



HUMBOLDT BAY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
828 7th Street, Eureka



Minutes for Special Meeting of Board of Directors
February 26, 2020

A. ROLL CALL

President Woo called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm. She stated Director Latt recused himself due to a potential conflict and would not be present for the candidate interviews however, he would participate in the meeting at 5:00 pm. Director Rupp conducted the roll call. Directors Fuller, Rupp and Woo were present. General Manager John Friedenbach, Business Manager Chris Harris and Board Secretary Sherrie Sobol were present.

B. FLAG SALUTE

President Woo led the flag salute.

C. ACCEPT AGENDA

On motion by Director Rupp, seconded by Director Fuller, the Board voted 3-0 to accept the agenda.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

E. DIVISION 3 DIRECTOR VACANCY

The Board conducted interviews with the two candidates, Mr. Mark Feldman and Mr. David Lindberg for the Division 3 Director position. Prior to each interview, President Woo outlined the process of interview, deliberations and decision. She noted although it may be awkward, the interviews are open and public and they are welcome to stay and listen to deliberations and any or all of the meeting.

After the interviews were completed, the Directors agreed both candidates had areas of expertise that would complement the District, however, one candidate stood out given his service on other boards and prior knowledge of the District, having served on the Water Resource Advisory Planning Committee. The Board unanimously decided to appoint David Lindberg as the new Director of Division 3.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Warren Creek resident's concerns re: cannabis grow on West End Rd

An applicant is seeking a conditional use permit for a cannabis grow on West End Road and is scheduled to go before the Planning Commission on March 5, 2020. A couple of residents who live on Warren Creek Road addressed the Board and stated they and other residents are very concerned regarding this outdoor cannabis grow. Upon expressing their concerns, it became clear that the concerns were a land use issue and environmental health issue and not a water district issue. The Board made it clear the District has no enforcement authority. Director Latt recommended they attend the Planning Commission hearing and express their concerns as this is the correct forum. They are also the agency that can conduct enforcement. The Warren Creek residents thanked the Board for their time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm.

Attest:

Sheri Woo, President

J. Bruce Rupp, Secretary/Treasurer