

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018 – 3:30 P.M.

BOARD ROOM
500 W. RIDGECREST BLVD., RIDGECREST

Attendees: Ron Kicinski, Chuck Griffin, Don Zdeba, Reneé Morquecho, Ty Staheli, and Rose Koch

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. Committee/Public Comments

None.

3. Variance Request: China Lake Museum Foundation

Staff presented a letter from Laura H. Hickle, President, China Lake Museum Foundation, requesting the \$184.05/month fire water charge be waived retroactively from April 2018 until such time that the water from the meter is needed for Phase 2.

Staff reported that the fire hydrant is in service, but there is no fire sprinkler system installed. If the new rates are approved, the rate will decrease to \$173/month.

Committee recommended taking this item to the Board of Directors for discussion and consideration.

4. Ryan Abbatoye, 1010 Lamb Road, Ridgecrest

At the November 13th 2018 Regular Board Meeting, Ryan Abbatoye addressed the Board during Public Comments regarding his bill going from \$90 to >\$400 and then back down to \$90 with no explanation of what had happened. Since there is no explanation, Mr. Abbatoye is not eligible for an Unanticipated Use Claim. The Board responded by asking staff to give a report of actions taken prior to the November 13th Regular Board Meeting.

Staff reported that the meter was installed in 1996. The Automated Meter Infrastructure (AMI) was installed in December 2017. In 2018, usage increased during the summer months. Staff did try to contact Mr. Abbatoye regarding the increase. When Mr. Abbatoye finally contacted the District, staff went out to help investigate the cause of the high usage. Staff recognized that new sod had been laid. Mr. Abbatoye mentioned that he had turned off

the bubblers to the trees. Usage has gone back to normal. Mr. Abbatoye had asked for the meter to be tested, which came back as 99.5% accurate.

The Committee commented that there is no action required.

5. District Holidays – Christmas and New Year’s

The Committee discussed and reviewed previous Board Motion’s in 2001 and 2012 to close the District office on Monday, December 24 and December 31 due to holidays being on Tuesday. Don Zdeba reported that in the past it had been reported that there is little or no fiscal impact to the District.

The Committee recommended closing the office on December 24th and December 31st.

6. Video Recording of Board Meetings

The Committee discussed the possibility of upgrading to video recording of meetings held in the Water District’s Board Room.

The Committee discussed the pros and cons of video recording meetings held in the District’s Board Room.

The Committee recommended staff research cost a video system, along with staff operation, and bring back to the January Administration/Executive Committee meeting for discussion.

7. Draft Agenda for Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting of December 10, 2018

The Committee reviewed the agenda and made changes.

8. Future Agenda Items

None.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.