

LAMONT PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 6:00 P.M.

Meeting Location:
District Office
8624 Segrue Road
Lamont CA, 93241

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

- a. Board President Tim Prado called to order the regular board meeting at 6:01 pm on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at the office of the Lamont Public Utility District. All Directors were present. Staff present included General Manager/District Secretary Scott Taylor and District Counsel Doug Gosling.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by President Prado.

3. Board Member Announcements –

- a. President Prado requested an update on the IT position at the next board meeting.

4. Public Comment –

- a. Mr. Crisantos of Crisantos Auto Sales requested a credit on his bill for an extra sewer charge which he claims he did not have. Board gave staff direction and matter was resolved.

5. Staff Announcements – Information Only

a. General Manager –

- i. No will serve letters issued this month.
- ii. Advised Board on the disposal of the old backhoe that is more than 50 years old. Backhoe is no longer functional and cost prohibitive to repair.
- iii. Informed Board of formal receipt of \$25.3 million grant for Phase II well replacements and consolidation with El Adobe.

b. District Counsel –

- i. None to report.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Director Sanchez motioned for approval of consent calendar as presented. Seconded by Director Gonzalez. Approved 5-0.

7. Regular Agenda

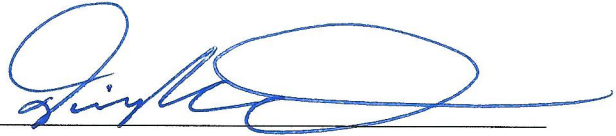
A. Authorized General Manager to Invest Funds in U.S. Treasury Bills.

- i. General Manager informed Board of desire to improve return on investments by investment funds in 26 week T-bills. Rate of return at 4.66% as opposed to .99% in LAIF.
- ii. Board made inquiries into length of time, safety and access if needed.

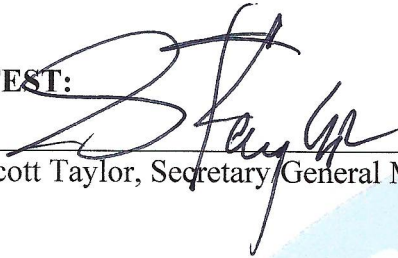
- iii. Information provided accordingly in that US backed funds are guaranteed with no loss of principle.
 - iv. Director Sanchez motioned to authorize General Manager to invest \$1.5 million in 26 week T-Bill. Seconded by Director Gonzalez. Motion approved 5-0.
- B. Information and Update on HWY 184 and Collison Street Water Main Extension.**
- i. General Manager provided an update to the status of the water main extension and looping connection at Hwy 184 and Collison St. Project is moving forward with preparations being made for bid and finalizing construction contract purposes.
 - ii. Board made inquiries as to timeline and potential completion date. Information provided accordingly.
 - iii. Director Sanchez motioned to authorize General Manager to submit CDBG application and signs all documents necessary to execute funding if awarded. Seconded by Director Gonzalez.
 - iv. Motion approved 4-0.
- C. Authorized General Manager to Execute Agreement with SiteLogic for New Solar Array Installation.**
- i. General Manager provided information to the Board relative to the potential need for additional solar to offset skyrocketing energy costs. SiteLogic Energy Company provided a in-depth presentation of the proposed project including costs and benefits of solar.
 - ii. Board made inquiries relative to the number of panels, power expected to generate and offset, and funding options. Information provided accordingly.
 - iii. Director Cruz motioned to authorize General Manager to negotiate and enter into agreement for solar array installation. Seconded by Vice President Alonso. Motion approved 5-0.
- D. Authorized General Manager to Purchase Leased TCP Treatment Systems from Calgon Carbon Inc.**
- i. General Manager provided information to the Board regarding the buyout of leased treatment systems at a cost savings of \$1.5 million. Buy out is \$243,000 and is fully reimbursable from State Water Board Grant funding. Systems are currently in use and fully functional. Lease term has expired and decision to remove or buy out was required.
 - ii. Board made inquiries relative to number of systems and life span of systems if purchased. Information provided accordingly.
 - iii. Director Sanchez motioned to authorize General Manager to execute purchase buy out of leased TCP treatment systems. Seconded by Director Cruz. Motion approved 5-0.
- E. Authorized General Manager to Retain Event Planner for Receipt of Grant Funding Event.**
- i. General Manager requested Board approve retaining an event planner for a press event to promote the receipt of the \$25.3 million grant from the State Water Board. General Manager estimated \$3000 for total costs of the event.
 - ii. Director Gonzalez motioned to authorize General Manager to retain event planner as requested. Seconded by Director Cruz. Approved 5-0.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Director Sanchez and seconded by Director Gonzalez to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lamont Public Utility District, held on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 7:50pm. Approved 5-0.

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Timoteo Prado Calderon, President

ATTEST: 
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Scott Taylor, Secretary/General Manager

