

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

DECEMBER 6, 2021

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indian Wells Valley Water District was called to order by President Griffin at 3:30 p.m. in the Board of Directors Hearing Room, 500 West Ridgcrest Boulevard, Ridgcrest, California. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Worth. **PLEDGE**

DIRECTORS ATTENDING: President Charles D. Griffin  
Director Mallory J. Boyd  
Director Charles F. Cordell  
Director Stan G. Rajtora  
Vice President David C.H. Saint-Amand **ROLL CALL**

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

STAFF ATTENDING: Don Zdeba, General Manager  
Jim Worth, Attorney  
Renée Morquecho, Chief Engineer  
Lauren Smith, Recording Secretary

**AGENDA DECLARATION**

Recording Secretary, Lauren Smith, reported that the agenda for today's Special Board Meeting was posted on Friday, December 3, 2021. **AGENDA DECLARATION**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

Director Saint-Amand stated his opinions shared during this meeting are his own and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of his employer, nor the Board. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

President Griffin commented on a potential conflict with respect to Closed Session item no. 7A, which he will recuse himself from.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Joshua Nugent, of Mojave Pistachios, expressed his support of Director Rajtora as IWVGA Chairman for 2022. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lauren Smith read the following comment letter from Mike Neel "As the GA is agendized to take up discussing the District's chairmanship of the GA for 2022 on Wednesday, I believe the obvious should be addressed. The GA intends to take the ax to the January seating of Mr. Rajtora as GA Board Chair. This is due to the District's ethical conduct in paying attention to the needs of the Citizens of the IWV, and Stan's repeated questioning of the shady money laundering by the GA staff, and the many other poor decisions made and approved by the other 4 members of the GA Board. It is plain that this was brought

up for these reasons. The other GA board members are shamed by the District's position of integrity on these issues and it highlights their own unethical decisions. Thus, their revulsion at having the District chair the meetings. Thus, I suggest the inevitable be responded to the District Board should write a strongly worded response to this upcoming action by these GA Board colluders and have Stan ready to respond with such. This conspiracy to retain firm control mainly by the City and County must be combated. The People of this Valley want the District to be the Chairing position for a change. We are extremely tired of the puppet chairing of the GA, under the direction of the City and County Attorneys. The other 4 conspirers on the GA Board need to hear that we know what this is all about, and they need being told plainly. For the Record and documentation. Afterwards, once they have kicked the District off the chairmanship position, consider once again the need for the District to vacate their participation in this plainly corrupt organization and take action to form a special district in this valley that removes the GA and provides the People of this Valley with an actual representative GA board. Only then will we see logical decisions on our aquifer use be made.

With no further Board or Public comments, President Griffin adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 3:37 p.m.

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The meeting was reconvened in Closed Session at 3:41 p.m.

Closed Session was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

The meeting was recalled to Open Session at 7:10 p.m.

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

**BOARD COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**BOARD  
COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lauren Smith  
Recording Secretary

**APPROVED: December 13, 2021**