



Johnsville Public Utility District
Board of Directors Meeting
September 4, 2021

1. The meeting was called to order by the chair David Piepho at 1:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Both directors were in attendance and there were no absences. A quorum was established.
2. There was a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021 meeting. Director LaTourrette made the motion to approve and the motion was seconded by Chair Piepho with the correction of the spelling of Graeagle in item 4.3.

The motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

AYES: 2

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

3. Public Comment.

None at this time.

4. Reports

4.1 Water Tank

The easement agreement between the State Park and Johnsville Public Utility District is finally complete after three years. This was an essential piece of the documents needed to start the Water Tank Replacement Project which now may start construction next year.

4.2. Engineering Report

Our engineer, Dan Bastian, is completing the paperwork to request exemption from the State Water Resources Board Order Imposing Water Right Curtailment and Reporting Requirements in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Watershed. The final request is due September 10, 2021 and we will monitor all notices about our status from the State Water Board.

4.3. California State Park Easement

Chair Piepho made a motion to accept the easement between the State Park and the Johnsville Public Utility District. The motion was seconded by Director LaTourrette. The motion passed unanimously with the following vote:

AYES: 2

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

The document was signed by the chair and will be returned to our engineer.

4.4 Forest Service Permit

The renewal of the Special Use Permit between the Johnsville Public Utility District and the United States Forest Service is currently in progress. Additional inspection and some maintenance may be required. The manager will meet with

Dan Bastian, our Engineer, to establish what needs to be completed to finalize the permit.

4.5 Election Results of Chair Piepho and Director LaTourrette.

Both gentlemen were reelected with no contest for a four- year term. Thank you for your continued service and dedication to the town and homeowners of Johnsville.

4.6. Resignation of Director Hattich

The letter of resignation from Director Hattich was accepted June 8, 2021. A special recognition of his service was discussed and will be pursued.

4.7. Appoint interim director

The board is required to appoint an interim director within 90 days after the resignation of a director.

The Chair, David Piepho, made a motion to appoint Don Fregulia to be the interim director. Director LaTourrette seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with the following vote.

AYES: 2

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

The Chair and Director thanked both Kim and Don for their willingness to serve the town. If they are still interested, the position will open again in the next election cycle and they may reapply.

4.8. Deposit to Plumas Bank account

An account has been set up with Plumas Bank by the County for the sole purpose of depositing money for the yearly loan payment by the Johnsville Public Utility District to the United States Department of Agriculture. This was a requirement of the USDA loan and the board is very grateful for the help and continued assistance and support from the County Treasurer and Auditor and its office. A warrant for an initial payment to this account was made and signed by the chair and directors.

4.9 General Manager's comments

The manager thanked everyone for their support in conserving water this summer. We have been successful in keeping the tanks full with that support. Also, the manager asked that if you have any questions or concerns about the water status, please ask a board member or the manager directly.

4.10 Director's Comments

The Chair, David Piepho, discussed the importance of water conservation and suggested that due to the porous nature of our soil, repeated watering of 20 minutes several times a day was more effective than watering for an hour or other extended period of time. Watering in the morning or evening would decrease the amount of evaporation. He also discussed how in past years the July 4th weekend has posed numerous water emergencies. He suggested developing a plan to conserve water at this time so that the tanks will remain full during the holiday weekend when traditionally the town has many occupants and visitors.

He has also contacted the Highway Patrol and asked if they would patrol the town of Johnsville on a regular basis and they agreed. The Chair also shared that many drivers use the wrong side of the road to enter the cemetery and that this is a dangerous for anyone on the street. Signage will be posted on the tree at the end of Church Street stating 'Keep Right' and this will hopefully solve the problem. The Chair said Mark Cruz with Plumas County Public Works has been very helpful. Also, homeowners who put signs and other items placed in the road to deter speeding could be responsible for any accident that results from those items.

4.11 Correspondence from State Water Resources Board Concerning Water Rights

The Johnsville Public Utility district is exempt from monitoring and reporting elements in our discharged water as required by Salt Control Program.

5. Action Items

5.1 A motion was passed unanimously to approve Resolution No. 22-4 between Johnsville Public Utility District and State of California Department of Parks and Recreation to Certify and Accept an Easement of Water Tanks, Watermain, Access and Appurtenances and complete Certificate of Acceptance. A motion was made by the Chair and seconded by Director LaTourrette to accept the Resolution 22-4 and complete Certificate of Acceptance. The motion passed unanimously with the following vote:

AYES: 2

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

5.2 No action was required at this time for curtailment paperwork.

6. Billing of lots not charged

The Chair, David Piepho, made the motion to add lots not currently charged to the tax rolls next summer.

Discussion included the board developing a policy to review and consider lots that would be exempt from charges for reasons including but not limited to lot size, location, and buildability. Homeowners who wish to apply should contact the board. It was suggested that a third payment tier be developed to provide for the lots in question. Director Fregulia seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with the following vote:

AYES: 3

NOES: 0

Absent: 0

7. There was some discussion on ways to identify leaks in town including contacting Mike Sims concerning a cost- free leak audit. The board will continue to pursue ways of finding any leaks in our water system. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50.

