

TRANQUILLITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

*PO BOX 622
TRANQUILLITY, CA 93668*
2020/2021 Minutes

February 1, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Mike Pucheu at 5586 James Road, Tranquillity, CA 93668.

ROLL CALL

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
Johnnie Siliznoff	Public	Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA – Jo Ann made a motion for the 2021 board meeting schedule to be added and there was a second by Keith. The motion passed unanimously. There was also a motion made by Keith to add Resolution 2021-0001 regarding SB929 and website compliance. There was a second by Jo Ann and the motion unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No comments

OLD BUSINESS

Sewer Rate Study Proposals – The board had a phone call with Alfonso Manrique from A.M. Consulting Engineer's, and he said that he could start the study immediately and it would probably take 1-2 months. He did a study for Biola and they are now charging \$43/month. He would charge the District \$9,500 and bill the District monthly.

A second phone call was made to Thomas Pavletic from Municipal Financial Services. He estimated that the study would take approximately 90 hours and he will charge \$100/hr. He is hoping that he could do it in 40 hours and could start immediately. He is concerned about water meters and usage. The board asked Laurie to call Alfonso to ask him if he would need to measure water usage as well.

Prop 218 – No information on Prop 218

Underground Recharge Project – Discussion regarding underground recharge and options regarding water storage. Johnnie Siliznoff brought up the option of a conservation easement and the Board asked him to check into it for them.

Rental of Jim Stricklin's office – Jim Stricklin's office is full so it is no longer for rent.

Demolition of buildings at the farm – No information since last month.

WIIN Act repayment, comply with CEQA, start Validation Action – The District will make the first payment and if they change their mind, they can always pay the balance later. Laurie explained that the total balance due will change a little bit because of interest. By paying the balance off, the District will save on additional charges when Contract Water is used.

Solar Panels – No discussion regarding solar panels.

SB929 – Keith made a motion to pass Resolution 2021-0001 regarding website compliance. There was a second by Mike and the motion passed 2-1. Since Laurie does not have the time to form a website Jo Ann asked if Amy might be able to do it. Laurie will ask if she would be interested.

NEW BUSINESS

Water Rates on 35 Acres – Laurie explained that Butch Johnson Farms is paying \$65/acre foot across the board. When they use Contract Water, the District pays \$95/acre foot, in addition to extra charges for Restoration and Trinity PUD Charges.

2021 Meeting Schedule – There was a motion by Jo Ann to approve the 2021 meeting schedule. There was a second by Keith and the motion passed unanimously.

TREASURY REPORT

Fresno County main account - \$113,967.71, smaller account \$16,393.04

United Security - \$16393.04

ADJOURNMENT

Jo Ann made a motion to adjourn the meeting 7:30 p.m. There was a second by Keith and the motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is tentatively set for March 22, 2021.