



Johnsville Public Utility District
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Date: November 9, 2024. Time: 1:00 p.m.
Teleconference
Call Number: 775 843 6159
Website: www.JohnsvillePud.Org

1. The meeting was called to order by the chair, David Piepho, at 10:03 a.m. All directors and manager were in attendance.

2. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes to the last Johnsville Public Utility (JPUD) Director’s meeting held on October 12, 2024.

The chair made the motion to approve the minutes of the JPUD Director’s meeting held on October 12, 2024. The motion passed unanimously with the following vote:

David Piepho	<u>Aye</u>	Nay
John LaTourrette	<u>Aye</u>	Nay
Don Fregulia	<u>Aye</u>	Nay

3. There was no public comment.

4. Director reports.

4.1 Director LaTourrette reported that the board’s first priority is to complete the second tank. Construction will start November 12, 2024 weather permitting. \$501,841.00 was paid to Stewart Construction and Department of Water Resources (DWR) Invoice #9 was completed and submitted with corrections for the amount of \$501,847.37 which included retention payment to contractor. There is currently \$109,000.00 RCAC line of credit left available to the tank project. Director Piepho asked if the district had enough funds to cover bills. Director LaTourrette explained that our cash flow is good and current payments are covered. DWR invoice #9 should be received in several weeks.

A payment to RCAC will be made after JPUD receives DWR Invoice #9 payment.

Director Piepho reported on the water filters. They have been cleared of debris several times recently. Also, he observed that the Bennet Dam is full due to an independent streamflow. The valves that were uncovered several weeks ago remain covered and this issue will be further discussed at a future meeting.

The recent report of low water flow at the plant was discussed including protocol. If low flow causes tanks to become low then the protocol would be similar to low water level in tanks.

Dan Bastian will check other low flow episodes in the past. Records are still showing moderate water usage, more than expected for this time of year, and discussions of possible leaks will also be addressed at future JPUD Board meetings.

Director LaTourrette added that some of these issues could be caused by equipment issues.

Director Piepho addressed the repair of pipes damaged by falling tree(s) at dam and the need to repair them.

Director Fregulia commented that the continued clearing of the vegetation around the springs and catch basins and a procedure for doing this needs to be established by the board.

5. Items for Discussion.

5.1 Director Piepho addressed the need for future discussions about upcoming projects and the monies to fund these projects in JPUD's rate structure.

These projects need to be prioritized and the board will look at the hard costs for each.

Director LaTourrette proposed continuing to develop a five-year Capital Improvement Plan, five-year Budget Plan, and a five-year Reserve Plan. These will be future agenda items to be discussed and developed by the board. He suggested we review business plan models including existing volunteer models outside the district, getting legal advice, and identifying resources like California Small Districts, LafCo, Plumas Pines District and rate reviews of other small water districts.

5.2 Discussions for the replacement of manager will be ongoing.

5.3 Director Piepho requested official action for recruiting new board members.

5.4 Director LaTourrette listed topics to be included in future newsletters. The why, what, and how of our tank project, its progress, completion date and water usage and the new tanks. We also need to stress the need for community involvement.

A 'Tour of the Tank Farm' was suggested by Director LaTourrette and Director Fregulia which could include a fun menu theme inviting the community to see the new tanks and become more acquainted with the finished project and the board. Transportation to the tanks can be provided.

Director Piepho added that he would like a ribbon cutting ceremony and recognition and thanks to all who helped.

5.5 The next meeting will be January 18th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. PST.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Submitted by. Melissa Sheets

