

**WALLACE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

P.O. BOX 398  
Wallace, CA 95254

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
December 17, 2009  
Mark Fusselman's Barn  
9500 Wallace Lake Drive, Wallace Ca 95254

Board Members present, Patsy Bailey, Larry Howen, David Reyner, and Gerald Zedlitz. Also present was General Manager, Reid Johnson. Director Mark Fusselman was absent. President Patsy Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Old Business**

**Closed Session, Brown Act 54956.9** The Board convened in closed session to discuss a settlement proposal regarding a possible lawsuit. When the Board returned to open session, Attorney Mike McGrew stated that no reportable action had been taken.

**New Business**

**1. Discussion and possible action contracting with CCWD to provide contract employee (s) for water and wastewater.**

Bill Perley from Calaveras County Water District (CCWD) attended the Board meeting to speak about the services CCWD can provide. He started by talking about his qualifications and many years of experience in water and wastewater business. He then presented a proposal outlining a plan to use Licensed CCWD employees to operate the Water and Wastewater Plants and to provide an assessment of what the District needs to do to bring the Plants in compliance with State Standards. Mr. Perley then spoke of several compliance issues including chlorine gas at the Water Plant, leaking trickling filters and clean-outs in the septic lines. He stressed the importance of regular inspection and pumping of residents septic tanks. In response to a question from Director Zedlitz, Mr. Perley stated CCWD had the ability to operate the water and wastewater plants and bring them into compliance with State and County requirements in a short period of time. Mr. Perley said once our plants were operating properly he could assist WCSD in hiring someone, on a part-time basis, to run the plants and that he would be willing to stay in contact with the operator and assist in any way he could.

Cathryn Jackson asked about the repair of the trickling filters at the wastewater plant and Mr. Perley replied he would need to do further research.

Director Zedlitz made a motion to contract with CCWD for professional services and have CCWD provide an assessment of WCSD staffing need and recommend how we should proceed. The motion was seconded by Director Reyner.

**Approved 4-0-1**

## **2. Discussion and possible action contract with Tri-Lakes Church for a meeting place for WCSD.**

A proposal was received from Tri-Lakes Baptist Church to allow WCSD to use the Thornburg Education Building for a Meeting location. Director Zedlitz started the discussion by commenting on the ease of access and the fact that it is heated/air conditioned/and well lit. Director Howen stated he liked the idea that it is outside the gates eliminating the need to change the public access time for the gates on meeting night. Director Reyner stated he felt the building was too small. Director Zedlitz made the motion to contract, on a month to month basis with Tri-Lakes Baptist Church for our meeting place. Director Howen seconded the motion

**Approved 3-1-1**

## **3. Director's Comments**

**Director Reyner** questioned the monthly rental fee for the storage unit at the wastewater plant and asked that this item be added to a future agenda to find a more cost effective solution. Director Reyner also expressed concern regarding the cost to the District of Legal Counsel. In response to Director Reyner's concern Director Zedlitz suggested the Board work to put a policy in place to set guidelines.

**President Bailey** stated her hope is that the Board can work to make changes that all will appreciate.

## **4. Correspondence**

The Board received written correspondence from Chuck Cantoni. After reviewing and discussing the letter a decision to agendize the item was made.

## **5. Manager's Report**

General Manager, Reid Johnson, reported the water production for the month of November was 34,023 gallons per day. All water samples were taken and tested in accordance with the sampling plan and all test results met the drinking water standards. He stated that California Department of Public Health has yet to respond to the well #3 report so well #2 continues to be the Districts sole water supply source.

Mr. Johnson reported the average wastewater treatment and disposal was 13,627 gallons per day and all reports and weekly sampling and lab test data was submitted. He said he received a revised proposal for \$900.00 from Jeff Allen do vegetation maintenance at the wastewater storage reservoir and he recommended that this work be done. President Bailey interrupted his report to remind him they had discussed this issue and because there was a new Board in place this item would be discussed fully at the next meeting when it is put on the agenda.

Mr. Johnson said OK and then gave a report on the trickling filters stating that two of the filters were leaking which could potentially put us at risk for a sanitary sewer overflow. He recommended the filters be replaced as soon as possible. He also reported the safety edge strip had been replaced on the exit gate and that no road repairs had been done due to cold temperatures. Mr. Johnson expressed that he enjoys working for WCSD and appreciates the experience. He also stated he agreed with many of the recommendations

made by CCWD. Mr. Johnson presented the Board with a cost saving proposal regarding his continued employment and expressed his willingness to work with CCWD to correct compliance issues.

**6. Public Comment**

Al Plessel commented that Reid Johnson inherited the problems with the water and wastewater plants.

**Consent Agenda**

- 1. Bills for Payment** Director Zedlitz made the motion to approve check numbers 4402 - 4430 in the amount of \$15,469.98 for payment. The motion was seconded by Director Reyner.

**Approved 4-0-1**

- 2. Approval of minutes of the November 19, 2009 Regular Meeting and the December 4, 2009 Special Meeting.** Director Reyner made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of November 19, 2009 with the addition of information to item eight on the agenda and also to approve the Minutes of the Special meeting of December 4, 2009 as corrected. Director Zedlitz seconded the motion.

**Approved 4-0-1**

- 3. Emergency Transfer of Funds.** The Board agreed to add an emergency item (Brown Act 54954.2 (b) (2)) to the agenda in order to execute the transfer of funds from the General Account to the Bank of the West Checking account in the amount of \$18,000. After discussion the motion to move funds was made by Director Zedlitz and seconded by Director Howen.

**Approved 4-0-1**

- 4. ADJOURNMENT to the next Regular meeting January 21, 2010**

Director Reyner made the motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Director Howen.

**Approved 4-0-1**

Respectfully submitted,  
FINAL MINUTES

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Jackie Neill, Acting Recording Secretary

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Patsy Bailey, President, WCSD