

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKESIDE WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON September 7, 2021**

At the time and place provided by law for the holding of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lakeside Water District; to-wit at the meeting place of said Board at 10375 Vine Street, Lakeside, California, at 5:30 p.m. the Board duly convened, the following members present.

Directors:	(Arrived at 6:20 p.m.)	Frank Hilliker Pete Jenkins Steve Johnson Eileen Neumeister Steve Robak
Secretary:		Brett Sanders

- 1) Call to Order by Board President Robak
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge was led by Board President Robak
- 3) Approval of Agenda. General Manager Sanders requested that an item be added as 11A to inform the Board of a new revelation pertaining to a Board approval at the August 3, 2021 meeting. Motion by Director Johnson to accept the agenda as presented and revised to add item 11A.

Motion: Johnson	Second: Hilliker
Vote:	
Ayes	4 Hilliker, Neumeister, Johnson, Robak
Noes	0
Abstain	0
Absent	1 Jenkins

- 4) Opportunity for Public Comment Pertaining to Items Not on the Agenda (Items must meet the requirements of Government Code Section 54954.2).
- 5) Approve Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on August 3, 2021. Motion by Director Hilliker to approve the minutes as submitted.

Motion: Hilliker	Second: Neumeister
Vote:	
Ayes	4 Hilliker, Neumeister, Johnson, Robak
Noes	0
Abstain	0
Absent	1 Jenkins

- 6) Review July 2021 Treasurer’s Report to note and file for Annual Audit. Upon satisfactory review of the monthly report by the Board, the report was noted and filed for the annual audit.

7) Operations Report. Johnze

- 1) Sherman Reservoir Roof Replacement: Waiting for T-Mobile to complete their antenna re-installation so the fencing contractor can complete the front gate area.
- 2) District has hired three new employees; one new full time and two-part time field employees. Operations staffing level is now 100%.
- 3) Riverview Well Field tree cutting project is now complete.
- 4) District crews cut weeds at the Castle Court Drive property after notification by the Lakeside Fire Department. We need to keep a 50' buffer at the property line.
- 5) The District's truck mounted vacuum excavator assembly with filtration tanks is out of service because of excessive wear on the steel causing holes. Later agenda item is to propose purchasing of replacement equipment.
- 6) County Projects. Wintergardens Blvd. repaving by the County is complete the District works with the contractor to raise valve well caps. Also, district crews potholed a 8" main on Ashwood St. that will have to be lowered to accommodate a larger storm drain pipe.
- 7) 1 main breaks, 3 service leaks, and 1 fire hydrants hit

- 8) Consider Resolution 2021-10 for the Pass-Through Rate Adjustment to offset the wholesale rate increase from the San Diego County Water Authority and to declare the action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The General Manager provided an overview of the projected increase and the method the District used to calculate the District's pass through increase of \$0.22 per unit. Motion by Director Johnson to approve Resolution 2021-10 as presented.

Motion: Johnson

Second: Neumeister

Vote:	Ayes	4	Hilliker, Neumeister, Johnson, Robak
	Noes	0	
	Abstain	0	
	Absent	1	Jenkins

- 9) Approve Notice of Completion for the Sherman Reservoir Roof Removal Project for CST Inc. Motion by Director Hilliker to approve the Notice of Completion as submitted.

Motion: Hilliker

Second: Neumeister

Vote:	Ayes	4	Hilliker, Neumeister, Johnson, Robak
	Noes	0	
	Abstain	0	
	Absent	1	Jenkins

- 10) Consider Approval of Emergency Pump Repair or Replacement to Vine St. Well #5 in the amount of \$75,000. General Manager Sanders and Operations Superintendent Johnze provided a review of the past maintenance done and the timeline for the current damage and what is proposed to repair the pump and clean the well. Motion by Director Hilliker to approve the emergency repair work by Brax Process and Pump in the amount of \$75,000 as described.

Motion: Hilliker

Second: Neumeister

Vote:	Ayes	4	Hilliker, Neumeister, Johnson, Robak
	Noes	0	
	Abstain	0	
	Absent	1	Jenkins

- 11) Consider Purchase of Replacement VacMasters Vacuum Excavator Debris Tank System. General Manager Sanders and Operations Superintendent Johnze provided a summary of the conditions of the vacuum and filter system and the replacement options to consider. Motion by Director Hilliker to approve the purchase of the complete system replacement in the amount of \$29,000.

Motion: Hilliker

Second: Neumeister

Vote:	Ayes	4	Hilliker, Neumeister, Johnson, Robak
	Noes	0	
	Abstain	0	
	Absent	1	Jenkins

- 11A) Presentation by General Sanders providing information about the Board's August 2021 approval of a solar installation project at the Vine Street Administration Building and that the approved contractor Rooftop Solar has backed out of the project as of September 2, 2021. Because this project was a design build proposal without a security, the general manager recommended that a new request for proposals will be issued that will have a performance security required.

- 12) Approve Demands of the Treasurer for July 2021. Motion by Director Hilliker to approve the Demands of the Treasurer as submitted.

Motion: Hilliker

Second: Johnson

Vote:	Ayes	4	Hilliker, Neumeister, Johnson, Robak
	Noes	0	
	Abstain	0	
	Absent	1	Jenkins,

- 13) CWA Report. Financial Strategy Group continues and make progress for rate stabilization and future funding cost allocation strategies for bond rating reviews. Pointed out that most of the projected increases are because of Metropolitan increases. Approved an outreach service contracts for a two-year period to Katz & Associates and Southwest Strategies for \$480,000. Executed an agreement for cost sharing for design and environmental review of the potential Coachella Mid-Canal Storage Project, not to exceed \$305,000. Adopted support resolutions for President and Vice-President of the Association of California Water Agencies.

- 14) Director's Report and Ad Hoc Sub-Committees Reports. Director Robak summarized a meeting he attended for the California Special Districts Association and a presentation from Alex Tardy a meteorologist with the SD National Weather Service about the state of the climate and climate extremes. Pointed to record high temperatures throughout the western United States impacting rainfall and water storage levels and increased wild fires. Director Robak noted that poor forest management by the State has led to record fires and damages and could have been avoided by proper management as used to be case in the 50's, 60's and 70's.

- 15) Manager's Quarterly Report. The General Manager reported on:

- 1) Prevailing Wage Law: New Offsite Clarifications;
- 2) Water Supply Outlook: Water Shortage declared for the lower Colorado River basin.
- 3) Commercial Pallet Judgement: The District was awarded a small claims court judgement for allowable back rent due to the District.

Current Capital Outlays for fiscal year 2021/22 were updated including July 2021 water purchase in the amount of \$557,686 for 319.3 AF of water. Groundwater production of 36.8 AF or 11.5% of demand.

Articles Included:

Chlorine Shortage Spurs Unprecedented Requests for EPA Help
La Nina responsible for megadroughts in North and South America
Many California farmers have water cut off, but a lucky few are immune to drought rules.
Why Water Cuts are coming to Arizona, Nevada, and New Mexico.

- 16) Adjourn; There being no further business the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Attest:

Brett Sanders, Board Secretary
Lakeside Water District

Steve Robak
Board President