

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

November 12, 2020

MINUTES

In order to accommodate the social distancing practices required to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 and provide for the safety of the public, our employees and Board of Directors, the Agency will conduct its public meetings via teleconference until further notice.

OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER at 9:12 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Board of Directors:

Director Thomas
Director Molinelli Jr.
Director Peters
Director Livingston
Director Farrington

Staff in Attendance:

Larry McKenney, General Manager
Cris Thompson, Acting Financial Services Manager/ Clerk of the Board
Rick Ferreira, Operations & Engineering Manager
Karen Gish, HR Risk Management Manager
Joshua Horowitz, Agency Legal Counsel
Lucy Hackett, Public Relations

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - None

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA- None

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SAFETY TOPIC- (0:04:50 – 0:07:48)

Director Farrington – Safety Training

CONSENT AGENDA (0:07:48 – 0:14:50)

MOTION: It was moved by Director Molinelli Jr, seconded by Director Thomas and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda, Minutes of October 22, 2020 as amended, Accounts payable-October 2020, Adoption of Resolution 2020-28 authorizing designated individuals to execute, on behalf of the Amador Water Agency, an application and to file it with the California Emergency Management Agency for obtaining Federal Financial Assistance.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Directors Molinelli Jr., Thomas, Peters, Livingston, and Farrington

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

AGENCY GENERAL

Raftelis Financial Consultants (0:14:50 – 1:08:47)

Presentation regarding the results of the pricing objectives exercise and direction regarding rate structure development.

RECESS WAS CALLED at 10:22 a.m.; SESSION RESUMED at 10:31 a.m.

FY 18-19 Grand Jury Report Response (1:09:45 – 1:28:40)

Initial review of the Grand Jury's Report Update of Oct 21, 2020, discussion of the five findings and seven recommendations it includes, and direction to staff to draft a response for the December board meeting.

Financial Consultant (1:28:46 – 1:54:55)

Discussion and possible action to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Bell Burnett & Edwards for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 to provide financial services and consulting.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Molinelli Jr, seconded by Director Thomas, and unanimously carried to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Bell Burnett & Edwards for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 to provide financial services and consulting.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Directors Molinelli Jr., Thomas, Peters, Livingston and Farrington

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

RECESS WAS CALLED at 10:55 a.m. for internet issues; SESSION RESUMED at 11:05 a.m.

Safety Training (1:55:01 – 2:32:27)

Presentation regarding the Agency's current safety training practices for information and possible Board direction.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS (2:32:38 – 3:08:58)

Administration/Finance
Operations & Engineering

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT and COVID 19 Update (3:09:00 – 3:16:00)

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT (3:16:01 – 3:23:26)

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS, SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS (3:25:35 – 3:33:10)

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS (33:33:11 – 3:42:20)

Risk Management Plan
Employee Handbook
Rate Study Report on Communication Plan
Staffing/Organization

ADJOURNMENT

President Farrington adjourned the meeting at 1:12 p.m.



Karen L. Gish
Clerk of the Board of Directors

Approved: 12/10/2020

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