

Amador Regional Sanitation Authority

*"Servicing Amador City,
Martell, & Sutter Creek"*

MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS May 19, 2023

Present:
Richard Forster, Vice Chairman
Jim Swift, Board Member
Frank Axe, Board Member
Susan Bragstad, Board Member
Sandra Spelliscy, Board Member

Staff Present:
Frank Splendorio
Karen Darrow
Jodi Steneck

1. SPECIAL MEETING: CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Meeting called to order by Vice Chairman Forster at 9:00 A.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Vice Chairman Forster led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC FORUM- None.

4. INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

This section provides informational updates regarding staff activities and operations where no Board action is required.

A. Engineer's Report- None.

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 April 14, 2023

Recommendation: Approve Minutes of April 14, 2023

B. Approval of Warrants

Recommendation: Approve warrants.

M/S Axe/Swift to Approve Consent Agenda Items A & B, with a minor edit to the minutes.

AYES: Axe, Bragstad, Spelliscy, Swift and Forster

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

Items C & D were pulled for discussion.

C. Budget Status Update

Recommendation: For information only

M/S Axe/Bragstad to Approve Consent Agenda Item C.

AYES: Axe, Bragstad, Spelliscy, Swift and Forster

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

D. Floating Suction/Siphon Discharge HPDE Project

Recommendation: Approval of purchase option as outlined in proposal.

The Board directed staff to hold this item over for the next agenda so that more information could be brought forward.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

6.

A. Review of Board Meeting dates and time.

Recommendation: Consideration of ARSA Board meetings for the third Friday of the month at 10a.m beginning June 16, 2023.

M/S Swift/Axe to move the regular scheduled ARSA Board meetings to the third Thursday of the month at 2p.m beginning June 15th.

AYES: Axe, Bragstad, Spelliscy, Swift and Forster

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

B. Adopt Resolution 23-23-* Approving a contract with Weber Ghio & Associates for professional engineering services.

The Board directed staff to bring this agreement back to the next board meeting and ask ARSA Engineer Gary Ghio to attend the meeting to answer questions.

C. ARSA/Sutter Creek Operating Agreement- *discussion and possible direction.*

Board member Spelliscy noted that Sutter Creek is providing all staffing for ARSA and questioned if a General Manager is necessary.

She noted that in her role as Interim City Manager she would be taking on the General Manager responsibilities by default.

Vice Chairman Forster noted that he was not comfortable with the General Manager also being a Board member.

Gary Thomas, of Ione, noted that being on the Board and being the General Manager would lead to Brown Act violations.

Mike Kirkley, of Sutter Creek, commented that having County Supervisors on the ARSA Board is no longer necessary and they need to think about how to wind ARSA down.

Board member Spelliscy noted that the Sutter Creek City Council could appoint someone else as the ARSA Board member and she could act as the General Manager.

D. Non-Mediation Privileged Informational Update on status of ARSA v. Ione et al. litigation.

Board member Spelliscy noted that she was directed by the Sutter Creek City Council to get a status update from the Board.

Board member Axe noted that he thought Sutter Creek Council needs more information than they are getting.

Vice Chairman Forster asked ARSA Attorney Splendorio what information could be shared, and Mr. Splendorio said he would investigate what is permissible.

E. Discuss Draft 23/24 Budget and Status Update

Board member Spelliscy noted that she was directed by the Sutter Creek City Council to get a status update from the Board.

Sutter Creek Account Supervisor Jodi Steneck asked for direction with the budget since there is currently no General Manager and Sutter Creek, Amador City and Amador Water Agency rely on this information for their budgeting.

Board member Spelliscy questioned why money is in the checking and savings accounts and commented that ARSA needs a CIP list and would like to schedule a special budget meeting to discuss.

Vice Chairman Forster noted that the Master Plan addressed the CIP list.

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT- None

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

The Board directed staff to schedule a Special Board meeting on Wednesday, May 24th at 9am and to agenize the following items:

- Nomination of Chairman and Vice Chairman
- The ARSA/Sutter Creek Operating Agreement
- The Weber Ghio & Associates Contract
- The siphon discharge HPDE project

9. CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(1):

Amador Regional Sanitation Authority v. City of Ione, et al.
(Case No. 22-CV-12824)

B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

Pursuant to Gov. Code § 549567:

Title: General Manager

10. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into Closed Session at 10:15 a.m. and came out at 10:56 a.m.

Vice Chairman Forster noted there was no reportable action.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Karen Darrow

Karen Darrow, Clerk
Date Approved: May 24, 2023

James E. Swift

James Swift, Chairman