



## MINTUNES FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT  
25945 Highway 243  
Idyllwild, CA 92549

May 1, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

### AGENDA

#### CALL TO ORDER

President Schelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

President Schelly, Vice President Szabadi, Director Kunkle, Director Olson and Director Davis were present. General Manager Sauer, Chief Financial Officer Shouman and General Counsel Holland Stewart were also present. Also, Christina Germano an Attorney in Law from BBK attended via Zoom.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Hunt mentioned that he would like to see the board post the General Manager position and expressed that he would like to see the next General Manager have some field experience. He also mentioned that the district needs to hire some field workers. President Schelly mentioned that the district has flown the field position.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

##### 1. WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT STATUS

The Board of Directors will discuss the status of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.



### **DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

President Schelly mentioned that the board was asked to submit their questions prior to the meeting. General Manager Sauer reviewed the outline that was provided by Nathan Thompson. He mentioned that only one tribe responded regarding the CEQA. Nathan is the representative from the company the District to complete the wastewater treatment plant project. Nathan did not attend to answer the questions that the board gathered. Sauer also mentioned that the District received the lot line adjustment application back for the third time from the county and it was sent back to the surveyor to make the proper corrections, once corrections are made the District can resubmit to the county for approval. President Schelly said he would ask for questions; however, Nathan was not there to answer the questions. Director Olson mentioned there are things that still have not been answered. Director Kunkle asked Sauer when he talked with Nathan, did he ask what Nathans thoughts were for the increase of money to complete the project. Sauer answered when he spoke with Nathan it would be roughly 6 million however with inflation, he's predicting it would be higher. Director Davis asked for clarification about the 30% draft; and it would be completed 6, 28 2024? The board answered yes. Director Davis also asked what the timeline was for the remaining 70%? Vice President Szabadi mentioned that they don't know that at this time.

Vice President Szabadi expressed that most of the answers were not answers that were provided. He then expressed his frustrations towards this project that they cannot give them any numbers because the District needs to plan accordingly for further plans. He also mentioned that he didn't know what our management can do to get some clear answers from Nathan. General Manager Sauer recommend to the board to contact Nathans manager to help get some answers.

President Schelly expressed his frustrations with project, and they have been trying to move forward with this project for three years and the progress is very minimal. The cost has also doubled since they started this process, and we have hardly started the process he said.

Vice President Szabadi asked if they could form a committee for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Progress, the board agreed.

Director Kunkle and Vice President Szabadi were nominated to be on the committee. President Schelly asked them to get the questions that the board had agreed upon answered and at every regular board meeting they could give a report of status.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

The Board moved to closed session at 6:45 P.M.



**CLOSED SESSION**

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL**  
Significant Exposure to Litigation Govt. Code § 54956.9(d)(2) (1) matter.
2. **CONFERENCES WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - Govt. Code § 54957.6** Agency Designated Representatives: Cynthia Germano Ryan Guiboa and Holland Stewart  
Unrepresented Employee: Interim General Manager

The Board returned into open session at 8:45PM.

**REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Renewed General Manger Curt Sauers contract for three months with minor modifications.

**DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned at 8:47 p.m.  
The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 6 P.M. to be held at the Idyllwild Water District Boardroom, 25945 Hwy. 243, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

Idyllwild Water District

BY: *Curt Sauer*  
Curt Sauer  
Board Secretary

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BY: *Charles Schelly*  
Dr. Charles Schelly  
Board President