

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CRESTLINE
VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT**

July 18, 2023

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE: President Cory Hubbell called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Crestline Village Water District to order at 3:03 pm, on Tuesday, July 18, 2023.

ROLL CALL: Present were President Cory Hubbell, Vice President William Barrera, Directors Steve Farrell, Leslie Brister and Kenneth Stone.

Staff members present were Attorney Ronald Van Blarcom, Office Manager Josselyn Quine, Operations Manager David Sale and General Manager Thomas Weddle.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The Board reviewed the minutes of the June 2023 Regular Board Meeting. On a motion by Director Stone and a second by Director Brister, the minutes for the June 18, 2023, meeting were approved with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Barrera, Farrell, Brister, Hubbell, and Stone.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

The Board reviewed and discussed the cash disbursements for the month of June 2023. A few questions came up regarding this months' disbursements. Director Stone inquired about the payment to ACWA JPIA for \$30,053.19. The District is billed monthly for insurance premiums for all current and eligible retired employees. The District will cover up to \$1,623 of employees' premiums. Director Brister asked about High Tide Technologies which is a telemetry system to replace McCrometer, Inc. Manager Sale found High Tide Technologies to be more responsive in alerting staff of problems within our infrastructure. Aside from the initial cost of equipment, \$49,282.40, the monthly cost is comparable to McCrometer, Inc. Manager Weddle and Manager Sale decided to make this change because of the alert systems. High Tide Technologies is much more responsive with their alerts and customer service.

On a motion by Director Stone and a second by Director Farrell, the cash disbursements for the month of June 2023, were approved with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Barrera, Farrell, Brister, Hubbell, and Stone.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

CONSIDER ATTENDANCE AT THE 17TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER CONFERENCE.

Director Farrell showed interest in attending the Southern California Water Conference. The Board reviewed and discussed the conference and approved attendance with the with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Barrera, Brister, Farrell, Hubbell, and Stone.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None.

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF AQUATRAX:

In June of 2023, Amit Sharma attended a Board Meeting giving a demonstration to the District. After his presentation, the Board discussed the possibility of implementation. AquaTrax offers the following abilities: Water Loss Analytics, Water Conservation Analytics and reports, Water Audit, Water Regulation Standard, and Water Supply, volume from own source. All information displayed within AquaTrax is provided by AclaraOne. Within the District there are supply lines that are not metered, meaning AclaraOne does not have the consumption information. In order to get meters at each of the supply lines, the District will first need to purchase and install these meters, which will be costly. The District has not looked into this cost. With the recommendation from the Board, the District will not be moving forward with this implementation until there is a better understanding of reporting options from AclaraOne. The Board would also like to see contract details including what the early-out clause would entail.

On a motion by Director Hubbell and a second by Director Brister, the Board has decided not to move forward with the implementation of AquaTrax with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Barrera, Brister, Farrell, Hubbell, and Stone.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Update on District Projects:

Manager Dave Sale reported that the District had spoken to FirstNet emergency communication network. He informed the Board that we have agreed to demo the system to see if the coverage would be sufficient for the District.

It was reported that half of the tanks we cleaned and inspected. Only Saxon had issues. It was discovered that the Saxon tank would need the roof replaced.

Ferguson Water Works has struggled to get water registers to us for the past six months. Because of this, we have increased our order from 60 to 100 registers to restock.

Brookside Well has been placed offline due to a meter gasket failure. The pumphouse will require all drywall to be replaced.

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2. Monthly Financial and Investment Reports:

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3. Monthly Water Production Reports:

The water reports reflect less consumption from the same month in 2020, as well as less water was purchased from Crestline-Lake Arrowhead Water Agency compared to the same month the prior year.

4. Sanitation Excess Water:

Manager Weddle reported that he had spoken to General Manager of Crestline Sanitation District, Ron Scriven regarding the details of their excess water. Crestline Sanitation is looking to enter a deal that will allow them to spread their water out along 800 acres in an area just east of the HWY 138/173 interchange. The group looking to make this deal is an investment group. They are looking to have a sustainable source of water for the foreseeable future. After speaking to Ron, this agreement would not entitle them to any amount of water in any given year. This deal would only allow them to spread out the excess water that Sanitation deemed necessary to send down the hill. Ron informed me that they were still working through things and that he will allow the District to review the document prior to it being approved.

5. Weather Station:

It was reported that the District Weather Station now has a subscription. This subscription allows for the user to have access to historical data and surrounding weather station's data. Unfortunately, it has no way of linking this data to the website without first gathering the data and uploading it as PDF. For now, it appears that using the old Weatherlink app requires for the General Managers computer to always be powered on. When power is lost, WeatherLink needs to be reopened in the startup menu.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

The Directors had nothing to report.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board entered into executive session at 4:52 pm to discuss the following item:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)

Name of case: Allstate Northbrook Indemnity Company v. Crestline Village Water District (San Bernardino County Superior Court, Case No. CIV SB 2302452)

FINAL

Executive Session ended and regular session resumed at 4:53 pm. There was not a reportable Board action taken.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15, 2023. This meeting will be held in person at the District office.