

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

AUGUST 10, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indian Wells Valley Water District was called to order by President Cordell at 6:00 p.m. the Board of Directors Hearing Room, 500 West Ridgecrest Boulevard, Ridgecrest, California. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Don Cortichiato. **PLEDGE**

DIRECTORS PRESENT: President Charles F. Cordell
Director Donald J. Cortichiato
Director Ronald R. Kicinski
Director Stan G. Rajtora
Vice President David C.H. Saint-Amand **ROLL CALL**

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Worth, Attorney;
Don Zdeba, General Manager;
Renee Morquecho, Chief Engineer;
Ty Staheli, Chief Financial Officer;
Jason Lillion, Operations Manager;
April Nordenstrom, Executive Secretary;
Lauren Duffy, Recording Secretary

AGENDA DECLARATION **AGENDA DECLARATION**
Recording Secretary, Lauren Duffy, reported that the agenda for tonight's Regular Board Meeting was posted on Thursday August 6, 2020.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
None.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
None.

CONSENT CALENDAR **CONSENT CALENDAR**
MOTION: was made by Vice President Saint-Amand and seconded by Director Rajtora approving the Minutes of the July 13th, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, and Minutes of the July 23rd, Special Board Meeting Workshop, and payment of Accounts Payable totaling \$695,530.23. Motion was carried, unanimously by the following roll call vote:

President Cordell: Aye
Director Cortichiato: Aye
Director Kicinski: Aye
Director Rajtora: Aye
Vice President Saint-Amand: Aye

PLANT & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

**P&E: RESO. NO
20-04:
ACCEPTING
DEDICATION**

The Board reviewed Resolution No. 20-04: Dedication of Facilities: Ernest and DeAnne Bell, APN: 343-110-28. The dedication is for a 447±ft 8-inch PVC pipeline installed on City View Street for the benefit of Mr. and Mrs. Bell. The pipeline was installed to District specifications and has been connected to its distribution system. The total value of the new facilities is \$20,710.00

MOTION: was made by Director Kicinski and seconded by Director Cortichiato to approve Resolution No. 20-04: Accepting Dedication of New Water Facilities for a 447±ft 8-inch PVC pipeline installed on City View Street for the benefit of Ernest and DeAnne Bell, APN: 343-110-28, Value: \$20,710.00. Motion was carried, unanimously by the following roll call vote:

President Cordell:	Aye
Director Cortichiato:	Aye
Director Kicinski:	Aye
Director Rajtora:	Aye
Vice President Saint-Amand:	Aye

Renee Morquecho presented the Refund Agreement of Mr. and Mrs. Bell to the Board of Directors. She explained that oftentimes when owners pay to extend water lines there are other properties in the area that may also benefit from the extension and receive water service from the District. The District offers a Refund Agreement in these incidences to help offset some of the costs to the owner. Mr. and Mrs. Bell requested a Refund Agreement for their 447±ft pipeline installed on City View Street. They would receive a refund of 100% of any Distribution System Fees the District collects over the next ten years from new connections to the pipeline installed.

**REFUND
AGREEMENT:
BELL**

The Refund Agreement had already been signed by the Bells and Board President, Charles Cordell, prior to approval.

MOTION: was made by Vice President Saint-Amand and seconded by Director Kicinski to approve and ratify the Refund Agreement for Ernest and DeAnne Bell, APN: 343-110-28. Motion was carried, unanimously by the following roll call vote:

President Cordell:	Aye
Director Cortichiato:	Aye
Director Kicinski:	Aye
Director Rajtora:	Aye
Vice President Saint-Amand:	Aye

At the July 13, 2020 Regular Board of Directors Meeting staff was directed to review the current Duplex/Triplex/Multifamily Connections policy. The policy was discussed and reviewed at the August Plant & Equipment Committee meeting. Staff recommended that connection fees for multifamily (more than one) complexes be based on projected water usage calculations that must be provided to and approved by the District.

**MULTIFAMILY
CONNECTIONS
POLICY REVIEW**

Staff was directed to provide a redline version of proposed policy

changes and present it to the Board at the September Regular Board meeting. Changes to this policy may result in an amended or new Ordinance. Staff and legal were directed to research and follow the necessary procedures.

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

Director Kicinski discussed the increased Extraction Fee and Replenishment Fee with the Board of Directors, as well as the upcoming IWVGA Public Hearing scheduled for August 21st at 10:00 a.m. **IWVGA**

Due to audio issues with the WEBEX meeting and the public unable to have meaningful participation in the discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: was made by Director Kicinski and seconded by Director Rajtora to continue the open session portion of the meeting and move into Closed Session. The continued open session will be rescheduled to a date and time to be determined when the audio issues may be resolved. Motion was carried, unanimously by the following roll call vote:

President Cordell:	Aye
Director Cortichiato:	Aye
Director Kicinski:	Aye
Director Rajtora:	Aye
Vice President Saint-Amand:	Aye

President Cordell recessed the meeting and moved into Closed Session at 6:59 p.m. due to audio issues.

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The meeting was reconvened in Closed Session at 7:10 p.m.

The meeting was recalled to Open Session.

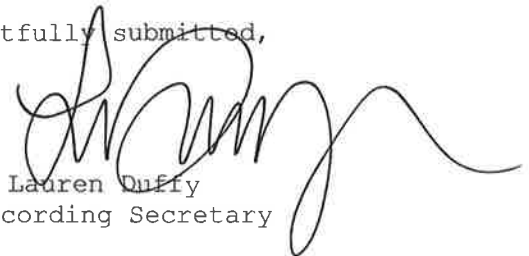
No action was taken which would require disclosure under the Brown Act.

ADJOURNMENT

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With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lauren Duffy
Recording Secretary

APPROVED: September 14, 2020