

IRISH BEACH WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
REX DUNNING FIREHOUSE, 15401 FOREST VIEW ROAD, MANCHESTER, CA 95459
Sunday, December 17, 2023, 10:00 A.M. (ZOOM AND IN-PERSON)

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: President Israel called the special meeting of the Irish Beach Water District Board Meeting to order at 10:02am. Roll call of Directors in attendance: President Israel, Director Ottoboni, and Director Hackett attended in person. Director Hohos attended via Zoom. One Director position was vacant at the time of the special meeting. General Manager Acker and Staff Assistant Forbes attended via Zoom.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. DISCUSSION AND OR ACTION: BOARD CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 BUDGET AND INCREASE IN WATER USAGE RATE.

Action: Director Ottoboni reviewed the proposed amendment to the FY 2023-23 budget and expressed concerns with increasing water usage charges to address a portion of the funding gap. He recommended that the Board maintain the split between water usage and availability charges to fund operating expenses and address the full extent of the gap between projected income and expenses rather than enacting an increase in water usage charges that will be insufficient to resolve the shortfall. After a lengthy discussion detailing the flaws in Resolution 2024-1 and options for resolving the problems, President Israel made a motion to rescind Resolution 2024-1 adopting the FY 2023 – 2024 Operating Budget for Water that was approved at the November 11, 2023 Board meeting. Director Ottoboni seconded the motion. After a roll-call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Further discussion of the FY 2023 – 2024 budget was postponed until the next meeting.

B. DISCUSSION AND OR ACTION: SELECTION OF NEW MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Action: President Israel reported that the District received a letter of interest from Mel Kimsey in response to the solicitation for a member of the Board of Directors. She indicated that no other letters were received and made a motion to appoint Mel to the Director position for the term December 2023 through December 2025. Director Hackett seconded the motion. After a roll-call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Director Hackett indicated that she would coordinate with Mel to complete the oath of office in advance of the next Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. DISCUSSION AND OR ACTION: BOARD CONSIDERATION OF POSTPONING SELECTION OF THE DISTRICT TREASURER UNTIL THE JANUARY MEETING IN CONJUNCTION WITH ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Action: The Board reviewed the action directed at the February 11, 2023 meeting, when the Board voted to move the functions of the Treasurer as delineated in IBWD policy 4040.40 back to an elected member of the Board of Directors by the end of calendar year 2023, and to authorize contracting for financial consultant services for up to two years of support to the newly elected Treasurer. Director Hackett Director made a motion to postpone the election of a Director to the position of District Treasurer until the January meeting in conjunction with elections for all Board officers. President Israel seconded the motion. After a roll-call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by President Israel, with a second from Director Hackett to adjourn the special meeting at 10:40am. After a roll-call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

 /s/ Susan Israel

President

Date: January 13, 2024

Attest as Presented:

 /s/ Heather Hackett

Secretary of the Board

Date: January 13, 2024