



**Johnsville Public Utility District
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Date June 29, 2024 Time: 1:00 p.m.
Historic Saint John's Church
5578 Arastra Street
Johnsville , CA 96103
Website: JohnsvillePud.org**

1. The meeting was called to order 1:00 p.m. by the Chair. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
2. There were no additions or corrections to 6/29/24 agenda or minutes of June 5th, 2024 Johnsville Public Utility District (JPUD) Board of Director meeting minutes. The Chair requested a motion be made to approve the minutes of the June 5th, 2024 Johnsville Public Utility Directors meeting held on June 5th, 2024. The motion was made by Director LaTourrette and seconded by Director Fregulia. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0, with the following vote:

Roll call vote:

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

3. Public Comment. A homeowner asked if the board would add some watering guidelines to their webpage for homeowners to reference during new tank construction. There was a handout at the meeting covering this subject for approval and distribution.
4. Reports
 - 4.1. Director Reports
 - 4.1.1 Tank project report
 - 4.1.1.1 Bird Study
Director LaTourrette reported that the required biological nesting bird study delayed the project and should be completed soon. The project should commence July 8, 2024.
 - 4.1.1.2 Construction timeline.
The timeline start date is now July 8, 2024 and it is estimated that each tank should take 8 to 10 weeks to install including removal of old tank.
 - 4.1.1.3. Parking construction vehicles and possible impact to homeowners

Construction vehicles will be located at staging area near tanks and space for parking is available at the State Park. The engineer will discuss putting steel plates over exposed valves on Bride Street that would help protect water line and valves.

4.1.1.4. Communications and outreach to customers

There are several ways to get current information about the tank replacement project. Information is updated and put on our website (johnsvillepud.org), newsletters and notices are sent/given to homeowners that include manager and director's phone numbers and email addresses, frequent person to person contacts, and sandwich board notices posted in town.

Johnsville residents will have 50% of the water currently available during construction of the new tanks. Homeowners are asked to voluntarily reduce water usage by 50%. The complications that could arise if the town's water levels get too low or depleted are many including having to leave our homes and impacting our current system requiring costly repairs. Johnsville will have 20% more water storage per tank when the project is completed.

A motion was made by the chair to approve to distribute the message from the Johnsville Public Utility District detailing the need to reduce water usage during construction and suggestions on was to reduce. A copy of notice is attached to the minutes.

The motion was made by Director LaTourrette and seconded by Director Fregulia. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0, with the following vote:

Roll call vote:

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

4.1.1.5. Bennett Dam report

Chair Piepho reported that dead trees had fallen on the dam, which collects water from our springs, this past December. Damage was not severe but needs to be repaired this year by a qualified person. Bent pipes and cracks in the cement base are some needed repairs.

The springs (mesh screen) also need be cleaned regularly during the summer in order to optimize water flow to the dam and our plant so the water plant receives as much water as possible for processing and distribution to the tank. There was also discussion on how to improve our water collection system in the future.

4.1.1.6 Leak at Iron Door

The current leak at the service box at the Iron Door restaurant was repaired by McGarr Excavation. The leak was caused by a stop and waste valve that was not completely opened in the service box. A report from our engineer was shared describing the leak stating that the JPUD water district did not cause the leak. This item will be on the agenda for our next meeting. The board

discussed creating an ordinance that would give the district the ability to monitor water used by homeowners and the need for homeowners to install their own water on/off valve on their property. They also discussed setting up cohesive water pipe and distribution standards in town. JPUD has limited resources to repair water issues and a coordinated and standardized set of standards should be developed.

4.2. Manager report.

4.2.1. Conflict of Interest Policy for the JPUD was reviewed and discussed.

4.2.2. Resolution for Prop 4 Allocation was not available from the county at this time. The resolution will be included on our next meeting agenda.

4.2.3. There will be an inspection of the JPUD water system 7/2/24 by Nick McGann Engineer Lassen district Division of drinking Water. Attendees will include Graeagle Land and Water, Dan Bastian, JPUD Engineer. Manager will try to attend and report back at next meeting with any important information.

5. Action Items

5.1 Discuss and approve Resolution 25-03 Adopting the Johnsville Conflict of Interest Policy.

The motion to adopt the Johnsville Conflict of Interest Code was made by Director LaTourrette and seconded by Director Fregulia. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0, with the following vote:

Roll call vote:		
David Piepho	<u>Aye</u>	Nay
Don Fregulia	<u>Aye</u>	Nay
John LaTourrette	<u>Aye</u>	Nay

5. The was no new business.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p. m.

Melissa Sheets

Submitted by Melissa Sheets