***TRANQUILLITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT***

*PO BOX 622*

*TRANQUILLITY, CA 93668*

**2021/2022 Minutes**

August 16, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Mike Pucheu at 5586 James Road, Tranquillity, CA 93668.

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL**

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| **Attendee Name** | **Title** | **Status** |
| Mike Pucheu | Board Chairman/Secretary | Present |
| Keith Eubanks | Board Member/Treasurer | Present |
| Jo Ann Minnite | Board Member | Present |
| Laurie Siliznoff | District Secretary | Present |
| Lakshmi Panchagnula | A.M. Engineering Consultants | Present |

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mike made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. There was a second by Keith, and the motion passed unanimously.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA** – None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – No comments

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Sewer rate study presentation** – Lakshmi from A.M. Engineering Consultants presented the sewer rate study. The results of the study indicated that the current sewer rates are unsustainable, and a rate increase is necessary. The recommended rate increase stays well within the affordability criteria set by funding agencies.A phone call to Alfonso was made to see what the next step would be. He indicated that if the rate study is adopted, we proceed with a public notice and a 45-day period then a vote and a public hearing following Proposition 218 guidelines. A motion was made by Mike to adopt the rate study. There was a second by Jo Ann and the motion passed unanimously. Keith would like to add a ballot in with the notice that goes in with the statements so that people can vote.

**Board member resignation** – Keith Eubanks resigned from his position on the TPUD Board as of the end of tonight’s meeting.

**Demolition of buildings at the farm** – No information.

**Solar Panels** – Nothing happening.

**Reserve Fund** – We can transfer funds from Fund 4000 to Fund 4650. A request must be emailed to [SACorrespondence@fresnocountyca.gov](mailto:SACorrespondence@fresnocountyca.gov) and they will review and respond by email.

**CV Salt Program** – Laurie asked if we need to implement any salinity source control measures since we are participating in the Prioritization and Optimization (PO) Study. Lakshmi advised that once the study is completed, salt control measures will need to be implemented based on the findings of the study.

**Accepting payments online** – We can set up a Stripes account with Streamline. They need a mobile phone number to secure the account along with our EIN# and bank account routing number. There is a 3.9% + $.30 charge per transaction which can be passed on to the customer. United security needs to add Laurie’s name onto the account for online access only. The board will consider moving ahead with this if there is no additional charge from United Security.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Nitrates – Kings River Water Coalition** – We will join the Kings River Water Quality Coalition or the Kings River Alliance as they offer compliance guidelines and protection.

**TREASURY REPORT**

Fresno Co. 4650 - $142,465.65, 4000 - $13,158.61

United Security - $9,118.87

July expenses - $11,830.83

July receipts - $11,289.30

**ADJOURNMENT**

Keith made a motion to adjourn the meeting 7:24 p.m. There was a second by Mike and the motion passed unanimously.