

**Humboldt Bay Municipal Water  
828 7<sup>th</sup> street  
Eureka, CA**



**Minutes for Special Meeting of the Board of Directors  
July 29, 2024**

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**1. ROLL CALL**

President Fuller called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Director Rupp conducted the roll call. Directors Fuller, Woo, Rupp and Lindberg were present. General Manager John Friedenbach, Business Manager Chris Harris and Board Secretary Contessa Dickson were present.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

President Fuller led the flag salute.

**3. ACCEPT AGENDA**

**ACTION: Motion to accept agenda**

**Maker: Director Rupp Second: Director Woo Vote: 4-0 to approve**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was received.

**5. Division 1 Director Vacancy**

**ACTION: Appoint Dale Maples as Division 1 Director**

**Maker: Director Lindberg Second: Director Rupp Vote: 2-2 Director Lindberg and Rupp voted yay  
Director Woo and Fuller voted nay**

**ACTION: Appoint Tom Wheeler as Division 1 Director**

**Maker: Director Woo Second: Director Lindberg Vote: 3-1 to approve Director Rupp voted nay**

**a. Division 1 Candidate Interviews**

Mr. Friedenbach discussed the District's past practices for appointing a new Director. He outlined the timeline including if the Board makes their decision today the new Director can be sworn in at the next scheduled Board meeting.

The Board conducted thorough interviews with the two candidates Mr. Dale Maples and Mr. Tom Wheeler. Prior to each interview, Director Woo shared with each candidate how the interview will be conducted. 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 complete, a lengthy discussion ensued amongst the Board. The Directors agreed both candidates had areas of expertise that would complement the District, in the end Mr. Wheeler was chosen as Division one Director. Mr. Wheeler thanked the Board and stated he looks forward to working with them all.

**6. TRF Resiliency Generator – Engineering Contract**

**ACTION: Motion to approve contract with PACE Engineering for the HMG Phase 2 TRF generator project engineering services in the amount of \$432,000**

**Maker: Director Lindberg Second: Director Woo Vote: 4-0 to approve**

Staff recommends the Board authorize a contract with Pace Engineering for professional services for the TRF Power Resiliency Generator Project phase two in the amount of \$432,000.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.

Attest:

  
Michelle Fuller, President

  
Bruce Rupp, Secretary/Treasurer