

President's Report

Regular Board Meeting of February 28th, 2019

The District Board held a regular meeting on the 12th. We had a large public presence to comment on the changes we considered to the Affordable Housing area of our local ordinance (Section 8.04.110). Almost all the comments were in support of changing the ordinance and a lively discussion ensued amongst the board members. In the end the vote was 5 – 0 to approve the changes which align our ordinance with the County code.

The finance manager reviewed the progress made on establishing the 2018/19 Mid-year Budget. The Finance Committee made several recommendations on revisions to the proposed budget and the board gave direction to the finance manager to make changes in several areas and bring the revised budget back for review in April. The board agreed to finance both the Dump Truck and the Crane Truck so more funding would be available for maintenance and CIP projects. The board also directed that the revenues from the SWF Quantity charges per the 218 rate charges be set aside in a reserve fund. These funds would then be used to operate the SWF and pay for the hauling of brine waste as needed when operating.

The board considered the extension of an outstanding Intent to Serve letters for Boris Pilch, LLC. The documents provided by the letter holder were both confusing and contradictory. The board discussed at length whether to extend the letters for 3 or 6 months. The board voted 3-2 for a 6-month extension.

The board also agreed to review the Bylaws again at the March regular meeting. The board will consider moving section 2.2 to section 3 and revising the wording in section 7.2.

The board reconvened on March 5th to continue the agenda. There was a long discussion with a great deal of community input on the Regional Water Board Order due for a hearing on May 10th. The order revises their previous order on the Sustainable Water Facility and brings the order in line with what the District has proposed for operation of the facility when it is needed. We will no longer be using the evaporation pond but instead trucking the “brine” waste to a suitable facility for disposal. The board decided by a 4 - 0 vote (Vice President Farmer abstained) to write a letter in support of the Regional boards action.

We then heard reports from the Standing Committee Chairs. All of the committees had initial meetings and are working on their goals for this year. Significantly the board directed the Policy Committee to concentrate on a Policy Handbook for now. Later that committee was also asked to investigate changes that might be made to District Ordinance paragraph 8.04.100.B.1.

The Acting General Manager made her report to the board as did the Finance Manager.

The board adjourned to closed session.