

**UNION PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT  
339 MAIN STREET  
MURPHYS, CA 95247**

**MINUTES OF MAY 25, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING**

The Board of Directors of the Union Public Utility District met in Regular Session at the UPUD Office in Murphys, California, at approximately 5:05 PM.

Directors Present:	ERIC BOTTOMLEY	President
	GREG RASMUSSEN	Vice President
	TOM QUINCY	Secretary
	BRUCE TALLAKSON	Treasurer
	RALPH CHICK	Director

Directors Absent: None

Also Present:	BILL ELTRINGHAM	District Manager
	ELAINE URRUTY	Office Manager
	LISA BIEDINGER	Customer Svs Clerk
	JOEL METZGER	UWPA GM
	PUBLIC AT LARGE	

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. The Pledge was given.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Motion:	Director Tallakson
Second:	Director Rasmussen
Ayes:	Directors Bottomley, Rasmussen, Quincy, Tallakson and Chick
Nays:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

MINUTE ENTRY. MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT. There was no Public Comment.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 4.a REVIEW POSSIBLE UWPA RATE CHANGE FOR FY 2021-2022; DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

1. PRESENTATION ON UWPA WATER YEAR IV, BUDGET IMPACTS & PROPOSED BUDGET & JPA AGENCIES FUTURE CONTRIBUTIONS (Joel Metzger, UWPA Gen. Mgr.)

A copy of Joel's report and power point presentation were provided in the agenda packet for the Board's review. Joel was unable to attend due to the birth of his new baby. Director Quincy asked Director Tallakson his take on the UWPA budget. Director Tallakson said everything from Joel seems well thought out, but it is hard for him to judge being so new. Discussion ensued regarding the rollover funds each year that UWPA have not been able to spend due to projects they did not have time to complete. Also discussed was the UWPA five year plan and how the rates they are asking for affect the UPUD customers. Director Quincy stated that he felt that with the funds they are currently asking for at UWPA from the member agencies, should have leave them enough to operate on. Director Rasmussen reviewed that UWPA have 2 licenses at both Angels and Murphys powerhouse and the estimated costs are just that estimates and no one knows if we will be in ReMAT or not so revenues could be higher. Director Rasmussen reviewed the Revenues vs Expense in Table 5 for Director Tallakson's benefit. Director Quincy said that he is not going to vote for any further increase for UWPA until we look at UPUD rates. It was noted that the Board agreed to a 2 year contribution per UWPA's request and Director Quincy said he felt we should stick to this. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the extensive reserves being built for UWPA and the need for a 218 and CIP for UPUD for our agency to develop our rates and reserves. The Board discussed the proposed UWPA budget in length. Director Bottomley noted that there have been Improvements and at least UWPA has a CIP and has had 2 General Managers that have done a good job and have developed a long range planning and a CIP to operate from and help get funding. Director Chick noted that these documents also have helped with obtaining grants and UPUD still needs to develop these documents. Director Bottomley stated that Joel Metzger does not have the confidence that UPUD will not get their 218 completed in time for any needed rate increases. Director Quincy stated that maybe there is no need for an increase & he feels UWPA should be able to get along on the funds we are giving hem and he is trying to protect & represent the UPUD customers. Director Bottomley agreed that UPUD cannot do any future rate increases without a 218 & UPUD needs a proper CIP and to budget necessary reserves for long range planning. Director Bottomley said he would make a motion or recommend that UPUD not raise their rates and complete their 218 study this year. Director Quincy asked who would we have complete the 218. Director Bottomley said they would need to discuss this further with Weber Ghio to review their recommendations. It as the Board's consensus to start UPUD's 218 study process as soon as possible for both the UPUD UWPA rate and the UPUD domestic and irrigation rates together and to not raise the UWPA rate until the 218 study is complete.

Motion: Director Bottomley  
Second: Director Quincy  
Ayes: Directors Bottomley, Rasmussen, Quincy, Tallakson and Chick  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

MINUTE ENTRY. TO NOT RAISE THE UWPA RATE TO UPUD CUSTOMERS FOR FY 2021-2022 AND KEEP THE RATE AT \$18 PER MONTH.

2. REVIEW OF UWPA RATE CHANGE FOR FY 2021-2022; DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION.....Res. No. 2021-04  
The resolution was voided and not approved per item #1.

- 5. DIRECTORS COMMENTS. Director Bottomley requested that we add the 218 Study to our next agenda for review and action. Elaine also recommended that when our 218 study is done that the rates are defined as UPUD Domestic and Irrigation rates and UWPA Fee, so we can explain them in our billing to our customers and show the funds that are passing through to UWPA. Director Rasmussen commented that the last rate study we did the figures were extremely close compared to expenses. Elaine stated that our Board has historically been very conservative on our rates to our customers & only charge what is needed and only take on debts they have reserves or funds for. Director Rasmussen thanked everyone for the interest in getting the 218 study going and he feels this will help UWPA and wants to continue to be transparent to our customers and thanked Director Quincy for keeping our customers in mind first. Director Chick and Director Tallakson dittoed the sentiment. Director Bottomley thanked Director Quincy for his work and assistance also.
- 6. NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at 7:00 PM.
- 7. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned with no further business at 5:32 PM.

Submitted by: TE Quincy  
Thomas E. Quincy, Secretary

Date: 7-26-21

ATTEST:

Elaine M. Urruty  
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Clerk to the UPUD Board of Directors