

**AMADOR WATER AGENCY
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting**

March 12, 2020

MINUTES

Directors Present: Richard Farrington, President
Susan Peters, Vice President
Gary Thomas
Paul Molinelli Jr.
Randy Livingston

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: John Kingsbury, Interim General Manager
Cris Thompson, Assistant GM/ Clerk of the Board
Tracey Hays, Finance Manager
Darrel Evensen, Engineering Manager
Rick Ferriera, Operations Manager
Joshua Horowitz, Agency Legal Counsel

CALL TO ORDER- President Farrington called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA- None

CONSENT AGENDA- (00:00:47- 13:58)

Consent agenda item 1.A- President Farrington pulled item 1.A for discussion:

MOTION: It was moved by Director Molinelli Jr., seconded by Director Thomas, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda with suggested revisions to the minutes of 02-27-20.

Item 7 was moved up to accommodate members of the public.

WATER SYSTEM (14:00- 39:40)

Axios Homes (Wildflower Subdivision)

Discussion and possible action to approve a variance of Water Code Section 2.06 "Conditional Will Serve Commitment" to authorize a three year extension for the Wildflower Subdivision.

Public Comment: Mr. Thomas Borge, President of Axios Homes

Direction was given to staff and Agency Legal counsel to bring back a resolution to consider a water code variance for the Wildflower Subdivision.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS (40:13 – 1:07:30)

- A. Administration/Finance
- B. Operations
- C. Engineering

RECESS was called at 10:08 a.m. **SESSION** resumed at 10:15 a.m.

FY 19-20 Mid-Year Budget Status/ Update (1:08:31- 1:37:57)

COMMITTEE REPORTS, SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS (1:38:07- 1:39:21)

WASTEWATER SYSTEM (1:39:25- 1:50:10)

Ridge Road Manhole Replacement Project

Discussion and possible action to reallocate budgeted funds to the Ridge Rd Manhole Replacement Project

MOTION: It was moved by Director Molinelli Jr., seconded by Director Thomas and unanimously carried to approve a budget reallocation of \$24,199 for the Ridge Road Manhole Replacement project coming from the I&I Repair/ Improvement sewer program funds.

I & I Repair/ Improvement Process

Discussion and possible action to authorize the Operations Manager to purchase a Sewer Hydro Jetter for an amount not to exceed \$60,300.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Peters, seconded by Director Molinelli Jr. and unanimously carried to approve the Operations Manager to purchase a Sewer Hydro Jetter for an amount not to exceed \$60,300 paid for out of the 2019/2020 current budgeted I/I Repair / Improvement (Camanche – Martel) sewer program funds

AGENCY GENERAL (1:50:12- 1:56:40)

General Manager Recruitment Update

Financial Assistance and Oversight (1:56:45-2:10:05)

Discussion and possible action to authorize the Interim General Manager to enter into a contract with Hilltop Securities for Financial Assistance and oversight for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Molinelli Jr., seconded by Director Peters and unanimously carried to authorize the Interim General Manager to enter into a contract with Hilltop Securities for Financial Assistance and oversight for an amount not to exceed \$20,000 at a rate of \$200 per hour plus IRS mileage with the funding coming from the FY 19-20 Operations budget.

Public Comment: Terry Houssman, Grand Jury Member

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT (2:10:10- 2:17:51)

- A. Legislative report
- B. Discussion and possible action regarding Agency positions on pending bills
- C. Other Legal Matters

INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER REPORT (2:17:52- 2:29:48)

CLOSED SESSION was called at 11:37 a.m.

A. Conference with Agency's real property negotiator, Darrel Evensen, regarding negotiating the price and terms of the purchase, sale, lease or exchange of real property designated as Amador County APN 033-800-021 with Ciro Toma.

B. Pursuant to Government Code sections 54954.5 (e) and GC 54957 (b) Public employee discipline/dismissal/release.

C. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957 Public Employee Performance Evaluation- Interim General Manager

OPEN SESSION resumed at 12:32 p.m. with direction given to staff

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

Grand Jury Report Response Update
Emergency Action Plan
Administrative Policies on April 9

ADJOURNMENT

President Farrington adjourned the meeting at 12:38 p.m.

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Cris Thompson
Clerk of the Board of Directors

Approved: 3/26/20