



**Johnsville Public Utility District
Board of Directors Special Zoom Meeting
Minutes**

December 6, 2021 12:00 PM Zoom

Website: johnsvillepud.org

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. by the Chair, David Piepho. All Directors were in attendance including manager, Melissa Sheets, and Dave Hartwell.
2. The agenda was adopted with no corrections or additions.
3. There was no public comment.
4. Reports
 - 4.1. Corrections to the Fiscal Year ending June30,2021 audit were; (1) page 13 Johnsville; (2) page 14 March not April; (3) page 15 change year to 2020.
 - 4.2. Director LaTourrette and Dave Hartwell met on December 2, 2021 with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) via Zoom. Five engineers from the department were also at the meeting. A DWR grant is now available for projects like our Tank Improvement and Liquid Chlorination Project that could cover 100% of costs incurred for the project after approval of the grant. Two hundred million dollars of General Fund monies have been appropriated as a result of California's 2021 drought. Applications are reviewed on a first come basis. Details are covered on pages 13-15 on Guidelines for the Small Community Drought Relief Program. Director LaTourrette will provide a list of questions covered at the meeting to be attached to the minutes.

Dave Hartwell reported that there are several items that need to be clarified including security and fencing, liquid chlorinator, and site roadwork and grading. Also, prices need to be updated.

If Johnsville Public Utility District (JPUD) puts in an application they get into the que and it would not affect current United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) process.

Chair Piepho commented that we currently are in the process of finalizing USDA Loan. If we can apply for the DWR grant without affecting our current efforts with USDA and the DWR Grant saves the district money, then we should apply for the grant at this time.

The group discussed what monies were covered by each loan or grant. Chair Piepho suggested that we apply and if it appears we will be approved, we clarify and compare the two options so we can better decide which will provide the best option for the town and homeowners.

Dave Hartwell commented that DWR Grant is not binding so we could go back to USDA if that is the best option.

Dave reviewed the application process of the DWR grant and commented that the sooner we apply the better chance we have.

Chair Piepho asked about costs of applying for DWR grant and it was discussed that any costs incurred by the application were ones that would be needed for both options and would not be wasted monies. Chair Piepho also discussed concern over any restrictions and binders that could be attached to the district. These items will be further examined and discussed when the board can compare the two options.

Dave Hartwell recommended that the board act quickly and ask our engineer, Dan Bastian, to start updating project costs. He also recommended a welded tank which also affects the total cost of project. He also suggested we break down costs already incurred to show in-kind contributions.

Chair Piepho suggested we use letter from State Water Control suggesting (requesting) we update to a liquid chlorinator.

5. Action items

5.1 Director LaTourrette made a motion to adopt and approve audit Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021 from Blomberg CPA. Director Fregulia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with the following vote:

AYES: 3

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

5.2

A motion was made to approve and adopt Resolution 22-5 Authorizing the Grant Application, Acceptance, And Execution for the Tank Improvement and Liquid Chlorination Project by Director Fregulia and seconded by Director LaTourrette. The motion was carried unanimously with the following vote:

AYES: 3

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

The Manager will print and sign Resolution 22-5 and send to the Chair for his signature.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50.

