

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

DECEMBER 29, 2020

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indian Wells Valley Water District was called to order by President Griffin at 1:07 p.m. via WebEx Teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Boyd.

DIRECTORS ATTENDING

VIA TELECONFERENCE: President Charles D. Griffin
Director Mallory J. Boyd
Director Stan G. Rajtora
Vice President David C.H. Saint-Amand

PLEDGE

ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Director Charles F. Cordell

STAFF ATTENDING

VIA TELECONFERENCE: Don Zdeba, General Manager;
Jim Worth, Attorney;
Lauren Smith, Recording Secretary;

AGENDA DECLARATION

Recording Secretary, Lauren Smith, reported that the agenda for today's Special Board Meeting was posted on Sunday, December 27, 2020.

**AGENDA
DECLARATION**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

None.

**CONFLICT OF
INTEREST**

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Lauren Smith read into the record the following comment letter submitted by Mike Neel: As there are currently three lawsuits over the GA fees that the District has been pulled into, with what looks like two more coming, I suggest a rethinking of the overall situation is needed. As the current highly distasteful fees of the GA are the entire basis of the lawsuits, and the agreement to emplace these fees was done at the objection of the District GA representative, I see only one reasonable alternative for the District to take. That is to first withdraw from the GA and hopefully be removed from the current lawsuits. The next step is to initiate the formation of a well drafted initiative abolishing the fees and the current self appointed GA Board and defining a method for instituting an elected GA Board from Citizens of the basin, that the Citizens can then sign on to. Once the needed amount of signatures are obtained, it can then be sent to the appropriate agency for placement in a special election and an elected GA board that our People can agree to will then be in place to actually listen to us and find a fairer method of meeting "basin sustainability" requirements. Until that is done, you can expect to

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

hear an outcry like never before when people get their water bills next month with the new exorbitant fee on it. This injustice needs righting badly, and the District is the best agency in the Valley to start the process. I will assist in this in any way needed if asked. I have recommendations for experienced lawyers that can be consulted in the area of crafting initiatives from the Howard Jarvis Association I can supply.

BOARD COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

**BOARD
COMMENTS**

With no further Board or Public comments, President Griffin adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 1:11 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was reconvened in Closed Session at 1:16 p.m.

**CLOSED
SESSION**

The meeting was recalled to Open Session at 2:48 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Lauren Smith
Recording Secretary

APPROVED: January 11, 2021