

APPROVED

Arrowbear Park County Water District

Regular Meeting

May 18, 2017

6:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Arrowbear Park County Water District was held May 18, 2017 at the Water District office, 2365 Fir Drive, Arrowbear Lake, California.

Directors in attendance:

President Terisa Bonito
Vice President Pat Oberlies
Director Rick Weber
Director Mark Bunyea
Director Sheila Wymer

Directors who were absent:

Also present were the following:

General Manager Huff
Secretary Caroline Rimmer
Field Supervisor Paul Miller
Chief Isaiah Hall

Visitors who were present:

Orson Ellsworth	Rudy Reyla	John Smith
Seth Burt	Gloria Manges	Yasuko Moore
John Macatee	Tito Luv	Billie Hall
Patrick Moore	Peter Jorris	Les Golden
Larke Dockstader	Brandon Duran	L. Megert
Ouida Rendelman	Andrea Morey	Lea Lapre
Mike Vasquez	Randy Ballinger	Rick Mesa
Rick Robertson	Taylor Craig	Keith Ortiz
Grace McKean	Scott Hawthorne	Cheryl Martinez
Colleen Stebbing	Brian Seccombe	Jr. Acacia
Diana Hawthorne	Cody Johnstone	Isaac Barrette
Cameron Marston	Patricia Perry	Steve Peter
Nicholas Novelich	Nathan Dobbs	William Ladd
Ryan Dorsett	Garrett Martin	Jim Ozias
Brandon Hannay	Elizabeth Bornmann	
Lynette Eastwood	Lucy Seccombe-Johnstone	
Dennis Dockstader	The Errlinger Family	

Open Session

President Bonito called the meeting to order. Secretary Rimmer led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. President Bonito certified the posting of the agenda. Secretary Rimmer performed a roll call, all Directors were present.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Director Weber made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Second was by Director Wymer. After a brief discussion regarding the Expenses and Budget for the month of April, the Consent Agenda was approved. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Public Comments:

There was no public comment on any non-agenda items.

Adjournment of Open Meeting:

President Bonito adjourned the Open Meeting at 6:35 PM.

Closed Session

Closed session was held pursuant to Code 54956.9 Paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) for the purpose of consultation with District Legal Counsel regarding possible and/or anticipated litigation and/or significant exposure to litigation. One possible case.

There being no further business in the Closed Session, President Bonito adjourned the Closed Session at 8:25 PM.

Open Meeting

The Open Meeting re-convened at 8:38 PM.

President Bonito announced that no action was taken in the closed session.

Staff Reports:

- A) Supervisor Miller reported a total of 20 maintenance issues for the month of April. There were 8 customer requests to turn off/on water, 3 District initiated shut-offs, 1 District equipment repairs, 9 meters replaced, 2 meter reads/re-reads, 0 main repairs, 1 service line repairs, 4 customer inquiry requiring investigation, and 1 sewer issue/repair. There were also 9 new owners, 1 liens filed, 0 liens released, 62 shut-off notices, 10 non-payment shut offs, and 15 turn-ons after water shut off. Supervisor Miller reported that the Technicians were completing the pipeline project on Richmond.
- B) Chief Hall reported on the Fire Department calls for the month of April. There were a total of 9 calls, 9 were in-District and 0 were out-of-District.
- C) General Manager Huff reported that the Budget/Finance Committee Meeting would be held Wednesday, May 24, 2017, at 5:30 PM and that packets would go to the Board on May 19, 2017. General Manager Huff discussed the surplus equipment disposal bidding process.

President Bonito excused any individuals who were not required for the balance of the meeting.

Discussion / Action Items:

- A) Chief Hall
 - 1. There was a discussion and a motion to approve the disposal of the surplus Fire Department equipment that included the sale of the American LaFrance Engine via classified ad or auction and the return of the CalFire Brush Engine. Chief Hall added that the asking price for the American La France Engine was \$10,000 and that a volunteer fire department in Huntington Lake was obtaining the Brush Engine. Motion made by Director Wymer, seconded by Director Weber, and passed by unanimous vote.
- B) Board
 - 1. Director Wymer gave a brief description of how the Fire Department Resource Assessment & Scope of Services Ad Hoc Committee arrived at the decision to recommend to the Board of Directors of the Arrowbear Park County Water District that the community could benefit from the County providing full-time staffing at the Arrowbear Fire Station through annexation without additional taxes.

President Bonito then called on members of the Public to comment.

The comments are condensed in the following paragraphs:

- Lua Gregory: Supported keeping the Fire Department and like the independence from the County.
- Craig Carpenter: Questioned if the decision was what Arrowbear residents wanted.
- Nathan Dobbs: Thanked the community for the support and thanked the Board for hearing the concerns of the Public.
- Julie Pearson: Discussed how the members of the Ad Hoc Committee came to their decision.
- Peter Jorris: Stated that this meeting was the first he had heard of this and wanted the motion tabled until a community meeting could take place.
- Cameron Marston: Discussed personal sacrifices he's made to move to the mountain and participate with the Fire Department. Felt the County made promises they cannot keep.
- Patrick Moore: Questioned the Board's legal authority to make this decision. Inquired how he would obtain a copy of a Harm Impact Study, was against giving away powers to the County.
- Dennis Dockstader: Had no criticism of the current Fire Department, stated he counted on a disaster system locally.
- Seth Burt: Re-iterated the objective of the Ad Hoc Committee and believed Arrowbear Lake should see what the County had to offer, did not want the District to commit to annexation without further research, and encouraged the Public to come to community meetings.
- Ryan Dorsett: Appreciated the support he has received for over a year, discussed what the Fire Department did for the community, discussed the cost associated with full time coverage, asked about the repurposing of the KME Fire Engine recently purchased, discussed canvassing the community, asked Board to table decision for 1-2 years.
- Jim Pearson: Asked the community not to take the decision personally, that it was a business decision, felt the current Fire Department could not provide the same level of service as the County.
- Jim Ozias: Discussed his feelings regarding the current Fire Department, felt the County had no connection to the community, stated that the Board was being paid by the community and should address the community first, feels Board should table the decision and let the volunteers prove themselves.
- Patricia Perry: Commented on the size of the current roster, believes the Fire Department provides a service to the community, felt the Board was "throwing something away without even trying it."
- Grace McKean: Asked how many houses had burnt down and how many deaths had been in Arrowbear, stated that the current Board cannot decide what the community wants, and directed comments to Director Wymer regarding past history.

- Phil Worsman: Commented that he had been through this type process 3 times prior, stated that the process was a “long haul,” that the Board had no idea of what the process was going to be with L.A.F.C.O., believes there will be a tax increase and that the community should protest the annexation.
- Randy (no last name listed on comment card): Stated that he had been a past volunteer and discussed how Richard Wymer (former General Manager), felt about the County and feels the citizens have opposed the proposal and that the decision be tabled.
- #1 unidentified person: Stated that they did not appreciate a Closed Session before the regular Board meeting.
- #2 unidentified person: Felt the motion should be tabled.

At the conclusion of the Public comments, President Bonito thanked the community for their interest and input. There was a brief discussion by the Board regarding the issue. President Bonito discussed the option of having a “Town Hall” type meeting at some point in the future for the Public to voice their additional opinions and have questions answered. President Bonito made a motion to table both proceeding with annexation to the County and directing staff and Ad Hoc Committee members to meet with L.A.F.C.O. and the County, second by Director Wymer. Motion was tabled by the Board.


Announcements:

- A) The President announced the Budget/Finance Committee meeting for May 24, 2016 at 5:30 PM.
- B) The Board had no announcements.
- C) Staff had no announcements.


The next board meeting was to be June 15, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Adjournment of Open Meeting:

There being no further business, President Bonito adjourned the Regular Meeting at 10:01 PM.



 Terisa Bonito, President



 Caroline V. Rimmer, Secretary