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**SPECIAL
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
January 26, 2017**

Board of
Directors
Chairperson Frank Shepard
Vice Chairperson Dave Stone
Director Rich Machado
Director Dan Bastian
Director Melinda Bennett

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Frank Shepard called to order the Special Board Meeting of Plumas Eureka Community Services District (“PECSD”) at 0902 hours.

2. Arsenic Remediation Project

a. Update on Arsenic Remediation Project (“ARP”)

Interim General Manager reported to the Board of Directors the ARP has had another setback, the Pilot Test has come back “inconclusive”. During the Pilot Test the field tests tested in compliance, the lab tests which came back after the Pilot Test was completed, tested out of compliance giving the Pilot Test a result of inconclusive. Mr. Rowden has sent the results to the California State Regional Quality Control Board (“State”) representatives Mike McNamara and Stephen Rooklidge, they were as baffled as everyone else.

Lucas Tipton with Farr West Engineering was in attendance and expressed his frustration with the Pilot Test results, Farr West plans on performing additional testing while working with their consultant Linkan Inc. to do lab bench testing, the State is in favor of this.

Board Director Melinda Bennett is concerned with the amount already paid out for a Pilot Test which came back inconclusive, “why would we pay additional money?” Mr. Tipton agreed these are valid concerns, Mr. Tipton and Linkan Inc. are discussing efforts to make good. Mr. Tipton is consulting LoPrest Water Treatment Company (“LoPrest”) to see if Linkan Inc. is at fault.

Mr. Rowden stated that either Linkan Inc.'s setup was incorrect or there is something in the water which was not obvious. Board Director Dan Bastian suggested having Farr West Engineering present an accurate plan and cost to determine what the problem was with the inconclusive Pilot Test for February 8, 2017 Regular Board Meeting, Mr. Tipton agreed this would be the correct route to go.

Interim General Manager John Rowden will present Mr. Rooklidge with an update.

Interim General Manager John Rowden reported to the Board he had a meeting with Plumas Eureka Estates Home Owners Association ("PEEHA") President Bill Grijalva regarding the alternative site on Evergreen Circle. Mr. Grijalva agreed to contact the property owners on both sides of the proposed lot. One (1) property owner was in agreement with the Arsenic Treatment Plant to be constructed and one (1) property owner opposed the construction.

Mr. Rowden noted with this new information and given the written correspondence from Plumas Pines Golf Course ("Golf Course") opposing the construction at Well #2, PECSD has only one alternative. Board Director Melinda Bennett questioned if this was the proposed alternative site by the golf course. Mr. Rowden confirmed, he has a meeting set up with the golf course's Co-Owner Tom Joyce next week.

Given the circumstances of the Pilot Test results and the next plan of action the remainder of Agenda Item No. 2 will be tabled until further notice.

3. Consideration Organization and Personnel Actions

- a. Interim General Manager John Rowden put together a Proposed Reorganization with a different career path for PECSD's professionals, giving the Board of Directors hiring flexibility. One (1) of the recommendations is to have a Systems Operator, eliminating both the Operations Manager and the Facilities Manager, this "flat organization" was discussed with the Personnel Committee.

The proposed pay scale gives incentive to PECSD employee Lew Prince to complete his Grade III Certification, giving PECSD two (2) qualified employees to run WWTP #7. Administrative Manager Heather Kotrc's duties are diverse anywhere from Clerk of the Board to Web Master, her skills deserve incentive as well.

Board Director Dan Bastian suggested deferment of Agenda Item #3 to digest the information, to come back and hold a closed session meeting. The Special Board Meeting will be held on February 1, 2017 at 1500 hours.

4. Public Comment Period

Board Director Dan Bastian asked Mr. Tipton if February 1, 2017 is enough time to present an update to the Board in regards to the Pilot Test issue. Mr. Tipton believes he could put something together for the Board by then. Clerk of the Board Heather Kotrc stated the Board could discuss this in open session prior to going into closed session, Chairperson Frank Shepard confirmed.

5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Chairperson Frank Shepard adjourned the Special Board meeting at 1029 hours.

In Attendance: Chairperson Frank Shepard
 Vice Chairperson Dave Stone
 Board Director Rich Machado
 Board Director Dan Bastian
 Board Director Melinda Bennett

Respectfully Submitted,

Signature on file

Heather J Kotrc
Clerk of the Board

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