

LAMONT PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 6:00 P.M.

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

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

- a. Board President Miguel Sanchez called to order the regular board meeting at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at the office of the Lamont Public Utility District. All five board members were present. Staff present included General Manager/District Secretary Scott Taylor and District counsel Doug Gosling.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by President Sanchez.

3. Board Member Announcements –

- a. None.

4. Public Comment –

- a. Joe Gonzalez – School Unification Research Committee
 - i. Mr. Gonzalez presented information to the Board encouraging the approval of a resolution, currently on the agenda, to support the unification of several school districts to form the Lamont/Vineland Unified School District encompassing K-12.

5. Staff Announcements – Information Only

- a. GM Taylor provided information that no WSLs were issued during the past month.
- b. GM Taylor provided information on the construction progress of the administration building.
- c. GM Taylor reported the change out of carbon at Well #18 was completed with no issues.
- d. GM Taylor also announced the District Annual Audit for 2019 was complete and the result was zero findings. This is the second year in a row where zero findings exist. GM Taylor stated this is remarkable given where the District was 4 years ago.
- e. District Counsel Doug Gosling provided updates on SGMA GSP submittals by the KRGSA and surrounding basin.

6. Consent Agenda

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

7. Regular Agenda

A. Resolution to Support Formation of Lamont/Vineland School District Failed.

- i. General Manager provided information regarding the agenda item relative to adopting a resolution in support of the formation of the Lamont/Vineland Unified School District.
- ii. Jose Gonzalez, Committee for a unified school district provided additional information to the Board in support of the resolution.
- iii. District Counsel Doug Gosling provided information to the Board relative to the responsibilities of the LPUD and its formation to administer water and wastewater, not public education.
- iv. Directors had discussion and questions relative to the resolution and the need for LPUD to be involved in public education.
- v. Director Cruz motioned to not adopt the resolution. Motion seconded by Director Prado.
- vi. Roll call vote occurred: Director Cruz – Aye, Director Alonso – Aye, President Sanchez – Aye, and Director Gonzalez – No, Director Prado – No.
- vii. Motion Passes 3-2 to not issue resolution in support of unification of school districts.

B. Approved Change Order to Remove Fencing and Add Fencing Between Administration Building and District Shop.

- i. General Manager provided information regarding the desire to remove certain fencing and add fencing between the new administration building and the District shop. Savings to occur in the amount of \$361.
- ii. Discussion occurred amongst board members indicating the change order would improve public access to building.
- iii. Director Prado made a motion to authorize General Manager to execute change order as proposed. Motion seconded by Director Alonso. Motion passes 5-0.

C. Authorized General Manager to initiate process to sell certain land associated with abandoned well #14 located at approximately Hwy 184 and Man-O-War Street.

- i. General Manager provided information regarding the desire to sell unneeded land related to Well #14 which was previously abandoned.
- ii. Discussion occurred amongst board members relative to cost associated with maintaining the land and the inability of the District to utilize the land to the benefit of the District.
- iii. Director Prado made a motion to authorize General Manager to initiate the process to sell the land where Well #14 was previously located. Motion seconded by Director Gonzalez. Motion passes 5-0.

D. Awarded Bid for Well #5 and #13 Temporary TCP site Improvements to W.M. Lyles, Co.

- i. General Manager provided information regarding opening of bids and W.M. Lyles, Co being lowest bidder for the project. Initial estimated costs were \$675,000. W.M. Lyles bid was approximately \$503,000.
- ii. Discussion occurred among the board members. Board also inquired as to the bid process and timeline of the construction project.
- iii. Director Cruz made a motion to award temporary TCP project bid to W.M. Lyles, Co. Motion seconded by Director Prado. Motion passes 5-0.

E. Second Quarterly/Mid-Year Budget Review.

- i. General Manager provided information regarding status of the budget to date including revenues and expenditures.
- ii. Board members were informed that budget is on track with projections for mid-year analysis.
- iii. Board members made inquiries and provided positive feedback and comments.
- iv. Information only. No Board action taken.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Director Sanchez and seconded by Director Prado to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lamont Public Utility District, held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 7:03pm. Approved. 5-0.

ATTEST:

X Miguel Sanchez
Miguel Sanchez, President of the Board

X Scott Taylor
Scott Taylor, Secretary/General Manager

