

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

*The Board of Directors of the Idyllwild Water District met in special session on January 11, 2017.*

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by President Schelly at 1:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Directors present: Charles Schelly, Victor Sirkin, and Steve Kunkle. John Hoagland, Interim General Manager and Board Secretary Erica Gonzales were also present.

General public present: (- 6 -)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

SUE NASH- gave handout to Board members (included). Stated she had concerns about IWD not having documents for Brew Pub and their waste water plans. Renewing public records request with the County, IWD, Board of Supervisors and Santa Ana RWQCB.

**ITEM #1- CONSIDER FILLING TWO VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Recommendation-** Appoint two qualified candidates to fill the current vacancies on the Board of Directors. Interview the candidates prior to making the appointment decision.

**Background-**

As a result of resignations, the Idyllwild Water District Board of Directors has two vacancies.

State law provides the District with several options for filling the vacancies:

- The remaining Board members may appoint qualified applicants to the position(s);
- The Board can call a special election to fill the positions; or
- The Board can default to the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County to appoint qualified applicants to the positions.

The Board has chosen to appoint qualified candidates as the most expeditious and fiscally prudent option.

The appointed board members will be required to stand for election at the next regularly scheduled election in August 2017 if they desire to continue on the Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-**

Tom Paulek- Glad to see the full Board Packet on the website for this meeting and judging by resumes, these are all excellent candidates.

Vice President Sirkin made a MOTION to appoint Geoffrey Caine to one empty Board seat and was seconded by Director Kunkle. The vote was as follows:

AYES            NAYS            ABSTAIN            ABSENT  
Victor Sirkin  
Steve Kunkle  
Charles Schelly

Motion was approved.

Vice President Sirkin made a MOTION to appoint Peter Szabadi to one empty Board seat and was seconded by Director Kunkle. The vote was as follows:

AYES            NAYS            ABSTAIN            ABSENT  
Victor Sirkin  
Steve Kunkle  
Charles Schelly

Motion was approved.

ITEM #2- Engagement of General Counsel

Recommendation- That the Board of Directors considers a report and recommendation from the Legal Representation ad hoc committee and takes action to approve the engagement of a law firm to act as General Counsel for the District.

Background-

The Board of Directors, at a previous meeting, determined that the time was appropriate to solicit proposals from attorneys to act as General Counsel to the District. The President appointed an ad hoc Legal Representation sub-committee to evaluate District options and make a recommendation to the full Board of Directors. Subsequently one of the ad hoc sub-committee members has resigned from the Board.

Director Sirkin (the remaining ad hoc committee member) will make a verbal presentation and recommendation to the Board for their consideration.

JOHN HOAGLAND- Since the posting of this Agenda, Best, Best and Krieger, the law firm that Director Sirkin was going to recommend, has withdrawn from our new legal counsel due to irreconcilable conflicts of interest with their current client, Fern Valley Water District. Staff's revised recommendation is to solicit and obtain new proposals from law firms that do not represent any neighboring Water Districts and return to the Board with a recommendation at the February Regular Meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT SIRKIN- Need to solicit farther out, would like to reformat the ad hoc committee, replace Hosny with John and replace June with another Board member.

PRESIDENT SCHELLY- Will have to revisit once the new Board members are sworn in.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

SUE NASH- Glad the subject is being reopened because of conflicts. Would like the Board of Directors to utilize new legal counsel to obtain a grant from LAFCO to create a study on the pros and cons of consolidating the water districts on the hill.

Item Tabled until January 18, 2017 Regular Meeting.

ITEM #3- State Mandated Board Member Training

Recommendation

That the Board approve sending four Board members to Brown Act and Ethics training courses required by the State of California Sponsored by the Pine Cove Water District on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Background

The State of California requires that all Special District elected officials take two hour courses on compliance with the Brown/Public Records Acts and Ethics/Public Disclosure requirements every two years. New Board members have one calendar year to complete the required courses.

Conveniently, the Pine Cove Water District has opened the training courses provided by its General Counsel to other local agency officials required to take the courses. There is a minimal fee of \$25 to attend (\$100 total for Idyllwild Water District's attendees).

That the courses are offered so soon after the appointment of new Board members to the Board, at a convenient local, and at minimal cost will help Board members become aware of the additional requirements they now have in their official capacities.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-**

SUE NASH- Wanted to know why only 4 Board members will be attending and would like to see the topic of By- Laws come up. Is it legal that IWD has none? Looks forward to receiving a report from the Board members on this.

PRESIDENT SCHELLY- has a conflicting appointment that day and will not be able to attend but will be attending the CSDA Leadership Conference at the end of February, which will cover these topics and more. Willing to take the training online also.

Vice President Sirkin made a MOTION to approve sending 4 Board members to Brown Act and Ethics training in Pine Cove on January 19, 2017 at 1 pm and Director Kunkle seconded. The vote was as follows:

<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Victor Sirkin			
Steve Kunkle			
Charles Schelly			

Motion was approved.

**DIRECTORS COMMENTS:** None

At 1:20 pm President Schelly adjourned the meeting to the Regular meeting on January 18, 2017 at 6 pm.

**APPROVED:**

IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT

BY: 

DR. CHARLES SCHELLY  
- BOARD PRESIDENT

IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

ERICA GONZALES  
- BOARD SECRETARY