



FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024
4:00 P.M.

FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
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I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Vice President McDougal called the June Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fallbrook Public Utility District to order at 4:00 p.m. He announced votes would be done by roll call.

President DeMeo announced she was participating in today's meeting remotely under recent amendments to the Brown Act, due to a contagious illness that prevented her from participating in person. She reported someone over the age of 18 was in the room with her, and that person was her husband, Lee DeMeo.

A quorum was established, and attendance was as follows:

Board of Directors

Present: Jennifer DeMeo, Member/President
Don McDougal, Member/Vice President
Ken Endter, Member
Charley Wolk, Member

Absent: Dave Baxter, Member

General Counsel/District Staff

Present: Jack Bebee, General Manager
Dave Shank, Assistant General Manager/CFO
Paula de Sousa, General Counsel
Aaron Cook, Engineering Manager
Noelle Denke, Public Information Officer
Lauren Eckert, Executive Assistant/Board Secretary

Also present were others, including, but not limited to: Jacqueline Howells, Mark Mervich, and Joe Naiman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President McDougal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA PER GC § 54954.2(b)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Director Endter moved to approve the agenda; Director Wolk seconded. Motion carried; VOTE:

AYES: Directors DeMeo, Endter, McDougal, and Wolk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Director Baxter

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public are invited to address the Board of Directors on any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. The Board President may limit comments to three (3) minutes.

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

- A. YEARS OF SERVICE
 - 1. Jack Bebee – 15 years

There were no public comments on agenda item A.

The Board recognized Jack Bebee for his 15 years of service to the District.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR----- (ITEMS B–E)

All items appearing on the Consent Calendar may be disposed of by a single motion. Items shall be removed from the Consent Calendar if any member of the Board of Directors, or the public, requests removal prior to a vote on a motion to approve the items. Such items shall be considered separately for action by the Board.

- B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - 1. May 29, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

Recommendation: The Board approve the minutes of the aforementioned meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fallbrook Public Utility District.

- C. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 5079 PLACING FIXED CHARGE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO ADD DELINQUENT AND UNPAID CHARGES ON THE TAX ROLL

Recommendation: That the Board adopt Resolution No. 5079 placing fixed charge special assessments to add delinquent and unpaid charges on the annual tax roll for 2024-25 by the San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector.

- D. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 358 FIXING WATER STANDBY OR AVAILABILITY CHARGES FOR 2024-25

Recommendation: The Board adopt Ordinance No. 358 as prepared and authorize the Secretary of the Board of Directors to send a certified copy to the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego and Auditor and Controller of the County of San Diego.

- E. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED SALARY SCHEDULE (EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024) FOR ALL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES, EXCEPT THE GENERAL MANAGER, BY ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 5080

Recommendation: That the Board adopt Resolution No. 5080 adopting the amended salary schedule (effective July 1, 2024) for all District employees, except the General Manager.

There were no public comments on Consent Calendar items.

MOTION: Director Endter moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented; Director Wolk seconded. Motion carried; VOTE:

AYES: Directors DeMeo, Endter, McDougal, and Wolk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Director Baxter

III. ACTION / DISCUSSION CALENDAR ----- (ITEMS F-I)

- F. CONSIDER 2024 CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION, (SEAT A), SOUTHERN NETWORK

Recommendation: That the Board select one candidate from the slate of candidates in the 2024 California Special Districts Association Board of Directors Election, (Seat A), Southern Network for the 2025-2027 term and authorize the District General Manager to cast its vote by electronic ballot.

There were no public comments on agenda items F.

MOTION: Director Wolk moved to select Jo MacKenzie from the slate of candidates in the 2024 California Special Districts Association Board of Directors Election for Seat A of the Southern Network for the 2025-

2027 term and authorized the General Manager to cast its vote by electronic ballot; Director DeMeo seconded. Motion carried; VOTE:

AYES: Directors DeMeo, Endter, McDougal, and Wolk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Director Baxter

G. CONSIDER CONTINUATION OF FEDERAL ADVOCACY SERVICES

Recommendation: That the Board authorize the continued engagement of external federal advocacy services for an additional one-year period to help try and secure federal funding to reduce District ratepayer funding needs for key projects.

There were no public comments on agenda items G.

General Manager Bebee provided an overview of this item, reporting we did receive some funding from the last round, and we currently have requests submitted. Therefore, the recommendation is to continue with this service for another year. He also reported we are looking into a more regional approach to this as well with Rancho California Water District and Rainbow Municipal Water District.

MOTION: Director Endter moved to authorize the continued engagement of external federal advocacy services for an additional one-year period to help try and secure federal funding to reduce District ratepayer funding needs for key projects; Director Wolk seconded. Motion carried; VOTE:

AYES: Directors DeMeo, Endter, McDougal, and Wolk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Director Baxter

H. CONSIDER AWARD OF MAIN AVE SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Recommendation: That the Board award the Main Ave Sewer Main Replacement Project to the lowest responsible bidder, GCI Construction, Inc. for \$391,000.

There were no public comments on agenda items H.

General Manager Bebee provided a brief overview of this project reporting this was a project that was previously awarded to a previous contractor and then subsequently removed. He announced this item went through the E&O Committee.

MOTION: Director Endter moved to award the Main Avenue Sewer Main Replacement Project to the lowest responsible bidder, GCI Construction, Inc. for \$391,000; Director Wolk seconded. Motion carried; VOTE:

AYES: Directors DeMeo, Endter, McDougal, and Wolk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Director Baxter

I. CONSIDER AMENDED EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT AND JACK BEBEE (2024)

Recommendation: That the Amended Employment Agreement between Fallbrook and General Manager Jack Bebee be approved effective July 1, 2024.

There were no public comments on agenda items I.

General Counsel de Sousa read onto the record the notable changes described in the proposed Amended Employment Agreement for General Manager Bebee.

President DeMeo commended General Manager Bebee and explained this amended agreement was well deserved.

Director Wolk clarified the sick leave benefit for retirees was capped. General Manager confirmed this had been changed previously for new employees going forward.

MOTION: Director Endter moved approve the Amended Employment Agreement between Fallbrook and General Manager Jack Bebee, effective July 1, 2024; Director Wolk seconded. Motion carried; VOTE:

AYES: Directors DeMeo, Endter, McDougal, and Wolk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Director Baxter

IV. ORAL/WRITTEN REPORTS----- (ITEMS 1-7)

1. General Counsel
 - General Counsel de Sousa reported that the California Supreme Court did issue its opinion on a tax payer initiative put forward by the California Business Roundtable. She provided a brief overview of this initiative.
2. General Manager

- a. MWD/EMWD Update
- b. Engineering and Operations Report
- c. Federal Funding Update
 - General Manager Bebee reported page 79 of the packet included the MWD report from EMWD.
 - General Manager Bebee announced we would be assisting Camp Pendleton on their wastewater facilities, and that he would be out there, mostly on Tuesdays, for the next 6-8 weeks.
 - Jacqueline Howells provided a update on the federal funding efforts.
 - Director Endter asked how long the Main Avenue sewer replacement project.
 - Engineering Manager Cook responded that once the project starts it should be pretty quick.
3. Assistant General Manager/Chief Financial Officer
 - a. Financial Summary Report
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - c. Budget Status Report
 - d. Warrant List
 - AGM/CFO Shank reported we are now going through the year end process.
4. Public Information Officer
 - Public Information Officer Denke reported on the letter that was mailed out to customers alerting them of the change from SDCWA to EMWD.
5. Notice of Approval of Per Diem for Meetings Attended
6. Director Comments/Reports on Meetings Attended
7. Miscellaneous

V. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business to discuss, the June Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fallbrook Public Utility District was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.



President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Directors