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**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
June 2, 2018
10:00am**

Board of
Directors
Chairperson Frank Shepard
Vice Chairperson Dave Stone
Board Director Melinda Bennett
Board Director Steve Janovick
Board Director Dan Bastian

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Frank Shepard called to order the Special Board Meeting of Plumas Eureka Community Services District (“PECS D”) at 1002 hours.

2. Increased Fees and Assessments

Interim General Manager John Rowden gave a presentation outlining the operation existing water and sewer systems, as well as providing a summary of the needs of these systems over the next five years. He explained the Compliance Order regarding the water systems arsenic levels, and addressed the conditions of the sewer system

Lucas Tipton of Farr West Engineering, District Engineer, went over the rate study process and adjusted fee structures presented to the Board.

John Rowden then explained the Proposition 218 process, including requirements to notify the public, and the public’s right to protest the increased rates, in writing, by June 27th 2018.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the floor was opened up to community members to give comment or ask questions.

One community member was concerned about water rates for new construction, as it requires a 1” connection for fire suppression. The Board advised it would address the issue at a later date.

One community member encouraged all in attendance to write letters to the head of the EPA to ask for an exemption for the community. This community member also recommended meters, as they do not live in the community full time, and feel that part-time residents will bear an undue burden with the increased rate structure. Interim General Manager John Rowden advised that installing, maintaining, and reading meters would present the District with costs in addition to those associated with building the Arsenic Remediation plant. Mr. Rowden stressed that the District is not happy about raising rates, and the District has looked for a way around doing so for the past 10 years.

Other community members in attendance indicated that we need to consider future generations in our decision, and that they do not want to drink non-compliant water.

One community member commended the Board for their diligent and thorough research on the issue, and encouraged other community members to attend more Board Meetings to see for themselves.

4. Public/Board Comment Period

Nothing to Report.

5. Adjournment

Chairman Frank Shepard adjourned the Special Board Meeting at 1140 hours.

In Attendance:

Chairperson Frank Shepard
Vice Chairperson Dave Stone
Board Director Steve Janovick
Board Director Dan Bastian
Board Director Melinda Bennett.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jillian Cole
Board Clerk

