

**MADERA-CHOWCHILLA
WATER & POWER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 24, 2024**

MINUTES

Directors Present:

Madera Irrigation District (“MID”)

Tim DaSilva
James Erickson
Carl Janzen
Dave Loquaci
Brian Davis

Chowchilla Water District (“CWD”)

Russell Harris, entered at 9:12 a.m.
Karun Samran
Roger Schuh, President

Vince Taylor

Directors Absent:

None

Staff Present:

- T. Greci, General Manager (GM Greci)
- A. Kwock Sandoval, Secretary
- J. Furstenburg, Auditor-Treasurer
- B. Gutierrez, Canal and Hydro Plant Assistant Superintendent

Others Present: Brandon Tomlinson, CWD; Kip Hudson, Hudson Henderson via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Schuh called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. at the business office of Chowchilla Water District, 327 Chowchilla Blvd., Chowchilla, CA 93610.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Director Janzen / Director Erickson to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE:

AYES: Directors Loquaci, Janzen, DaSilva, Davis, Erickson, Taylor, Samran, and Schuh
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: Director Harris

PUBLIC COMMENT: Regular Session

President Schuh opened and closed public comment due to no comments from the public in attendance.

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Regular Session

There were no potential conflicts of interests noted.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1a. Approval of December 7, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- 1b. Approval of January 22, 2024 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- 1c. Discussion / possible action on approval of warrant list payments from October 1 – December 31, 2023
- 1d. Discussion / possible action on monthly financial statements from October 1 – December 31, 2023
- 1e. Discussion / possible action quarterly investment schedule from October 1 – December 31, 2023
- 1f. Discussion / possible action on approval of warrant list payment from January 1 – March 31, 2024
- 1g. Discussion / possible action on monthly financial statements from January 1 – March 31, 2024
- 1h. Discussion / possible action quarterly investment schedule from January 1 – March 31, 2024

MOTION: Director Loquaci / Director Janzen to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: President Schuh opened public comment and closed public comment due to no comments from the public in attendance.

VOTE:

AYES: Directors Loquaci, Janzen, DaSilva, Davis, Erickson, Harris, Taylor, Samran, and Schuh
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Director Harris

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- 2a. Update of Activities

Canal and Hydro Plant Assistant Superintendent (“CHPAS”) Gutierrez reported the Madera Canal generator was exercised on its monthly schedule. Deliveries were made to MID and CWD, there was no water delivered to Adobe Ranch. CHPAS Gutierrez reported MID has completed repairs

of canal embankments.

MCWPA staff completed inspections of Power Plants 980, 1174, 1923, and 1302. Power Plant 1174 and 1302 are both back online and generating power. Multiple lighting upgrades were completed at various sites.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

3a. Update of Activities

GM Greci reported on Power Plants 1174 and 1302 are both online. The plants came online pretty easily. Power Plants 1923 and 980 should be online soon.

GM Greci stated after many years the Fresno River bridge project was completed. GM Greci reviewed photos of the finished project with the Board.

GM Greci reviewed photos of the Power Plant 980 new filter replacement. TCB completed the project on Power Plant 980. MCWPA staff will complete the new filter for Power Plant 1302 in-house.

GM Greci reported MID staff completed panel replacements on the Madera Canal. There was significant cracking. The trash rake at Power Plant 980 was also repaired by MID staff. GM Greci stated a few years back the drop shoot was rebuilt. It has continued to deteriorate, and a project will be needed as a high priority after this water season.

GM Greci noted cross training between the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent continues.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4a. Discussion / possible action on the acceptance of the Audited Financial Statements for Year Ending December 31, 2023, Resolution No. 2024-02

MOTION: Director Janzen / Director Erickson to accept the Audited Financial Statements for Year Ending December 31, 2023, Resolution No. 2024-02

DISCUSSION: Auditor Kip Hudson reviewed the Audited Financial Statements for Year ending December 31, 2023. Mr. Hudson stated they issued their report in April 2024 with an unmodified clean opinion. All financial disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Mr. Hudson stated there was one material misstatement that was found this year. An adjustment was recorded of \$2.2 million as a prior period adjustment. It was for old fixed capital assets that were over depreciated over 20 years ago. Someone many years ago over depreciated the assets. There were no other findings or issues of matter to note to the Board. There were no significant deficiencies in the internal controls and since the material misstatement was not done by current management it was not included.

Mr. Hudson stated the total assets were \$3.1 million at the end of the year and includes the \$2.7 million in non-current assets. The ending net position was \$2.8 million.

Director Janzen stated the audit states management did not submit anything. Director Janzen questioned if management should submit documentation regarding how much water was delivered or how much power was generated for the year. He strongly suggested in the future the information is incorporated.

PUBLIC COMMENT: President Schuh opened public comment and closed public comment due to no comments from the public in attendance.

VOTE: ROLL CALL

AYES: Directors Loquaci, Janzen, DaSilva, Davis, Erickson, Harris, Taylor, Samran, and Schuh
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

4b. Discussion / possible action on Capital Expenditures Budget Modifications increasing Trash Rake Boom and Chassis by \$60,000 and adding Dialer Upgrades for \$70,000 Resolution No. 2024-03

MOTION: Director Erickson / Director Janzen to approve the Capital Expenditures Budget Modifications increasing the Trash Rake Boom and Chassis by \$60,000 and adding Dialer Upgrades for \$70,000.

DISCUSSION: GM Greci stated there was a budget set of \$196,000 for the trash rake for Power Plant 1923. The request today is for an additional \$60,000. Originally, Superintendent McCoy was going to be utilized the existing panel and controls. After discussion with the manufacturer's a full replacement will be needed.

GM Greci stated the addition to the budget of \$70,000 is being requested for dialer upgrades at the power plants to eliminate the copper phone lines. The lines would be moved to a cellular service. The copper lines continue to be an issue and AT&T is beginning to phase out the lines. GM Greci stated AT&T has been trying to price the Authority out of the lines. The office on Road 400 controls the Power Plant 980 alarms and AT&T charges \$3,000 for the one line. The Authority is paying approximately \$7,000 to AT&T. The annual cost for the cellular lines would be the same as a cellular bill. MID and CWD are both on FirstNet with AT&T, which provides district with the same priority as first responders.

Director Janzen questioned if this will work with all the upgrades being completed at the Power Plants. GM Greci replied yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: President Schuh opened public comment and closed public comment due to no comments from the public in attendance.

VOTE: ROLL CALL

AYES: Directors Loquaci, Janzen, DaSilva, Davis, Erickson, Harris, Taylor, Samran, and Schuh
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

5. **CLOSED SESSION**

5a. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54957
Title: Canal and Hydro Plant Superintendent

6. **REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

There was no reportable action taken during Closed Session.

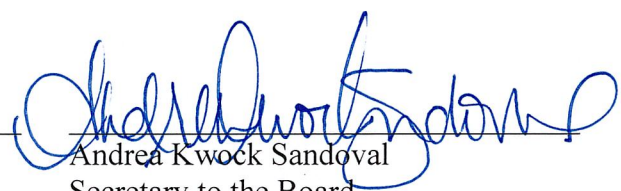
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

APPROVED FOR THE BOARD:



Roger Schuh
President



Andrea Kwock Sandoval
Secretary to the Board

Date: 10/10/24