

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LATHROP IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lathrop Irrigation District convened on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 4:09 p.m. at 1235 Academy Dr, Lathrop, California. The meeting was noticed as an optional online meeting for members of the public and staff.

Board of Directors Present:	Juan Vega, Ravi Kotecha, Michael Dell’Osso
Directors Absent:	None
Also Present:	Curtis Bryant, Erik Jones, Keri Richards (via Online), Brian Biering, Esq.- Ellison, Schneider, Harris, & Donlan (via phone)
Public Present:	None

There being a quorum present, the meeting was declared in order by Director Vega.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF August 24, 2022 Regular Board Meeting: Director Dell’Osso a made a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 24, 2022 Regular Board Meeting. Director Kotecha seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 2-0 vote, Director Vega abstained as he was absent from the meeting.

STAFF REPORTS:

- a. Mr. Bryant update the Board on the progress of the substation expansion, indicating that some of the final materials for the switchgear had not yet arrived but the cabling will be installed when all materials are in place.
- b. District Counsel provided an attorney-client legal opinion as to the dispute with Eaton and at this point it is up to Eaton to decide what their move will be.
- c. District Counsel provided a synopsis of his legal opinion memo regarding customer security deposits for different homeowner vs. renter applicants. Director Dell’Osso expressed concerns that customers are possible being allowed too much time before disconnection which poses financial risk to the District, leading to higher rates to recover the costs. There was discussion regarding the potential of raising the deposit to all customers whose credit rating indicated the need for a deposit.
- d. Mr. Bryant recommended that the District engage the services of a rate study professional to determine the appropriate rates the District should be charging in light of the volatility of the energy market. Mr. Bryant estimates that the rate study would cost between \$15k-\$20k. Director Vega agreed with the recommendation, citing that there was not adequate staff to perform a full-scale study and it would be good to have one done every three years.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-09 ATTESTATION APPROVING 2021 POWER SOURCE DISCLOSURE REPORT AND POWER CONTENT LABEL: The Power Content Report and Label are being revised to include the information from the WREGIS site and will be brought back for approval at the next Board meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-10 APPROVING DISTRICT 401k RETIREMENT POLICY: The Board reviewed the packet presented for the District retirement policy. Director Kotecha made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-10, Director Dell'Osso made a second to the motion. The motion was passed on a 3-0 vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-11 APPROVING 2023 RESOURCE ADEQUACY ALLOCATION AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF SANTA CLARA (dba SILICON VALLEY POWER): Director Kotecha made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-11 Approving 2023 Resource Adequacy allocation agreement with City of Santa Clara as presented. Director Dell'Osso made a second to the motion and the motion was passed on a 3-0 vote. Director Vega will sign the agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-12 APPROVING LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT WITH ROBERT W. JOHNSON, AN ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION FOR AUDIT SERVICES: Director Dell'Osso made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-12 Approving the Letter of Engagement with Robert W. Johnson, An Accounting Corporation for audit services for the FY 2021-22. Director Kotecha made a second to the motion and the motion was passed on a 3-0 vote.

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Bryant indicated that the District Engineer was out with health issues which prevent him from participation in most aspects of the District engineering. We are in the process of transitioning to our contract engineering firm, but things are complicated.

TREASURER'S REPORT: In Ms. Truscott's absence, Mr. Bryant presented the August, 2022 warrants for approval, as well as a report on the District's cash position. Director Kotecha made a motion to approve the warrants, Director Dell'Osso made a second to the Motion. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote. The Board reviewed the Cash Balance and Budget to Actual reports presented by Ms. Truscott as well.

OTHER BUSINESS: Next regular Board meeting is scheduled for November 23, 2022. Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the meeting is hereby cancelled and a Special Meeting set for November 16, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keri Richards

KERI RICHARDS,
Secretary