

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VICTOR VALLEY WASTEWATER RECLAMATION AUTHORITY (VWRA)
October 23, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Scott Nassif called the meeting to order at 7:31 AM; in Conference Room D at Victorville City Hall, located at 14343 Civic Drive, Victorville California, with the following members present:

TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY
CITY OF VICTORVILLE
CITY OF HESPERIA
ORO GRANDE (CSA 42) AND
SPRING VALLEY LAKE (CSA 64)

Scott Nassif, Chair
Debra Jones, Vice-Chair
Larry Bird, Secretary
Robert Lovingood, Treasurer

VWRA Staff and Legal Counsel:

Robert DeLoach, Interim General Manager
Kristi Casteel, Secretary to GM/Board
Piero Dallarda, Legal Counsel (BB&K)
Chieko Keagy, Controller

David Wylie, Safety & Communications Officer
Latif Laari, Regulatory Inspector
Alton Anderson, Construction Manager

Others Present:

Doug Robertson Apple Valley
Nils Bentsen, City of Hesperia
Keith Metzler, City of Victorville

Brian Gengler, City of Victorville
Darron Poulsen, Public

CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENTS- CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Chair Nassif asked if there were any comments from the public regarding any item on the Closed Session Agenda. Hearing none, Chair Nassif called for a motion to enter into Closed Session.

Commissioner Lovingood made a motion to enter into Closed Session. Seconded by Commissioner Bird.

REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Nassif called the meeting to order at 9:51 AM.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Piero Dallarda stated that the Board met in closed session as part of the regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2019. The Board discussed in closed session the employment of a new general manager under government code section 54957. The Board has decided hire Mr. Darron Poulsen for General Manager of VVWRA. There is a draft agreement that is being discussed and has been tentatively agreed upon. The contract will be finalized and brought to the Board for approval at the November 21, 2019 meeting in open session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

5. Possible conflict of interest issues

Chair Nassif will be abstaining from any disbursements to Napa Auto Parts on item 6

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Commissioner Jones requested to pull item 8 from the Consent Calendar

6. Approve September 2019 Disbursement Registers

7. Approve Minutes from the September 26, 2019 Special Meeting

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the consent calendar items 6 and 7, seconded by Commissioner Bird and approved by roll call vote with Chair Nassif abstaining from any disbursements to Napa Auto Parts and Commissioner Bird abstaining from item 7.

Chair Nassif: Yes

Commissioner Jones: Yes

Commissioner Bird: Yes

Commissioner Lovingood: Yes

8. Recommendation to Approve Routine Service of Turblex Blowers 2 & 3

Commissioner Jones asked staff to give a brief overview of the aeration blowers. She stated she is not clear on exactly what this is since there were purchases made in August as well.

Latif Laari stated that the work that is going to be performed is regular preventative maintenance and overhaul of the blowers. The purchases that were approved in August were for the PLC's (programmable logic controls) to be replaced.

Commissioner Bird made a motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Commissioner Lovingood and approved by roll call vote with Chair Nassif abstaining from any disbursements to Napa Auto Parts and Commissioner Bird abstaining from item 7.

Chair Nassif: Yes

Commissioner Jones: Yes

Commissioner Bird: Yes

Commissioner Lovingood: Yes

REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS:

9. Air Emissions – Patrick Griffith

Patrick Griffith gave a presentation on Air Emissions

10. Desert Knolls Wash Closeout- Anderson

Alton Anderson gave a presentation on the Desert Knolls Wash Closeout

PUBLIC HEARING:

11. Second Reading of Ordinance 001

Chair Nassif opened the Public Hearing at 10:31 AM.

The Secretary of the Board confirmed the posting and publication of the Hearing Notice as required by law.

Chair Nassif asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no public comments.

Chair Nassif closed the public hearing at 10:34 am

ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS:

12. Adoption of Ordinance 001

Commissioner Jones made a motion to read the Ordinance by title only, waive further reading of the Ordinance and adopt Ordinance 001 and order it to be published, seconded by Commissioner Lovingood and approved by roll call.

Chair Nassif: Yes

Commissioner Jones: Yes

Commissioner Bird: No

Commissioner Lovingood: Yes

PUBLIC HEARING:

13. Second Reading of Ordinance 002: Connection Fee

Chair Nassif opened the Public Hearing at 10:39 AM.

The Secretary of the Board confirmed the posting and publication of the Hearing Notice as required by law.

Chair Nassif asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no public comments.

Chair Nassif closed the public hearing at 10:42 am

ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS:

14. Adoption of Ordinance 002

Chair Nassif made a motion to read the Ordinance by title only, waive further reading of the Ordinance and adopt Ordinance 002 and order it to be published, there was no second on the motion. Motion fails.

Piero Dallarda stated that you can always continue this item to the next meeting and hold another second reading.

Commissioner Lovingood made a motion to delay this item until the January Board meeting to give the new general manager an opportunity to review the information and bring the Ordinance back to the Board for the second hearing, seconded by Commissioner Jones and approved by roll call.

Chair Nassif: Yes

Commissioner Jones: Yes

Commissioner Bird: Yes

Commissioner Lovingood: Yes

15. Discussion: Spring Valley Lake-Request from LAFCO Regarding Service

Piero Dallarda stated that Logan Olds, the previous General Manager received on July 10th some inquiries from LAFCO as to whether or not VVWRA would be willing and able to provide sewer service to Spring Valley Lake should Spring Valley Lake become a Community Service District. LAFCO has sent a letter asking for a response from VVWRA by November 4th. Past discussion with the Board is that VVWRA would be able to provide that service with some type of agreement between Spring Valley Lake and the Board.

It was the consensus of the Board to direct staff to draft a letter to LAFCO that would state VVWRA will continue to provide service at the same cost.

STAFF/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REPORTS:

- 16. Financial and Investment Report – September 2019**
- 17. Operations & Maintenance Report – September 2019**
- 18. Environmental Compliance Department Reports – September 2019**
- 19. Septage Receiving Facility Reports – September 2019**
- 20. Safety & Communications Report – September 2019**

NEXT VVWRA BOARD MEETING:

Thursday, November 21, 2019 - Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Bid Results for PLC's Replacement Project

Bid Results for Storm Water Project

USDA Loan and Grant for the Oro Grand Interceptor Project

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

CLOSED SESSION (If Closed Session is continued)

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVAL:

DATE: November 21, 2019 **BY:**



Approved by VVWRA Board Larry Bird,
Secretary VVWRA Board of Commissioners