

AMADOR WATER AGENCY

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
October 25, 2007

MINUTES

Directors Present: John P. Swift, Vice President
Heinz Hamann
Dan Brown

Directors Absent: Terence W. Moore, President
David Thomas

Staff Present: Jim Abercrombie, General Manager
Gene Mancebo, Manager of Engineering & Planning
Cris L. Thompson, Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER – Vice President Swift called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA –There were no additions to the agenda

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment

CONSENT AGENDA -

MOTION: It was moved by Director Hamann and seconded by Director Brown and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda

AGENCY GENERAL-Retirement of Dan Brown from the Board of Directors-

Manager Abercrombie addressed the Board and stated that as is customary when a Board member retires, the Agency has drafted a resolution honoring Dan Brown for the effort he has put in for the Agency and the County and will read it and ask for adoption after Dan addresses the Board. Director Brown addressed the other Board members regarding his retirement, he stated that he regrets having to leave the Agency Board, that there are circumstances beyond his control. He stated that it has been a pleasure serving the Board and working with the Agency staff and that he has learned a great deal while on the Board. Directors Hamann and Swift expressed how much Director Brown will be missed and wished him the best in his future endeavors. Manager Abercrombie read the proposed resolution to the Board and members of the public.

Adoption of Resolution No. 2007-43 Honoring Dan Brown upon his retirement from the Amador Water Agency

MOTION: It was moved by Director Hamann and seconded by Director Swift and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 2007-43, Honoring Dan Brown upon his retirement from the Amador Water Agency

AMADOR WATER SYSTEM- Tanner Water Treatment Plant-

Manager Mancebo gave an overview of the status of the proposal process and the review of the 6 proposals received. He stated that 5 staff members reviewed the proposal in great detail. Those staff members were Manager Mancebo, Supervising Engineer Erik Christeson, Staff Engineer Liam Bailey, Operations Manager Chris McKeage, and Water Production Supervisor Doug Yardley. He stated that the review process was conducted independently on 15 different elements and Stantec was the overall #1 choice. **Engineering Committee Meeting-** Director Hamann reported on the Engineering Committee meeting where this process was reviewed, he stated that the staff did a great job in thoroughly reviewing and addressing the major concerns of this project. He said he was pleasantly surprised with Stantec being the choice. He feels that they will bring a lot of good things to this project, and they have the most experience with Membrane plants in North America. The Engineering Committee made the decision to pursue CEQA instead of NEPA at this time. Director Hamann stated that the Committee also recommends that the Board direct staff to enter in to a contract with Stantec for the Tanner Water Treatment Plant.

Presentation by Stantec Consulting Inc. Regarding the Tanner Water Treatment Plant expansion project – Mr. Mark Smith addressed the Board and will be the Project Manager. He expressed thanks to the Board and staff for the opportunity to serve the Agency for the first time and introduced the members of the Stantec team. He then gave an overview of the project plan. Mr. Bob Ohlund, Vice President of Stantec addressed the Board and thanked them for the opportunity as well.

The Board asked questions of the Stantec team for clarification; Director Hamann asked that the generator choice be addressed for the environmental issues. Director Brown stated he was happy to see Stantec as the consultant choice. Director Swift asked about solar and hydro being looked at for conservation purposes. Ms. Lucy Hackett from TSPN TV asked what the time schedule is for the entire project; Supervising Engineer Christeson stated that the total the plant will be operational late in 2010. Vice President Swift thanked Stantec for their presentation.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Hamann and seconded by Director Brown and unanimously carried to authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with Stantec Consulting Inc. with costs not to exceed \$1,600,000 for the Tanner Water Treatment Plant expansion project.

RECESS: 10:05 SESSION RESUMED AT 10:30 A.M.

IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

Improvement District No. 12 (Martell)- Authorization for General Manager to enter into a Wholesale Wastewater Agreement (with minor revisions to the original) with the City of Sutter Creek to serve parcels in the southwest Ridge Rd area.

Manager Abercrombie briefed the Board on the status of the agreement with the minor changes that the City of Sutter Creek requested. He stated that the modifications were minimal and agreeable but there is no draft of the agreement with the changes available at this time. The significant change to the agreement will be that the City of Sutter Creek would pay their fees over time instead of one lump sum. Manager Abercrombie

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also stated that due to the late nature of the revisions, Barron's Home Furnishings was allowed to connect without the agreement being in place as not to delay them from moving into their new building. Their lease on the old building was expired and they needed to move. Manager Abercrombie answered questions from the Board for clarification and asked for direction to enter into the agreement with the minor revisions. Director Swift stated that he was at a social function and the Barron's owner approached him and expressed his appreciation to the Agency for allowing them to connect to the system.

It was moved by Director Brown and seconded by Director Hamann and unanimously carried to authorize General Manager to enter into a Wholesale Wastewater Agreement with the City of Sutter Creek to serve parcels in the southwest Ridge Rd area.

Discussion and direction regarding the preliminary design report for the interim improvements at the Sutter Creek Wastewater Treatment plant facility.

Manager Mancebo briefed the Board on the preliminary design report. He stated that the Agency provided information and comments to this report and that the Agency will continue to monitor this process closely to make sure that the Martell concerns are met. Manager Abercrombie stated that he and Manager Mancebo have a meeting with Rob Duke to work through details for capacity expansion.

PUBLIC HEARING

Vice President Swift opened the public hearing to declare the annexation of the Wolfgang Hocke property-Manager Mancebo stated that this annexation has come before the Board previously but not declared due to some changes to the original resolution and public noticing errors. He also stated that that there were no public comments or protests received. No members of the public had comments to the annexation.

It was moved by Director Brown and seconded by Director Hamann to close the public hearing.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Hamann, and seconded by Director Brown and, unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 2007-34 Declaring the annexation of Wolfgang Hocke Property to the CAWP Retail District

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Joint Water Committee- General Discussion of Agenda items, nothing new to report.

Amador Dry Creek Watershed Council Meeting- Director Hamann briefed the other Board members on the various items discussed at the last meeting. He did say that the agreement that the Council was working on with PHAW has fallen through.

CAMRA- was previously reported on.

STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Counsel Kronick is not in attendance today to give the legislative report.

GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT- Manager Abercrombie reported on various issues on which he has been working. He focused on areas concerning safety, fiscal responsibility, community leadership efforts and infrastructure matters. The Board asked questions for information and clarification.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS- The Board gave brief updates on the current issues occurring in each of their districts.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS- There were no future agenda items

CLOSED SESSION was called at 11:10 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT –Vice President Swift adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Cris L. Thompson
Clerk of the Board of Directors

Approved: _____