

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Idyllwild Water District met in special session on December 14, 2016.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Director Schelly at 1:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Directors present: Steve Kunkle, June Rockwell, Victor Sirkin, and Dr. Charles Schelly.
Also present was Chief Financial Officer, Hosny Shouman and Board Secretary, Erica Gonzales.

General Public Present- 8

ITEM #1- HOLD ELECTION OF BORAD OFFICERS-

Director Sirkin made a MOTION to nominate Director Schelly for Board President and Director Rockwell seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Director Kunkle made a MOTION to nominate Director Sirkin for Board Vice President and Director Rockwell seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT SCHELLY- Take Items out of order. Items will be in new order: Item #8, Item #3, Item #4, Item #5, Item #7, Item #2 and Item #6

ITEM #8 – ROSENBERG'S RULES OF ORDER-

Director Sirkin made a MOTION to accept Rosenberg's Rules of Order as the procedures of how to conduct Board Meetings. Director Rockwell seconded.

Director Kunkle asked to table this item until next Regular Meeting on December 21, 2016.

Item #8 Tabled to be brought back on Agenda for December 21, 2016.

ITEM #3- NEW LAW FIRM-

Director Sirkin made a motion to create an ad hoc committee consisting of Hosny Shouman and two Board members to seek out new law firms to replace David Wysocki. Director Kunkle seconded. Directors Sirkin and Rockwell volunteered for the ad hoc committee.

President Schelly approved the ad hoc committee.

ITEM #4- IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT v. STEVE KUNKLE-

Director Sirkin mad a MOTION to put the case of Idyllwild Water District v. Steve Kunkle on hold until it can be review by new legal counsel to assess its validity. Director Rockwell seconded. The vote was as follows:

AYES
Vic Sirkin
June Rockwell
Charles Schelly

NAYS

ABSTAIN
Steve Kunkle

ABSENT

The Motion passes.

ITEM #5- BOARD COMPENSATION-

Director Rockwell made MOTION to discuss the Board Compensation and Director Sirkin seconded.

DIRECTOR ROCKWELL- We are doing this as a public service, should not be paid more than other Water Districts in the area.

DIRECTOR SIRKIN- Would approve reducing the stipend to \$50 and will go on record that he will donate whatever he receives.

DIRECTOR KUNKLE- Declining the stipend should be an option. Also would like any payments made to Board members to be in the warrants.

HOSNY SHOUMAN- The Board payments is in the balance sheet without names.

DIRECTOR KUNKLE- Would like it broken down with names.

DIRECTOR SIRKIN- Would like stipend to be \$50 per month regardless of how many meetings are attended.

TOM POLLOCK- Doesn't mind Board receiving payment, expect them to work hard and be knowledgeable on the issues. Board should think about this a bit more before taking action.

DIRECTOR KUNKLE- Will approve \$50/ meeting.

DIRECTOR SIRKIN- Appreciates Mr. Pollock's perspective \$50/ \$100 is not a lot of money compared to the time spent but also agrees with Director Rockwell. Director Kunkle's view is also appropriate.

PRESIDENT SCHELLY- How do other districts compensate their Board?

MARGE MUIR- Work shop or trainings are not paid. Only posted meetings.

Director Rockwell made a MOTION to compensate the Board with a \$50 per meeting stipend and Director Sirkin seconded.

SUE NASH- Are you amending a policy?

PRESIDENT SCHELLY- We are amending the current policy of \$100 per meeting for the current Board's desire to reduce the amount.

SUE NASH- In order for the public to understand and comment, the public needs to see the current policy and see what you are proposing to change. This item should be tabled.

PRESIDENT SCHELLY- Item tabled to December 21, 2016 meeting.

ITEM #9 VACANT BOARD SEAT-

Director Sirkin made a MOTION to accept John Cook's resignation from the Board and to direct staff to immediately advertise for applicants for the vacant Board seat and Director Rockwell seconded.

The vote was unanimous and the Motion passes.

ITEM #7- COMPENSATION FOR HOSNY SHOUMAN, CFO-

Director Sirkin made a motion to table this item until there is a full Board. Vote to table item #7 was unanimous and will be brought back an Agenda when there is a full Board.

ITEM #2- NEW INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER-

PRESIDENT SCHELLY- create an ad hoc committee consisting of President Schelly, Director Sirkin, and Hosny Shouman.

President Schelly made a MOTION to authorize the ad hoc committee to provide an offer to Jack Hoagland.

GEOFFREY CAINE- Would like to know why the Board chose Jack Hoagland?

Jack Hoagland presented himself, spoke about his various qualifications and experience in the water and utilities industry.

TOM POLLOCK- Very impressed with qualifications. Would like to know Jack's knowledge and experience of CEQA and how he intends to implement it.

JACK HOAGLAND- Can't do a project without CEQA.

President Schelly made a MOTION to approve the ad hoc committee consisting of Director Sirkin, President Schelly, and Hosny Shouman to enter into negotiations with Jack Hoagland.

DIRECTOR KUNKLE- How does that work? Will you bring the agreement to the Board before offer employment.

PRESIDENT SCHELLY- Once an agreement is reached, will bring to the Board for a decision.

President Schelly made a MOTION to authorize the ad hoc committee to provide an offer to Jack Hoagland.

The vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passes and the committee was created.

ITEM #6- TOM LOVEJOY-

Tom Lovejoy presented his opinions on multiple projects, including the Recycled Water Project and the Pipeline replacement project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

SUE NASH- Distributed information to all Board members and Hosny Shouman. Very please with the increased transparency during this meeting. Brown Act and Public Records Act are key to transparency.

PRESIDENT SCHELLY- The Brown Act is a floor not a ceiling. Boards should be more transparent the minimum requirement.

MARGE MUIR- There will be a forum for all Boards in the area on January 19, 2017 to speak about the Brown Act.

PRESIDENT SCHELLY- Will it comply with AS 1234?

MARGE MUIR- Not sure but pushing for it

PRESIDENT SCHELLY- As Board members, must go through training on AB 1234 and other laws.

JP- If you do not receive compensation, you do not have to comply with AB 1234.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Schelly made a MOTION to adjourn the Special Meeting and Director Sirkin seconded With a unanimous vote of all Directors present, the special meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

APPROVED:

IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT

BY: 

DR. CHARLES SCHELLY -
PRESIDENT

IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT

BY: 

ERICA GONZALES -
BOARD SECRETARY