



**Johnsville Public Utility District  
Board of Directors  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Date: April 23, 2024    Time: 3:00 p.m.  
Teleconference: 775-843-6159  
Website: JohnsvillePud.org**

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by the chair, David Piepho. All directors and manager were in attendance.
2. Director John LaTourrette requested that new business be added to the agenda. Director Piepho made a motion to add the new business to the present agenda and the motion was seconded by Director Don Fregulia. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0, with the following roll call vote:

David Piepho	<u>Aye</u>	Nay
John LaTourrette	<u>Aye</u>	Nay
Don Fregulia	<u>Aye</u>	Nay
3. There was no public comment.
4. Director Reports
  - 4.1. Director LaTourrette gave several updates on the water tank replacement project. As new business he requested that the May 18, 2024 Johnsville Public Utility District Board of Director's meeting be a town hall meeting and that the meeting information be included in the upcoming newsletter. He also reviewed several important items concerning the tank replacement project:
    - Doorhangers should include information concerning limited water storage during demolition and installation of new tanks. Water conservation at those times is essential for fire suppression. The doorhangers could also include notices for missing contact information, dates and time for limited water use (domestic use only) due to construction and replacement of water tank, and possible water shutoffs and watering times.
    - Doorhangers could also list suggestions for watering landscape when conservation is needed to maintain level of water in our tanks.
    - Construction updates can be found at [www.johnsvillepud.org/thehome-front](http://www.johnsvillepud.org/thehome-front) and [www.JohnsvilePUD.org](http://www.JohnsvilePUD.org) .
    - Director LaTourrette reported that our engineer, Dan Bastian, reported that tank water elevation should only be allowed to drop about 6-7 feet with full water treatment plant production (70 gpm) to maintain 120,000 gallons for fire protection.
    - There should be a formal meeting with the Plumas Eureka State Park and the owners of the Iron Door restaurant in town.

Discussion included concerns about the amount of labor needed to notify homeowners of watering limitations and possible shutoffs. Dan Bastian, Dan West, our water operator, Tim

Quant, State Park Ranger, State Park Superintendent, and Stewart Engineering, our contractor, will be invited to the town hall meeting. During construction, a sandwich board will be posted at the entrance to town near the plant alerting homeowners to water conservation needs, water shortages, and possible shutoffs.

Chair Piepho will get a sample doorhanger to share at our next meeting and will call Plumas Eureka State Park and Iron Door restaurant and invite them to the May 18<sup>th</sup> town hall meeting at 100 pm at Saint John's church.

The project is set to begin in June and it could take several months before two tanks are operating. Water will be limited in June and July possibly and the board discussed ways to conserve and protect our supply and system.

Director Fregulia reported on the progress of setting up a current homeowner email and phone list. This list can also be used to send out alerts and notices to homeowners.

- 4.2 Melissa Sheets, manager, reported the board received two applications for water hook-ups (Will-Serve). Discussion included location of hook-up, water line size, and building plan size. This discussion will continue and the directors will list additional information needed at the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Chair Piepho will contact Steve Gross, our attorney, and Dan Bastian, our engineer, and report back to the board at the next meeting.

Also discussed was the possibility of replacing our AT&T land line with internet service, road damage, 700 forms, and administering Oath of office to Director Fregulia. These items will be on the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda.

- 4.3 The board reviewed and discussed Local Agency Formation Commission, (LAFCo), proposal. Discussion included small membership cost and giving support for Special Districts in LAFCo.
- 4.4 The board reviewed and discussed the Bird Study Proposal submitted by Paul Hardy, Wildlife Biologist. Time constraints, cost and project replacement of existing tanks were discussed.
- 4.5 The Chair, David Piepho will contact the Iron Door restaurant, Plumas Eureka State Park, LAFCo, Steve Gross, and the road department in May concerning our upcoming project.
- 4.6. Will serve applications were discussed under reports. Further information will be given at May 18<sup>th</sup> JPUD Board meeting.

5. Action items

- 5.1. The Chair asked that a motion be made to review and approve Resolution 24-11 requesting independent membership on the Local Agency Formation Commission of Plumas County (LAFCo).

Director Fregulia made the motion to adopt Resolution 24-11 and Director LaTourrette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0, with the following roll call vote:

David Piepho	<u>Aye</u>	Nay
John LaTourrette	<u>Aye</u>	Nay
Don Fregulia	<u>Aye</u>	Nay

- 5.2. Chair Piepho made the motion to accept Paul Hardy's proposed scope of work and cost estimates for nesting bird surveys, associated mapping, and reporting, and related services in support of the Johnsville Tank Improvement and Chlorination Project dated April 11, 2024. Director LaTourrette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0, with the following roll call vote:

David Piepho	<u>Aye</u>	Nay
John LaTourrette	<u>Aye</u>	Nay
Don Fregulia	<u>Aye</u>	Nay

6. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

