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Board Meeting Minutes October 07, 2024

1. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Joy Dunlevie – President
Geoff Dunlevie – CFO
Mark Meeler – Secretary
Michael Dunlevie – Director

Absent: N/A

Staff: Michele Donze/General Manager, Audrey Dean/Office Manager, Sergio Sandoval/Field Supervisor
Public: N/A

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Michele Donze at 10:06 AM at the Myoma Dunes Water Company office, located at 79-050 Avenue 42, Bermuda Dunes, CA 92203 via ZOOM.

2. COMMENTS FROM SHAREHOLDERS:

No public comment.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the previous board meeting held on June 10, 2024, were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by Geoff Dunlevie, and it was seconded by Michael Dunlevie. The motion was carried, and the minutes were approved without any amendments.

3. REVIEW, PROGRESS REPORT, AND APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH PROJECT PROPOSAL PER APPROVED RESOLUTION.

- RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03 Resolve to Retain Engineering firm for Chromium treatment plan Development – Review & approve proposal to proceed with project.
 - The Board reviewed a proposal from West Yost to update the Cr-6 Compliance Study Report, originally conducted and published in June 2016. West Yost, an engineering firm currently contracted with other local water agencies, submitted a project budget not to exceed \$315,479. The proposed evaluation will analyze updated water quality data from individual well sites, assess recent advancements in treatment technologies, and explore cost-effective, non-treatment alternatives—such as interconnections with neighboring systems—to identify the best approach for complying with the new Cr-6 regulation.



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- The Board expressed concerns about the inclusion of subconsultants (Corona Environmental and Confluence Engineering Group) in the proposal, questioning the need to compensate three engineering firms—West Yost, Corona Environmental, and Confluence Engineering Group—rather than just West Yost. They also challenged the proposed cost, arguing that since West Yost is already working with local agencies with similar water quality and geographic conditions, the additional effort should be minimal. Additionally, the Board noted that an engineering firm completed this work in 2016, and the current proposal primarily involves updating a few sections of the original plan. Feedback from other mutual water agencies reinforced concerns about the proposed pricing. Michele recommended pausing the project until the outcomes of pending lawsuits from the ACWA and the Community Water Systems Alliance Cr-6 Legal Coalition are known.
- Regarding the BDA (Bermuda Dunes Airport), they are seeking an entrance at the back of Hopewell near Ron Gregory's property. Keith (the new owner) mentioned Myoma's 60-foot easement and proposed discussing a lot along the backside for treatment facilities up to Well 11, contingent on providing access to the back of their property. Land is needed to install treatment containers. Geoff Dunlevie asked if we could determine treatment costs incurred by other agencies. For example, Coachella received a \$500,000 grant to test stannous chloride, though it's not considered a "Best Available Treatment" (BAT), and this treatment is known to cause pipe damage. Mark Meeler asked if we had consulted other firms through CalMutuals. Some mutuals have adopted point-of-use treatment for smaller systems, but this isn't viable for Myoma. The Board agreed that there are multiple options under consideration, but a decision is deferred until early next year, pending lawsuit results and regulatory updates.
- The state is emphasizing that if we pursue federal funding, we'll need to evaluate consolidation with a larger system as a potential solution.
- Motion from Michael Dunlevie to revisit this in 2025 (around March), seconded by Joy Dunlevie.
Vote: 4 in favor. Resolved: Motion carried.

4. REVIEW OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT STATUS AND CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET INCREASE REQUEST.

- The Board reviewed the progress report for the AMR Meter Replacement project, noting that 1,160 out of 2,605 meters have been replaced. They discussed the hydrant and valve exercising maintenance program, highlighting its success following the addition of new interns. The Board also evaluated current capital improvement projects. The Well 4 retention basin project is complete, eliminating discharge to BDA. The Tank Farm project awaits a proposal from Merlin for a discharge pipe to the Well 10 basin. Grading for the



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retention basin is 85% complete, per Mark Meeler's update. Michele suggested pursuing a conservation group grant to fund underground storage tanks for the basin. Remaining tasks include the Well 10 conversion and pump/motor replacement, upgrading the 25+ year-old oil-lubricated pump to a water-lubricated system, with rehabilitation planning set for November 2024. An estimate for the gooseneck pipe to the retention basin is pending. Once chromium treatment is ready, driveway access to the well sites will be finalized. No budget increase is needed currently, as increased revenue from reseeding this quarter and the Cr-6 treatment extension to next year should cover completing these projects for this fiscal year. The office generator has been ordered and is in the permitting stage, awaiting County approval.

5. ADJOURNMENT – SET NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned by Joy Dunlevie at 11:09 AM, seconded by Mark Meeler. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 16th, 2025.

Minutes submitted by: Audrey Dean Date: 4/1/2025
Print Name: Audrey Dean – Secretary to the Board

Approved by: Joy Dunlevie Date: 4/1/2025
Print Name: Joy Dunlevie - President

