BIG BEAR AREA REGIONAL WASTEWATER AGENCY

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 27, 2021

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency was called to order by Vice Chair Miller at 5:05 p.m. on January 27, 2021. Vice Chair Miller confirmed the Governing Board meeting was conducted pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953 and Governor Newsome's Executive Order N-25-20 and N-29-20. No Board Member expressed doubt that the Board Members participating by teleconference were not so.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

John Green, Chair Jim Miller, Vice Chair Karyn Oxandaboure, Secretary David Caretto, Director Rick Herrick, Director

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

David Lawrence, General Manager Jennifer McCullar, Finance Manager John Shimmin, Plant Manager Bridgette Burton, Management Analyst Sonja Kawa, Human Resources Coordinator/Accounting Technician Kim Booth, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS

Mary Reeves, General Manager, Big Bear City Community Services District

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dispensed

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion by Director Caretto, seconded by Secretary Oxandaboure and carried, the Governing Board approved the agenda as presented.

Ayes:

Green, Miller, Oxandaboure, Caretto, Herrick

Noes:

None

Absent:

None

Abstain:

None

4. PRESENTATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS

None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 5.A. Minutes of Special Meeting on December 2, 2020
- 5.B. Monthly Expenses
- 5.C. Investment Report
- 5.D. Operations and Connections Report
- 5.E. Accept as Complete Solar Project Pond 5 Grading Work
- 5.F. Accept as Complete SCADA Upgrade Project

Upon motion by Director Caretto, seconded by Director Herrick and carried, the Governing Board approved the Consent Calendar as presented.

Ayes:

Green, Miller, Oxandaboure, Caretto, Herrick

Noes:

None

Absent:

None

Abstain:

None

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

None

7. PUBLIC FORUM RESPONSE

None

8. PUBLIC FORUM

No comments

9. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.A. Compensation Study Update 2020

Mr. Lawrence presented the updated Compensation Study. Discussion ensued between the Governing Board and staff.

Upon motion by Chair Green, seconded by Director Caretto and carried, the Governing Board approved to adjust the Administrative Assistant pay schedule by 0.18% to within 5% of market; adjust the Plant Manager pay schedule by 10.0%, the maximum allowable under the Policy; and freeze the General Manager, Human Resources Coordinator/Accounting Technician, and Operator-in-Training pay schedule – no COLA adjustment.

Ayes:

Green, Miller, Oxandaboure, Caretto, Herrick

Noes:

None

Absent:

None

Abstain:

None

10.B. Pay Schedule

Mr. Lawrence explained that the Pay Schedule reflects the adjustments due to the November 2020 Compensation Study Update. Discussion ensued between the Governing Board and staff.

Upon motion by Secretary Oxandaboure, seconded by Director Caretto and carried, the Governing Board approved the publicly available Pay Schedule.

Ayes:

Green, Miller, Oxandaboure, Caretto, Herrick

Noes:

None

Absent:

None

Abstain:

None

10.C. Appropriate \$155,104 for Variances from the Budget

Ms. McCullar presented the variances from the Budget. Discussion ensued between the Governing Board and staff.

Upon motion by Director Herrick, seconded by Director Caretto and carried, the Governing Board approved to appropriate \$155,104 from the Agency's Contingency Fund to the Operating Budget with adjustments to the following line items: Insurance Expense (\$44,651) and Sludge Removal Expense (\$110,453).

Ayes:

Green, Miller, Oxandaboure, Caretto, Herrick

Noes:

None

Absent:

None

Abstain:

None

11. INFORMATION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.A. General Manager's Report

Mr. Lawrence provided an update to the Governing Board. Discussion ensued between the Governing Board and staff.

11.B. Administrative Committee Meeting Update

Director Caretto provided details on the discussion regarding the Compensation Study Update 2020 from the February 6, 2021 Administrative Committee meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Governing Board, Vice Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

Karyn Oxandaboure, Secretary of the Governing Board of the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency

Kim Booth, Administrative Assistant Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency