

**MINUTES OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF PLEASANT GROVE**

June 21, 2023

5:00 pm

Please note one or more members of the Board may be joining the meeting electronically.

PRESENT:

Mark Bezzant	Chair
Brian Andrew	Vice-Chair – participated electronically
Marty Beaumont	Board Trustee
Paul Pierpont	Board Trustee

STAFF PRESENT:

Denise Roy	Finance Director
Kathy Kresser	Assistant Secretary

Excused: Trustees Frank Mills, Craig Veenker and Neal Winterton

The Board of Trustees of the Metropolitan Water District of Pleasant Grove held a meeting on June 21, 2023 in the Community Room 108 S 100 E, Pleasant Grove Utah at 5:00 pm.

Chair Mark Bezzant called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then noted that the meeting is being recorded and that no one from the public was in attendance for the public hearing items. He also noted that Trustee Andrew was participating electronically.

1. Public Hearing to consider for adoption a Resolution (2023-02MWD) adopting the Metropolitan Water District of Pleasant Grove final budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. **A copy of the proposed budget is available at the Records Office, 70 South 100 East.**

Chair Bezzant asked if there was any discussion on the final budget as presented. Trustee Beaumont commented that it was requested at the last meeting that the Olm Stead Power Lost line item be separated out to its own line, and this has been done. He thinks that everything is good from the last review. Trustee Andrew and Pierpont agreed with Trustee Beaumont.

Chair Bezzant called for a motion.

MOTION: Trustee Beaumont moved to adopt Resolution 2023-02 MWD adopting the Metropolitan Water District of Pleasant Grove final budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. Trustee Pierpont seconded the motion. Board Trustee Votes: Brian Andrew, Yes; Mark Bezzant, Yes; Marty Beaumont, Yes and Paul Pierpont, Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Fraud Risk Assessment discussion.

Director Roy noted that the Assessment is a requirement from the State Auditors Office and it needs to be done yearly. The assessment shows that the Board is at a very low risk with 375 points out of 395 points. Something that was done differently from last year is they did the elected officials statement of ethical behavior which brought up the score. The only thing that can be done differently is she could go back to school and become CPA, but she didn't see that happening. She noted that she has signed the statement and it will require that Chair Bezzant also sign it, she will then file it with the State Auditors office.

Trustee Beaumont asked what would happen if the risk level goes to a lower a number. Director Roy replied that nothing will happen they just want to make sure that there are control policies in place. Chair Bezzant commented that 375 is an excellent rating.

3. Discussion on purchase price of irrigation water shares.

Chair Bezzant remarked that this item was discussed at the last meeting but wanted it on the agenda for further discussion and possible motion.

Trustee Beaumont noted that when he was Public Works Director he established the amount that they are currently using to make offers to those that are interested in selling their shares to Metro Water District.. The concern that Trustee Winterton has is that other interested parties may interject themselves into the process of buying PGIC water shares and this is a legitimate concern that that could happen.

Trustee Winterton's feels that it would be in the Districts best interest to make a reasonable offer to those wanting to sell to try to get more water coming to PG Metro to encourage those who are just holding onto their shares and making sure the shares are getting back into Pleasant Grove City.

Trustee Beaumont said that he is fully supportive of increasing the amount to purchase water shares and if that is the direction that Trustee Winterton is suggesting to do then he would approve of it. The amount that they are currently offering is \$4,000 per share and that is below market. If the Board wants to bump that up from \$4,000 to \$6,000 a share there might be more interest from share holders to sell their shares to the District.

Director Roy commented that Trustee Winterton has talked to Tina Petersen, City Attorney, and she feels that the Water District can set the amount they want to purchase water shares and it can be separate from the City. Chair Bezzant noted that Trustee Winterton has suggested \$6,000, he felt that \$6,000 is a good number for those that want to sell their shares and can keep the water rights here in Pleasant Grove. He then felt that the Board could make a motion for approval if this is the amount they want to go with.

MOTION: Trustee Beaumont moved to increase the amount to purchase Pleasant Grove Irrigation Company shares from \$4,000 per share to \$6,000 per share and let Trustee Winterton establish the rate based on what the market value is, up to \$6,000. Trustee Pierpont seconded the motion. Board Trustee Votes: Brian Andrew, Yes; Mark Bezzant, Yes; Marty Beaumont, Yes and Paul Pierpont, Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Review and Accept the minutes of the May 17, 2023 meeting.

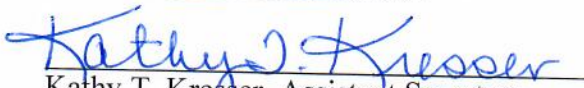
MOTION: Trustee Pierpont moved to accept the minutes of the May 17, 2023 meeting as presented. Trustee Andrew seconded the motion. Board Trustee Votes: Brian Andrew, Yes; Mark Bezzant, Yes; Marty Beaumont, Yes and Paul Pierpont, Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Adjourn

MOTION: Trustee Beaumont moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Andrew seconded the motion. Board Trustee Votes: Brian Andrew, Yes; Mark Bezzant, Yes; Marty Beaumont, Yes and Paul Pierpont, Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

The Metropolitan Water District Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2023 were approved by the Board on November 29, 2023


Kathy T. Kresser, Assistant Secretary

(Exhibits are in the City Records office)

