

# **MINUTES**

#### 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

# 2. Roll Call

Trustees Present: Apland, Hackler, Hooker, Hunewill, Peterson, Showen, Souza

Trustees Absent: Hackler

Others Present: David Heft, General Manager; Deborah Battista, Admin. Asst. / Clerk of the Board; David Hobbs, District Legal Counsel; Scott Pope; Antonio Thomas; Bill Ottman.

#### 3. Public Comment

Non-agenda item(s) for discussion only, no action to be taken. The public may address any agenda item at the time it is open for Board discussion.

Mr. Ottman spoke to the Board regarding farming the south most part of the District's property. He also needs to put in an underground lateral line for irrigation.

#### 4. Consent Calendar

These matters include routine financial and administrative actions. All items on the Consent Calendar will be voted on as a single action without necessary discussion. If the public wishes to discuss an item on the Consent Calendar, please notify the Clerk of the Board prior to the beginning of the meeting or you may speak about the item during Public Comment Period.

- A. Consideration and approval of the Turlock MAD Board of Trustees meeting minutes for November 21, 2016.
- B. Review of balance sheet and income statement for October 2016.

Hooker motion: Approve all items on the Turlock Mosquito Abatement District Consent Calendar. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Apland. Unanimous.

# 5. Public Hearing

None

#### 6. Agenda Items

A. Consideration and approval of the payment of bills and wages for November 2016.

Discussion included name change for **Great West Retirement Services** to **Empower Retirement Services**.

Hooker motion: Ratify the payments of bills and wages for November 2016 in the amount of \$122,777.64. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Showen. Unanimous

B. Consideration and approval of Resolution 2016-10 establishing the Turlock Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustee meeting schedule for calendar year 2017.

Souza Motion: Approve Resolution 2016-10 establishing the Turlock Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustee meeting schedule for calendar year 2017. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Peterson.

President Apland called for the Roll Call vote: All Unanimous.

C. Election of officers for Turlock Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees to serve for calendar year 2017.

After discussion, the Board nominated and elected the following to serve as officers for 2017:

President: Hackler Vice-President: Showen Secretary: Hooker

Souza motion: Nominate and elect Aaron Hackler to serve as President, Kevin Showen to serve as Vice-President, and Rodman Hooker to serve as Secretary for 2017. 2nd: Hunewill. Unanimous

D. Consideration and approval of ad hoc Personnel Committee recommendations concerning employee negotiations.

After discussion, the Board voted on the following proposal for all employees:

4% COLA effective January 1, 2017

In future years, COLA to be determined by using the CPI-Index of the Western United States measuring the percent difference between the month of October of the current year and the month of October of the previous year.

If the measured CPI change is less than 3%, employees automatically receive this as a COLA without the need for negotiation. Any COLA greater than 3% would require approval by the Board.

Souza motion: Approve ad hoc Personnel Committee proposal "A" providing 4% COLA effective January 1, 2017. In future years, COLA adjustments calculated to be under 3% may be granted without Board negotiation; COLA adjustments above 3% must be approved by the Board. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Peterson. Votes: Apland, Aye. Hooker, Aye. Hunewill, Nay. Peterson, Aye. Showen, Aye. Souza, Aye.

## 7. Reports

# A. Review of General Manager's Report

GM Heft took the Board members on a tour of the District's new insectary which the Vector Biologist will be using to raise mosquitoes to be used for resistance testing and possibly field trials. In addition, the GM reviewed status of winter projects.

#### 8. Closed Session

# **Adjourn to Closed Session**

A. Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 [Conference with Real Property Negotiations]. Consideration and approval of lease agreement for Mr. Bill Ottman and Mr. Brian Mallord to farm almonds on approximately 2-acres of District property at 4412 N. Washington Rd.; Turlock, CA 95380 (APN 087-001-004).

The Board discussed possible lease options and terms in regards to Mr. Bill Ottman leasing 2-acres of District property located at 4412 N. Washington Rd.; Turlock, CA. In addition, the Board discussed the logistics of a requested easement by Mr. Ottman to install an irrigation line under Washington Road onto District property for drip irrigation purposes.

## **Return to Open Session**

The Board returned to open session and announced no action was taken in Closed Session. President Apland announced that no decision would be made until the Board had an opportunity to review the plans for the Irrigation Line Easement Project. GM Heft was instructed to have Mr. Ottman bring any plans/paperwork to the January board meeting for board review.

# 9. Adjournment

Souza motion: Adjournment of the Turlock Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees Meeting, date December 19, 2016. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Hooker. Unanimous.

There being no further business, President Apland adjourned the meeting at 8:14 pm.	
Lynn Apland, President	Kern Hunewill, Secretary