

Keith Hadick, President (Division 3)
Randy Sharer, Vice President (Division 7)
Casey Conrad, Treasurer (Division 6)
Andrew Adam, Secretary (Division 2)
Gerald Mahoney, Director (Division 4)
Vacant, Director (Division 1)
Vacant, Director (Division 5)



SANTA MARIA VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – January 18, 2024

District Office
2255 S. Broadway, Ste. 8E
Santa Maria, California

CALL TO ORDER: With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL: Present were Directors Hadick, Mahoney, Adam, and Sharer. Also present were Keith Lemieux and Carol Thomas-Keefer (attending remotely).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Hadick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: On motion by Director Sharer, seconded by Director Mahoney, the agenda was approved as published. Motion carried: 4-0-0-3

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 6:40 PM

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL; (Government Code 54956.9)
Existing litigation: War Eagle v. SMVWCD

Report out of Closed Session: 6:59 PM. District counsel reported out of closed session that a government claim had been received from MSL, and

the board voted unanimously to reject the claim and instruct staff to notify MSL.

FINANCIAL ACTION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Financial Reports: It was motioned and seconded by Director Adam and Mahoney to receive and file report(s): motion carried 4-0-0-3

Finance Committee/Treasurer Report: No report

CONSENT CALENDAR: President Hadick noted that a correction should be made on the vote to receive and file the report from Horne to remove the reference to Director Conrad's abstention. It was motioned and seconded to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2023 Special Meeting and the December 21, 2023, Regular Meeting as corrected by Director Sharer and Adam: motion carried 4-0-0-3.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Call in number for public to hear Regular Board Meetings:** Ms. Thomas-Keefer suggested that the Board consider offering meeting access through electronic means such as Zoom-type meetings and audio/video ability through a monitor and camera. Staff was directed to further explore electronic options for board meetings and return with a recommendation.
- 2. Board Member Key access for Twitchell Dam and Reservoir:** The Board discussed key access for directors but noted that proper training and instruction should be required. Staff was directed to prepare a draft policy addressing training, accountability and safety for directors and staff to have access to the dam.
- 3. Long Reach Excavator:** This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- 4. Office Container for Dam:** This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- 5. Office of Vice President:** Director Sharer nominated Directory Mahoney to serve as Vice President, but Director Mahoney declined the

nomination. On motion by Director Adam and seconded by Director Mahoney, Director Sharer was elected to serve as Vice President. Motion carried 4-0-0-3.

6. Employee Handbook: This item was deferred to the next meeting.

7. Joint Funding Agreement: This item was deferred to the next meeting.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

Report on Operations at Twitchell Dam- no report.

Twitchell Operations Committee (TOC): President Hadick presented the report. Staff was directed to prepare a draft Request for Proposals for aerial surveying for consideration at a future meeting.

Personnel Committee: Ms. Thomas-Keefer reported that she had reviewed the draft Employee Handbook and had various comments and proposed edits. President Hadick requested that she provide her comments to the Personnel Committee members for review.

Report from Horne: The Board received a report. It was motioned and seconded by Director Sharer and Adam to receive and file reports(s): motion carried 4-0-0-3.

DIRECTOR AND STAFF REPORTS

Director Reports: President Hadick directed staff to add a General Manager's Report to the agendas.

District Counsel Report: Counsel Lemieux stated that he has revised his firm's outdated agreement with the District to reflect the new district counsel as well as current rates. This item will be presented for Board consideration next month.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved and seconded by Director Sharer and Mahoney to adjourn at 9:02 PM.

Minutes approved on _____

Keith Hadick, President

Submitted by Carol Thomas-Keefer