

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS RUNNING SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FEBRUARY 18, 2015**

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Running Springs Water District was held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at the hour of 9:00 A.M. at the District office located at 31242 Hilltop Boulevard, Running Springs, California.

The following Directors were present:

Kenneth Ayers, President  
Everett “Ed” Brittain, Vice-President  
Pamella Bennett, Director  
Mike Terry, Director

Director Henry Heredia was absent

Also present were the following:

Ryan Gross, General Manager  
Ward Simmons, Attorney, Best, Best & Krieger  
George Corley, Fire Chief  
Randy Bobroff, Water Division Supervisor

Visitors Present:

Gerhard Hilgenfeldt, Resident  
Joan Moseley, Resident, Media Reporter  
Tony Grabow, Resident, Retired Fire Chief

**MEETING MINUTES**

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 A.M. by President Ayers and he led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**2. Recognize and Hear From Visitors/Public Comment**

Visitors Moseley and Hilgenfeldt introduced themselves for the record.

**3. Approval of Consent Items**

The following consent items were listed for approval:

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes for January 21, 2015 Regular Board Meeting**
- B. Ratify November and January 2015 Expenditures**

Manager Gross provided an explanation of the BKT expenditure for the replacement aeration blower at the treatment plant that was previously approved by the Board of Directors.

Upon **motion** by Director Terry, **second** by President Ayers and **carried by a 3 to 0 vote**, with Director Bennett abstaining, the Consent Items were approved.

**4. Action Items**

- A. Consider Awarding Construction Contract for Ayers Acres Groundwater Well Infrastructure Project**

There was considerable discussion about the facts laid out in the staff report and presented by the General Manager.

Upon **motion** by Director Bennett, **second** by Director Brittain and **carried by a 4 to 0 vote**, the construction contract for the Ayers Acres Groundwater Well Backbone Infrastructure Project (Project) was awarded to Bacon/Wagner Excavating, Inc., for their low bid of \$690,727.18; the General Manager was authorized to execute the contract, and; the General Manager was authorized to approve change orders for the project during the course of construction as required not to exceed 15% of the original construction contract amount.

- B. Consider Approving Terms for Renewal of Leachate Disposal Contract with the County of San Bernardino**

Upon **motion** by President Ayers, **second** by Director Terry and **carried by a 4 to 0 vote**, Authorizing staff to proceed with renewing the Leachate Disposal Contract with the County of San Bernardino. A draft of the contract will be brought back to the Board for approval once it is received from the County.

- C. Consider Adopting Resolution No. 02-15 Approving Amendment to VALIC Deferred Compensation Plan**

In 2012, the District adopted Resolution No. 16-12 amending the District's Nationwide Deferred Compensation Plan to include a Participant Loan Program option. The District has two Deferred Compensation Plan options including Nationwide and the Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company (VALIC). In order to offer the Participant Loan Program option in both plans this resolution is necessary.

Upon motion by Director Terry, second by Vice-President Brittain and carried by a 4 to 0 vote, Resolution No. 02-15, Approving an Amendment to the VALIC Deferred Compensation Plan was adopted. (Resolution No. 02-15 on file in the District office).

**D. Consider Savings Associated with the Phased Elimination of CalPERS Employer Paid Member Contribution (EPMC)**

There was discussion on a proposal where the EPMC would be shifted to the employees over a four year period beginning July 1, 2015 at 2% per year for Miscellaneous and 2.25% per year for Safety. In order to offset the impact to the employees, an equivalent annual cost of living adjustment plus CPI-W for the years ending in October would be applied over the four year transition period. Once the transition is complete, the savings to the District associated with the phased elimination of CalPERS EPMC and paying and reporting the value of the EPMC is approximately \$15,000 per year beginning in 2019. This savings would also help to offset a portion of the projected increases in the CalPERS Employer Contribution over the next five years.

Upon motion by Director Bennett, second by Director Terry and carried by a 4 to 0 vote, the phased elimination of EPMC over a four year period including an equivalent annual cost of living adjustment plus CPI-W for the years ending in October was approved.

**E. Consider Granting the Running Springs Area Chamber of Commerce Permission to Utilize the Running Springs Water District's Downtown Property for their 2015 Events**

Upon motion by Director Terry, second by Vice-President Brittain and carried by a 3 to 0, with Director Bennett abstaining, the use of the District's downtown property for the Running Springs Area Chamber of Commerce 2015 events was approved.

**F. Consider Adopting Resolution No. 03-15, Revoking Adoption of the All-Mailed Ballot Procedure for Conducting General District Elections**

Upon motion by Vice-President Brittain, second by Director Terry and carried by a 3 to 1 vote, with President Ayers opposed, Resolution No. 03-15, Revoking Adoption of the All-Mailed Ballot Procedure for Conducting General District Elections was adopted. (Resolution No. 03-15 on file in the District office).

**G. Consider Providing Direction to Staff on Initiating a Ballot Measure on the November 2015 Election to Increase the Annual Availability Charge for Fire Suppression Services**

This item was tabled.

**5. Information Items**

**A. Annual Review of Water Usage at the Historical Monument Site in Running Springs**

The Board of Directors reviewed the water use agreement at the Monument site and the only concern was that if the State imposes additional restrictions on outdoor irrigation that there is a chance we would not be able to allow it to continue until such restrictions were lifted. There are no such restrictions currently being imposed so we will keep an eye on it and let the Chamber know if we hear of anything in the works. The General Manager will send an email to the Chamber reflecting this discussion.

**6. General Managers Report**

Nothing additional to report.

**7. Report From Engineer**

Nothing additional to report.

**8. Report From Legal Counsel**

Attorney Ward referred the Directors to the Board Correspondence packet memo from BB&K on revised gift limitations.

**9. Board Member Meetings**

Nothing to report.

**10. Board Member Comments**

Director Brittain asked when we would be sending out the draft budgets for the Fire Department & Ambulance Division. Staff will have the draft documents ready on February 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>.

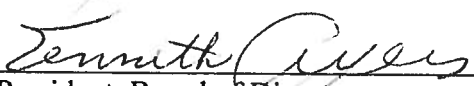
Director Terry thanked the Fire Department for their response to an emergency a couple weeks ago and mentioned they did an excellent job. Chief Corley will pass along Director Terry's comments to the responding staff.

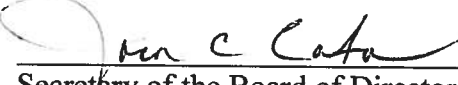
President Ayers thanked staff for their work and the members of the public for their attendance at the meeting.

**11. Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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President, Board of Directors  
Running Springs Water District

  
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Secretary of the Board of Directors  
Running Springs Water District