expects Mule Creek to continue to spill all winter long, showing that they are not willing to even try to comply with State regulations. Vice Chairman Forster noted that he is not happy but also not surprised that they are willing to violate the agreement with the State Water Quality Control Board.

- C. Status update regarding the City of Sutter Creek's WWTP upgrade project.
Recommendation: For information only.

Interim General Manager Gedney provided an update including a reminder that this project is an upgrade to the existing plant not an increase in capacity. She also noted that the Environmental Consultant is in place and they are getting ready to review the project study report and that work on the grant is moving along as outlined.

Vice Chairman Forster asked if the State will accept direct discharge in to the creek.

Chairman Peters explained that the State will evaluate when they receive the submission.

Vice Chairman Forster noted that Castle Oaks has expressed concern about the five-year deadline pending.

Interim General Manager Gedney noted that their concern should be addressed with the City of Ione.

City Council member Dan Epperson announced that newly appointed City Manager McGraw will take over for outgoing City Manager Hanken.

Board member Axe asked if the Wastewater Treatment plant will be able to handle the growth projections in the Master Plan.

Chairman Peters clarified that no it would not be able to handle the growth projections, but could be added on to later if needed. He reiterated that this project is an upgrade not a wastewater expansion project.

7. INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Board member Forster noted that the State is not interested in holding CDCR accountable and ultimately it will come to Federal involvement. He stated that the newspaper will continue to report on the situation but the County can not do anymore than they have already done.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Karen Darrow

Karen Darrow, Secretary



Robin Peters, Chairman

Date Approved: April 28, 2021