

**Linden County Water District  
Regular Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes  
November 17, 2022**

**Directors Present:** President Lawrence Knapp (via telephone), Vice President Steven M. Lagorio, 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:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Agenda Items:**

1. **Closed Session as Provided by the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54957 (b)(1) Public Employee Performance Evaluations: Operations Supervisor and Office Manager/Board Secretary.** Upon coming out of Closed Session, President Lawrence Knapp stated that the Board has discussed the performance evaluations for Operations Supervisor and Office Manager. Myron Blanton moved to accept both employee evaluations performed by General Manager John Villierme, seconded by Elaine Reed. **AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0** Motion carried. Myron Blanton moved to give Operations Supervisor Joe Chaves and Office Manager Barbara Kascht each a 5% raise, seconded by Elaine Reed. **AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0** Motion carried.

2. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Board Member Appointment.** Miscommunication caused President Lawrence Knapp's Declaration of Candidacy to not be filed with the Registrar of Voter's office. Being there was no opposition for his seat, Knapp volunteered to fill another term. Doug Smith moved to appoint Lawrence Knapp to a Director position in the Linden County Water District, seconded by Elaine Reed. **AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0** Motion carried.

3. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Sustainable Groundwater Management.** Director Myron Blanton reported on the November meeting, which mainly involved moving money around to cover some of the grant proposals for part of the \$230M made available by the Department of Water Resources (DWR). Under the ESJGWA, \$20M has been applied for in four different grants. It basically was an accounting maneuver on three different levels in order to cover the costs of these grant proposals, which do not directly affect LCWD's GSA. Additionally, Director Blanton advised that the DWR has a water tank program for small parcels whose wells have gone dry.

- b. County Funds.** General Manager John Villierme explained the history of the bond and that any remaining funds were to be used for water projects. Action on the Debt Service Fund balance remainder was tabled until the next meeting.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Doug Smith moved to approve the consent calendar as follows:

- a. Minutes – October 20, 2022
- b. Warrant Listing
- c. Financial Reports
- d. Operations Reports
- e. Compliance Log
- f. Correspondence
- g. Water Usage Reports

seconded by Myron Blanton. **AYES:** 5 **NOES:** 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0 **ABSENT:** 0 Motion carried.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.