

## MINUTES

### SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS PARADISE IRRIGATION DISTRICT DECEMBER 5, 2018

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Paradise Irrigation District was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Dan Wentland, followed by an Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

OPENING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Directors Marc Sulik, Vice-President Anne Rice, Bob Prevot, Bill Kellogg, and President Dan Wentland

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: District Manager Ed Fortner, Assistant District Manager/Treasurer Kevin Phillips, Secretary Georgeanna Borrayo, and IT Manager Mickey Rich

ALSO PRESENT: PID Legal Counsel Emily LaMoe and members of the public

Board members reviewed consent calendar items as follows:

APPROVAL OF  
CONSENT  
CALENDAR  
(Item 2.a. – 2.b.)

2.a. Approval of Meeting Agenda Order

2.b. Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting of November 19, 2018

Director Rice noted a correction to page two of the November 19, 2018 Minutes in relation to item number 7 under the District Manager's Report. The revenue replacement figure is shown as \$10 million and should be \$100 million. It was moved by Director Rice and seconded by President Wentland to approve the Consent Calendar as amended with correction to Minutes as noted.

AYES: Directors Sulik, Rice, Prevot, Kellogg, and Wentland

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**Motion passes 5-0**

Ward Habriel commented on the following: 1) Many of the meetings since Nov. 8 (date of Camp Fire) have included criticism, and 2) Receiving feedback from residents who did not heed information communicated through the PID Watertalk Newsletter and message sign to turn sprinklers off during a wildfire, so firefighters have enough water to battle the fire.

PUBLIC  
PARTICIPATION  
(Item 3)

Jim Ladrini presented the following comments: 1) He came to the meeting this evening with the full intent to expose an individual regarding their dishonesty; adding he does not feel the community is being served the way they deserve; 2) It was unclear from PID's website, where this meeting was going to be held; 3) Members of the community want to rebuild quickly and the community needs information about water service connections and fire systems.

CONTINUED –  
PUBLIC  
PARTICIPATION

Sam Kanokie stated PID did not have a representative at the Disaster Recovery Center during his recent visit to the center. This would be a good location to have information about PID meetings and answers to questions relating to water service.

Stephanie Neumann commented on volunteering at the Disaster Recovery Center on behalf of the Town Planning Commission and noted the table for PID volunteers is often not manned. The community is looking for information and answers regarding the status to restore services in Paradise. Additional clarification regarding sealed meter status would be beneficial, as well as explaining costs associated with installing a new meter.

Mrs. Cornwell commented about PID employees impacted by the Camp Fire and doing more for the employees. Other agencies are taking care of their employees and urged PID to do the same.

UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS:  
APPROVAL OF  
OCTOBER 2018  
CHECKS  
(Item 4.a. Continued  
from Nov. 19, 2018  
Special Meeting)

Board members reviewed an expense report for the month of October. It was moved by Director Rice and seconded by President Wentland to approve General Fund Check Numbers 52467 through 52579 for the month of October 2018 totaling \$595,877.33, exclusive of voided check number 52503, and authorization of a similar amount allowing or adjusting for extraordinary budget or Board approved items during the month of November.

AYES: Directors Sulik, Rice, Prevot, and Wentland

NOES: Director Kellogg

ABSENT: None

**Motion Passes 4-1**

APPROVAL OF  
CHECKS FOR THE  
MONTH OF  
NOVEMBER, 2018  
(Item 5.a.)

It was moved by President Wentland and seconded by Director Sulik to approve General Fund Check Numbers 52585 through 52617 for the month of November 2018 totaling \$170,334.86, exclusive of voided check numbers 52580 through 52584 and voided check 52618, and authorization of a similar amount allowing or adjusting for extraordinary budget or Board approved items during the month of December.

AYES: Directors Sulik, Rice, Prevot, and Wentland

NOES: Director Kellogg

ABSENT: None

**Motion Passes 4-1**

DIRECTOR  
WENTLAND  
ANNOUNCES  
RESIGNATION

President Wentland announced that during a recent trip to visit relatives in Tennessee following the Camp Fire, he and his wife purchased a home and he will be submitting his resignation. He indicated It was an extremely difficult decision as he loves Paradise and will miss serving the community.

NEW BUSINESS:  
  
FACILITIES STATUS  
REPORT UPDATE  
(Item 6.a.)

Managers Fortner and Phillips reported crews have re-pressurized mains down Skyway to the Feather River Health Clinic, Pentz Road to the Magalia Intertie, and across Bille Road. The next task will be to restore water to the District's A zone. Currently, an active boil water notice is in effect for all PID customers. Additionally, the District has been focusing efforts to secure funding resources through Cal OES and FEMA, as well as state and federal legislators. PID has a great staff that can rebuild the district together, but it is going to take time. Cal Water has been instrumental in helping to locate services and coordinating crews to re-pressurize the system. Assistant Manager Phillips further added a concerted effort will be made to arrange for someone to assist with communicating information to customers.

Additional resource suggestions include the Army Corp of Engineers and the Rural Community Assistance Coalition.  
No Board action taken; information item only.

Manager Fortner reported the District completed a California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Project Application for the California Disaster Assistance Act Program. The authorizing resolution designates the authorized representatives who have the authority to execute for and on behalf of PID.

CAL OES  
AUTHORIZING  
RESOLUTION NO.  
2018-14 ADOPTED  
(Item 6.b.)

It was moved by Director Kellogg and seconded by Director Prevot to adopt Authorizing Resolution No. 2018-14 designating the authorized representatives to execute for and file Cal OES project application and to provide to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services for all matters pertaining to disaster assistance on behalf of the Paradise Irrigation District. Directors' votes were polled as follows by roll call:

AYES: Directors Sulik, Rice, Prevot, Kellogg, and Wentland

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**Motion Passes 5-0**

Staff apologized for the recent billing error and the confusion it has caused customers. Following the November 8 Camp Fire, staff worked to get the accounting system up to date. The error occurred as a result of combining the billing from October with a special pro-rated bill. The billing dates were indicated as November 1 to November 7. The correct period is October 1 to November 7. Staff has been responding to customer calls and will be distributing a corrected bill.

CUSTOMER BILLING  
UPDATE (Item 6.c.)

In reference to inquiries about the sealed rate versus disconnecting from service "readiness to serve," staff talked to other agencies that experienced similar disasters. Under PID Policy and Procedures, all meters are classified as "active" unless sealed upon request of the landowner (standby status), or by reason of conversion to the "discontinued service" category (permanent disconnect). When ready to reinstall a meter, the customer will not be charged for a new meter. Customers will be responsible to pay the actual cost to reconnect, including labor and materials.

Following input and discussion regarding the sealed rate, this topic will be scheduled on the agenda for the regular meeting of December 19 for Board review and direction regarding the sealed meter policy. PID will postpone billing until after the December meeting.

Board members reviewed the commercial lease agreement between PID and the Tenant - Jennifer Chavez, owner of The Red Wagon at 6360 Clark Road, Paradise. Email communication from the Tenant requested consideration to defer rent for a few months until she can get her business back in operation following the Camp Fire.

PID COMMERCIAL  
LEASE - 6360  
CLARK ROAD,  
PARADISE  
(Item 6.d.)

Attorney Emily LaMoe indicated there is a provision in the agreement for total or partial damages to premises and recommended the District exercise the 90 days as written in the lease. No Board action taken; rent is abated under the 90-day language.

Staff addressed comments regarding possible layoffs. At this point in time, the District's goal is to maintain staffing and evaluate further once the district receives additional information regarding potential funding.

STAFFING UPDATE  
DISCUSSION  
(Item 6.e.)

CLOSED SESSION:  
CONFERENCE WITH  
LABOR  
NEGOTIATORS  
(Item 7.a.)

President Wentland announced closed session discussion pertaining to agenda item 7.a. Following an opportunity for comments, the Board adjourned to closed session at 8:20 p.m. regarding the following:

- 7.a. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6). Agency designated representative Emily LaMoe. Negotiations with IBEW and Teamsters Local 137.

CLOSED SESSION  
ANNOUNCEMENT

President Wentland reconvened the special meeting at 8:49 p.m. and announced direction has been given to the PID designated representative.

DIRECTORS'  
COMMENTS  
(Item 8)

Director Bob Prevot: Commented on President Wentland's announcement regarding his resignation and thanked him for his service to the community.

Director Anne Rice: Added she extends best wishes to Dan and Sheri.

Director Bill Kellogg: Thanked Director Wentland and wished him well.

Director Dan Wentland: Recommended Ward Habriel as a potential candidate for the director vacancy.

Director Marc Sulik: Expressed appreciation to Director Wentland for his service and stated it was a pleasure getting to know him. Thanked members of the Board and public for their comments.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by President Wentland to adjourn the meeting. The special meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

  
Georgeanna Borrayo, Secretary

  
Anne Rice, Vice President