
Southwest Regional Water District
923rd Meeting Minutes

The 923rd meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Southwest Regional Water District was held on January 26, 2021, beginning at 7:00 p.m. and called to order by Robert L. Copeland, Jr., Board President.

This meeting was held as a virtual meeting with the following advertisement:

Public Notice for Hamilton and Middletown Journals

The Board of Trustees of Southwest Regional Water District will conduct its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. This will be a virtual meeting. The public may view the meeting by accessing the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/SWRWD-JANUARY-MEETING>.

Public comments will not be received during the meeting. To provide a written comment in advance of the meeting, please email vances@swwater.org, or access the District's website at www.swwater.org and click on the Contact Us button at the bottom of the page. Please provide your name and address with your comment.

Trustees in remote attendance were Rob Brehm, Robert L. Copeland, Jr., Chad Chenoweth, Doug Drake, Michael Egbert, Nicholas Gronas, Randy Rolke and Robert Schmidt.

Also, in remote attendance were Sue Vance, General Manager; Phil Sackenheim, Deputy General Manager; Kenny Hoffman, Business and Finance Manager; Sherry Geurin, HR Coordinator and, Roger Gates, Board Counsel.

Michael Egbert moved to approve the 922nd Meeting Minutes as submitted. Doug Drake seconded. Motion passed.

Under public input, Kenny Hoffman informed the Board that a Customer Satisfaction Survey was sent out to 570 customers, with roughly 25% returned.

Other ongoing projects include: Corrosion Control Study, the District's Master Plan, conversion of billing software, new website, Water System Sanitary survey, new development in Ross Township, Union negotiations and health insurance review.

Kennedy Tank, the contractor working on the North Treatment Plant Caustic Tanks, submitted Change Order #1 in the amount of \$9,108.00 increase. Nicholas Gronas moved to approve the change order. Michael Egbert seconded. Motion passed.

November financial statements and December Preliminary financial statements were discussed. Michael Egbert moved to accept the November statements as presented and defer December as preliminary. Randy Rolke seconded. Motion passed.

The Trustee Candidate Form has been assigned to the Policy Committee for review.

Health Care renewal was discussed. The motion is to adopt dual plans through Anthem, an HSA high deductible plan and an FSA copay plan. The dual option will allow employees to choose the plan most suitable to their needs. The HSA will be funded by the District at \$1,750/single and \$3,500/multiples; the FSA will be funded by the District at \$250/single and \$500/multiples. Dental Care Plus had an increase of 4% and Avesis (vision) had an increase of 5%. Chad Chenoweth moved to approve the dual plans as recommended, contributions to HSA and FSA, renewal with Dental Care Plus and Avesis and authorize the General Manager to sign the necessary documents on behalf of the District. Michael Egbert seconded. Motion passed.

Doug Drake moved to adjourn to Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a District employee. Randy Rolke seconded. Roll call: Rob Brehm, yea; Chad Chenoweth, yea; Doug Drake, yea; Michael Egbert, yea; Nicholas Gronas, yea; Randy Rolke, yea; and, Robert Schmidt, yea.

Michael Egbert moved to return to Regular Session. Doug Drake seconded. Motion passed.

Michael Egbert moved to authorize the General Manager to execute and MOU with IUOE Local 20, and to implement the Union Stewards request, to enable John Winterrod the use of accrued sick time to take care of a family member. Robert Schmidt seconded. Motion passed.

Randy Rolke moved to appoint the General Manager, and up to three employees of her choice, as Tellers of incoming Ballots. Michael Egbert seconded. Motion passed.

Rob Brehm moved to accept the Nominating Committee report and recommendation as presented. Nicholas Gronas seconded. Motion passed.

Robert Schmidt moved to approve Candidate Bio's for the Ballot. Michael Egbert seconded. Motion passed.

Resolution #1530-2021 was submitted to the Board for approval. The resolution provides for the cancellation of services that have not paid their water bills and/or assessments. Michael Egbert moved to approve the resolution. Robert Schmidt seconded. Motion passed.

The consensus of the Board is to defer filling the vacancy, left by Trustee Leonard Gaston, until the upcoming election for Trustees.

Chad Chenoweth moved to adjourn. Randy Rolke seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chad Chenoweth, Secretary
Board of Trustees