MINUTES OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF PLEASANT GROVE
November 29, 2023
4:30 p.m.

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

PRESENT:

Mark Bezzant	Chair
Marty Beaumont	Board Trustee
Frank Mills	Board Trustee
Paul Pierpont	Board Trustee
Neal Winterton	Board Trustee

STAFF PRESENT:

Denise Roy	Finance Director
Kathy Kresser	Assistant Secretary

Excused: Trustees Brian Andrew and Craig Veenker.

The Board of Trustees of the Metropolitan Water District of Pleasant Grove held a meeting on November 29, 2023 in the Community Room 108 S 100 E, Pleasant Grove Utah at 4:30 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. He then excused Board Trustees Brian Andrew and Craig Veenker.

Chair Bezzant noted that with deep regret he announced the retirement of Assistant Secretary Kathy Kresser and noted that they are grateful for her service.

Chair Bezzant also noted that the Pleasant Grove Irrigation Company is looking at alternatives to what they call the Gardner Ditch, which is the North Union Water that comes through Lindon out of Provo Canyon. Lindon City is going to try and put their water through the canal ditches, and they will repair them. The Gardner Ditch has serious problems and they have this coming year to deal with the irrigation. Lindon wants the Pleasant Grove Irrigation Company to pay $400,000 to drop the water out of the canal into their pond that PGIC takes water out of. Juan Garrido with Lindon Public Works is going to come to the next PGIC meeting and speak with them and give them more specifics.

Chair Bezzant then indicated that PGIC owns a number of shares in North Union, he has expressed concerns regarding how they have been conducting things in terms of bylaws and article of incorporation. People that are on the Board are required to have so many shares of water and they have not been meeting that requirement. He noted that he brought it to the attention of the Vice Chairman of North Union and they did nothing to resolve the issue. He also brought the issue up again at the last Board Meeting and it is still unresolved.

1. Review and approve Quarter 4 of the Metropolitan Water District Financials.

Finance Director Denise Roy reported that she has given the Board the details of the financials. She pointed out that the interest rates have been pretty good. She also pointed out the amount of Cash-in-lieu. She also noted that the City has made a contribution to Metro in the amount of $250,000 to help off-set assessments. She remarked that the detail shown is for FY2023.

Director Roy explained that the auditors are in the process of finishing up last year's audit and should financial statements ready by Friday and as soon as she gets the report she will email it out to the Board, then when they meet again they can discuss the report.

Chair Bezzant had a question regarding the financials with raising the price of irrigation shares, is this reflected in the financial statement since they went from $4,000 to $6,000 per share. Director Roy remarked that she didn't think that there have been any shares purchased. The last purchase that she remembers was made in March. Trustee Winterton remarked that there have been a few purchased in the new year budget. Director Roy commented that she would look into this and if there has been a purchase, she would send the information to the Board.

Next Chair Bezzant asked about cash-in-lieu and if the amount of that has been raised. Trustee Winterton replied that when the cash-in-lieu was created it was already heavily inflated to favor turning in shares, so they haven't made any adjustments to that. Trustee Winterton noted that this is something that the Board can take a look if the Board would like to.

Trustee Pierpont asked about the Olmstead power loss line item, it always shows unexpected. Director Roy noted that this report is from the end of June, old year. She noted that she would look at this for FY2024 and send out the current information.

Chair Bezzant asked if there were any further comments or questions, being none, he called for a motion on the Q4 financials.

MOTION: Trustee Mills moved to accept the Quart 4 financials of the Metropolitan Water District Board. Trustee Beaumont seconded the motion: Board Trustee Votes: Mark Bezzant, Yes; Marty Beaumont, Yes, Frank Mills, Yes; Paul Pierpont, Yes and Neal Winterton, Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Review and Accept the minutes of the June 21, 2023 meeting.

Chair Bezzant asked if there were any corrections or discussion on the minutes.

Trustee Beaumont noted that Trustee Winterton was not at the last meeting where the Board gave approval to move the payment for water shares from $4,000 up to $6,000 per share and he wondered if the Board is offering more than $4,000 per share. Trustee Winterton explained that what they did was authorize the Chair of the Metro Water Board to negotiate the price and instructed Ria Hannah to say that the Board would pay up to the $6,000.

MOTION: Trustee Mills moved to accept the minutes of the June 21, 2023 meeting. Trustee Pierpont seconded the motion. Board Trustee Votes: Mark Bezzant, Yes; Marty Beaumont, Yes, Frank Mills, Yes; and Paul Pierpont, Yes. The motion caried. Trustee Winterton abstained from the motion because he was not present at the meeting.

3. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary for 2024/2025

Chair Bezzant asked for nominations for Chair.

MOTION: Trustee Mills moved to retain Mark Bezzant as the Chair of the Metropolitan Water District Board. He noted that the important thing about retaining Trustee Bezzant is that they need a connection between the irrigation companies he is involved in. Trustee Winterton seconded the motion. Board Trustee Votes: Mark Bezzant, Yes; Marty Beaumont, Yes, Frank Mills, Yes; Paul Pierpont, Yes and Neal Winterton, Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Bezzant asked for a nomination for Vice-Chair.

MOTION: Trustee Beaumont moved to retain Brian Andrew as Vice-Chair if he is willing to. Trustee Pierpont seconded the motion. Board Trustee Votes: Mark Bezzant, Yes; Marty Beaumont, Yes, Frank Mills, Yes; Paul Pierpont, Yes and Neal Winterton, Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Bezzant noted that Trustee Mills has been acting as the Secretary with Kathy Kresser as the Assistant Secretary. He asked for a nomination for Secretary.

MOTION: Trustee Winterton moved to retain Frank Mills as Secretary. Trustee Mills noted that he has some health issues which he may not be able to attend all the meetings. Chair Bezzant noted that Trustee Mills has great institutional knowledge regarding the City and the Board. Trustee Beaumont seconded the motion. Board Trustee Votes: Mark Bezzant, Yes; Marty Beaumont, Yes, Frank Mills, Yes; Paul Pierpont, Yes and Neal Winterton, Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

The Metropolitan Water District Meeting Minutes of <u>November 29, 2023 were</u> approved by the Board on June 26, 2024.

Wendy Thorpe

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Assistant Secretary

(Exhibits are in the City Recorders office)