

**Linden County Water District
Regular Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes
December 21, 2023**

Directors Present: President Lawrence Knapp, Director Myron Blanton, Director Elaine Reed and Director Douglas E. Smith

Board Secretary Barbara Kascht and General Manager John Villierme were also in attendance

Directors Absent: Vice President Steven M. Lagorio

Public Comment: None

Agenda Items:

1. NEW BUSINESS

a. Director Resignation / Replacement. It was announced that Steven Lagorio resigned from the Board. The Board discussed several potential candidates. Barbara Kascht will post a notice of the vacancy at least two weeks prior to the next meeting and include an insert in the February billing. She will also notify the County Registrar of Voters of the resignation. The LCWD Board will appoint an individual to serve the remainder of the term, which ends December 2024. Interested candidates will be interviewed at the February 15th meeting or a special meeting can be held. A new Vice President was not selected.

2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Capital Improvement Program. General Manager John Villierme advised that only two contractors, Josh Hurlles and D.A. Woods, showed up to the job walk for the Front & Ione Street Water Main Replacement Project. Both are expected to submit bids, which are due January 9th. The Board is concerned with the low turnout. Villierme suggested splitting up the project to at least get the bad sections replaced.

b. Sustainable Groundwater Management. Director Myron Blanton reported there was no Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority meeting this month. They have achieved compliance with the Department Water Resources' mandates.

c. OIT Replacement. General Manager John Villierme reported that he is very pleased so far with newly hired Brayden Fredricksen, who has been on the job less than a month. Villierme wants to move forward with certifications and a possible wage increase upon Fredricksen's six-month review.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Doug Smith moved to approve the consent calendar as follows:

- a. Minutes – October 19, 2023
- b. Warrant Listing
- c. Financial Reports
- d. Operations Reports
- e. Compliance Log
- f. Correspondence
- g. Water Usage Reports

seconded by Elaine Reed. AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1 Motion carried.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.