

Board Minutes

Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 12, 2024

Camrosa Board Room

5:00 p.m.

Call to Order The meeting was convened at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Eugene F. West, President
Andrew F. Nelson, Vice-President (via teleconference)
Jeffrey C. Brown, Director
Timothy H. Hoag, Director
Terry L. Foreman, Director (via teleconference)

Staff: Norman Huff, General Manager
Tamara Sexton, Deputy General Manager/Finance (via teleconference)
Jozi Zabarsky, Customer Service Manager
Kevin Wahl, Director of Operations
Art Aseo, Engineering & Capital Projects Manager
Mike Phelps, Water Quality and Environmental Compliance Manager
Graham Moland, Laboratory Analyst II
Keith Lemieux, Legal Counsel

Guest: David Almeida, Lincoln Financial (via teleconference)

Public Comments

None

Consent Agenda

1. **Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 8, 2024**
2. **Approve Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 22, 2024**
3. **Approve Vendor Payments**

A summary of accounts payable in the amount of \$3,589,127.32 was provided for Board information and approval.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda: Hoag. **Second:** Brown.
Motion carried unanimously.

Primary Agenda

4. **Employee Spotlight**

The Board was introduced to Graham Moland, Laboratory Analyst II.

No action is necessary; for discussion only.

5. Deferred Compensation Retirement Plans Enhancements

The Board authorized the General Manager to convert the current 457 Deferred Compensation and 401 Profit Share Plans to the Lincoln Alliance Recordkeeping Platform.

Motion: Hoag. **Second:** Brown.

Rollcall: Nelson-Yes; Brown-Yes; Hoag-Yes; Foreman-Yes; West-Yes

6. Stakeholder Outreach

The Board discussed Stakeholder Outreach.

No action is necessary; for discussion only.

7. Transfer of Unclaimed Funds

The Board adopted a resolution of the Board authorizing the transfer of unclaimed funds, in the amount of \$620.70, to the District's General Fund.

Motion: Hoag. **Second:** Brown.

Rollcall: Nelson-Yes; Brown-Yes; Hoag-Yes; Foreman-Yes; West-Yes

8. Design for Rehabilitation of Sewer Lift Station No. 4 at Via Cantilena

The Board authorized the General Manager to award a contract and issue a purchase order to Michael K. Nunley & Associates, Inc. (MKN), in the amount of \$165,910.00, for engineering services for the design of the Rehabilitation of Sewer Lift Station No. 4 at Via Cantilena.

Motion: Brown. **Second:** Nelson.

Rollcall: Nelson-Yes; Brown-Yes; Hoag-Yes; Foreman-No; West-Yes

9. Modification to Ordinance 39, Conflict of Interest Code

The Board set a public hearing date of September 26, 2024, to formally accept public input and adopt Ordinance 39-24.

Motion: Hoag. **Second:** Nelson.

Rollcall: Nelson-Yes; Brown-Yes; Hoag-Yes; Foreman-Yes; West-Yes

10. Board Compensation Policy

The Board discussed Board Compensation Policy and proposed an increase from \$200 to \$235 per meeting. This item will be brought back at the next meeting as an action item.

No action required; for discussion only.

Comments by General Manager

- Reported attending the ACWA Leadership Forum was good and hopes to implement some of the principles. Also attended the CalPERS stakeholder meeting and the Metropolitan public forum look at recognizing value of developing local resources as an alternative to developing more expensive water. Participated in a couple of GMA/GSP workshops to represent the District's interests in the basin.

Comments by Directors

- Director Foreman reported that FCGMA released the draft 5-year update of the groundwater sustainability plans for the Pleasant Valley, Oxnard, and Las Posas basins. After review, he recommended hiring a consultant to help provide additional review and comments, particularly in response to the proposed 15% pumping reduction in the PV basin.

- Director Hoag commented on the recent Guardian article regarding Calleguas salary bumps.
- President West shared his concerns about the PV basin GSP update and adjudication that the District may not be able to pull out credits at the current or planned production rate given the condition of the basin.

Closed Session The Board entered into Closed Session at 5:52 p.m. to confidentially discuss legal matters as authorized by Government Code 54956.9.

- 11. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Gov. Code, §54956.9(d)(1)):**
NAME OF CASE: OPV Coalition et al v. Camrosa Water District, Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. VENCI0055357.

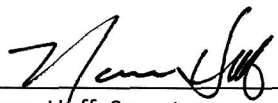
Open Session The Board reconvened Open Session at 6:40 p.m.

- 12. Announcement of reportable action taken during Closed Session**

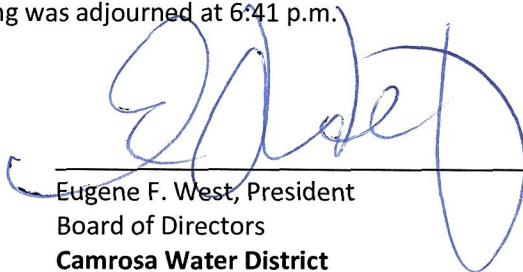
President West announced that the Board unanimously approved the transfer of representation of the District in the Oxnard/Pleasant Valley Groundwater Adjudication from White Brenner to Aleshire & Wynder.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.



Norman Huff, Secretary
Board of Directors
Camrosa Water District



Eugene F. West, President
Board of Directors
Camrosa Water District (ATTEST)