

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

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lathrop Irrigation District convened on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 4:02 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, Terry Truscott, Keri Richards (via Online), Brian Biering, Esq. (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 November 15, 2022 Special Board Meeting: Director Dell’Osso a made a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 15, 2022 Special Board Meeting. Director Kotecha seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

STAFF REPORTS:

- a. Mr. Bryant update the Board on the progress of the substation, currently seeking bids for the high voltage installation. The urgency for completion has slowed because the building of new homes has slowed, but the redundancy and reliability of service will be there.
- b. Mr. Bryant indicated that EATON is requesting final payment, however, there are failures on some of the equipment, so he is holding off on full payment until these issues are resolved.
- c. Mr. Bryant reviewed the status of obtaining a rate study for the District. He provided the Board with an analysis that indicates the District is selling the power for less than what the cost is due to extremely high volatility in the energy markets. Long term contracts are expensive at this time, and the open market is fluctuating so much the District needs to be able to set the rates to cover \$.1486 as an average and add \$.07 to cover costs. He stated that he is still seeking a firm to conduct a rate study, but the costs are outrageous. He has also asked Calpine to do a load study to help determine how to structure the additional costs.
- d. Staff updated the Board on the security notifications set up to be FERC compliant. Video is extremely expensive and hard to implement, but the remote access is being set up.

Mr. Bryant and Mr. Jones discussed a recent vehicle accident (no fault of the LID driver) which resulted in extensive damage to the service vehicle. Repairs will be 4-5 months out and the cost is not yet completely determined. Meanwhile the LID bucket truck is being used as a service vehicle which is expensive and puts wear and tear on a crucial piece of equipment. They have looked into purchase options for a replacement, anticipating that the final word from the insurance company will be to total the damaged service truck. They presented the options of purchasing for cash, leasing, or financing. The Board provided direction to the staff to proceed with the best available option.

(The Agenda item regarding power costs were covered in the discussion regarding the rate study in 4C above)

Ms. Richards advised that the 2021-22 Audit was on track, all documents requested by the auditors have been provided and they are currently reviewing all of the information.

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Jones advised that the new engineering firm is very thorough, we are having to work to keep expenses down as there are many things he wants to do that are not within the budget. The firm is working on getting systems in place that will make outage detection and restoration faster and easier. Staff reported that there was a PG&E "blip" the prior week but that the LID system reacted correctly to prevent any damage to the system.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ms. Truscott presented the November and December, 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: Mr. Bryant advised that he and Mr. Jones would like to join NWPPA, a group that includes small public utilities and provides support to members in the form of training and lobbying.

Next regular Board meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 pm on a motion made by Director Dell'Osso and a second by Director Kotecha, the motion with a passed 3-0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Keri Richards*

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Secretary