



MINUTES

UNION PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 26, 2025

Directors Present: Greg Rasmussen, President
Bruce Tallakson, Vice-President
Tom Quincy, Secretary
Ralph Chick, Treasurer
Eric Bottomley, Director

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessica Self, General Manager
Jenna Mayo, Executive Admin Coordinator

Others Present: Frank Splendorio, Best, Best & Krieger LLP
Michael Minkler, CCWD General Manager
Public at Large

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER/THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. ROLL CALL

President Rasmussen called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 5:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MINUTE ENTRY. MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

Consent agenda items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. They will be acted upon by the Board at a time, without discussion. Any board member, staff member or interested party may request removal of an item from the consent agenda for later discussion.

- a. Approval of Minutes: January 22, 2025 – Regular Meeting
- b. Expenditures – January 2025
- c. Fund Balance Report – January 2025
- d. Balance Sheet & Income Statement – January 2025
- e. YTD Budget to Actuals – January 2025
- f. Legal Fees Year-to-Date Review

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

MINUTE ENTRY. MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED WITH ITEM 4 F TO BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION AND REVIEW.

Director Tallakson reported that, year-to-date, legal fees for the Hatfield v. UPUD Class Action Lawsuit have totaled just over \$111,000.00. Additionally, the total fees accrued for the new litigation, Hatfield v. UPUD – Brown Act Violation claim, has reached just over \$6,000.00.

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

MINUTE ENTRY. MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 4F AS PRESENTED.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/Action Regarding District Policy Updates
(Jessica Self, General Manager)

RES 2025-003

Motion: Director Chick
Second: Director Bottomley

Ayes: Directors Rasmussen, Tallakson, Quincy, Chick, and Bottomley
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstained: None

RESO NO. 2025-003. TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2025.003 UPDATING DISTRICT EMPLOYEE POLICIES, AS PRESENTED.

**b. Discussion: Presentation of Potential Emergency Intertie
(Jessica Self, General Manager)**

Jessica Self, General Manager, presented on a potential emergency intertie project between Calaveras County Water District and Union Public Utility District. Additional updates regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan will be shared at the April Board Meeting.

**c. Discussion/Action: 2024 Year in Review
(Jessica Self, General Manager)**

Jessica Self, General Manager, gave an insightful overview of the 2024 Year in Review, showcasing the accomplishments, projects, and tasks completed by the entire UPUD staff throughout the year.

6. UPDATES

a. Discussion/Potential Direction Regarding Utica Water & Power Authority

None.

7. REPORTS

None.

8. DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Director Tallakson thanked everyone for being here.

9. CLOSED SESSION: The meeting was adjourned into Closed Session at 6:37 PM

a. Public Employee Performance Evaluation & Labor Negotiations

- Pursuant to Government Code § 54957(b)(1): Public Employee Annual Performance Evaluation
Title: General Manager
- Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiators
Agency designated representative: Board President Rasmussen
Unrepresented employee: General Manager

b. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2): one case

10. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: The meeting returned to open session at 8:16 PM

11. **REPORTABLE ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION:**

There was no reportable action.

12. **NEXT BOARD MEETINGS & EVENTS**

- Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 5:30 PM – Regular Board Meeting
- Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 5:30 PM – Regular Board Meeting
- Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 5:30 PM - Regular Board Meeting

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM

Respectfully Submitted:



Tom E. Quincy, Board Secretary

ATTEST:



Jenna Mayo, Clerk to the Board