

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
NORTH YUBA WATER DISTRICT  
Held at the District Office and Zoom  
8691 LaPorte Road, Brownsville  
Thursday, July 25, 2024**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

President Furnee called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM, at the District Office in Brownsville, CA.

<i>NAME</i>	<i>PRESENT</i>	<i>ABSENT</i>	<i>VISITORS INCLUDING:</i>
<i>PRESIDENT</i>	Marieke Furnee		Kawanza Vinje, Aaron,
<i>VICE PRESIDENT</i>	Ann Plumb		Donna Corson
<i>DIRECTORS:</i>	Gloria Bozza		
	Steven Ronneberg		
	Mike Mayo	Via Video	
<i>GENERAL MANGER</i>	Leona Harris		
<i>ATTORNEY</i>	Paul Boylan		

President Furnee made a motion to invite Director Mike Mayo to the meeting via video. Director Ronneberg seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Director Ronneberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDIZED ITEMS:**

The public has the opportunity to address the District Board of Directors about matters not on the agenda. Public comment is limited to no more than four (4) minutes per person, twenty (20) minutes total for all speakers. **NOTE: ALL PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS WILL BE MUTED UPON ENTRY INTO THE MEETING AND WILL ONLY BE UNMUTED TO ALLOW THEIR COMMENT. TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT BY TELECONFERENCE PRESS \*9.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments from Members of the Public included thoughts for the Park Fire victims.

**D. OPPRTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT – Topics on the Agenda**

Members of the public may address the Board concerning any item on the agenda. No other comments will be allowed. Any member of the public wishing to make comment shall identify the agenda item they intend to address, and they will be provided an opportunity to make comment on that item only. Public comment is limited to no more than two (4) minutes per person, twenty (20) minutes total for all speakers. **NOTE: ALL PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS WILL BE MUTED UPON ENTRY INTO THE MEETING AND WILL ONLY BE UNMUTED TO ALLOW THEIR COMMENT. TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT BY TELECONFERENCE PRESS \*9.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Left for closed session at 5:39 P.M.

**E. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated litigation (2 cases) - pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (d) (2):**

The Board will meet in closed session to discuss two anticipated/potential legal actions.

**F. Conference with legal Counsel - Anticipated litigation (1 case]- pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (d) (2) and (e) (3):**

1. Letter from Peter Jansen, representing Charles Sharp, threatening to sue the District.

**G. Conference with legal Counsel - existing litigation (3 Cases] - pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (d) (1):**

1. In the Matter of North Yuba Water District; FPPC No. 20/917
2. South Feather Water & Power Agency v. North Yuba Water District, Sutter County Superior Court Case No. CVCS21 0002073
3. North Yuba Water District v North Yuba Water District No. CVCS2 I -0001857

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to open session at 6: 28 PM.

**H. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS:**

Met with counsel and gave instructions.

**I. CONSENT ITEMS:**

1. Approval of Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of June 28, 2024
2. Approval of Payroll for the Month of June 2024: \$46,302.71
3. Approval of Bills for the Month of June 2024: \$188,677.50

**Director Bozza made a motion to approve consent items 1,2 and 3. Director Ronneberg seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.**

- J. **STAFF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATION:** The Board will hear reports by Districts staff and receive their recommendations for future Board action, including but not necessarily limited to:

**Financial Manager's Report:**

Review of Cash on Hand and Income Statements for the period ending June 30, 2024

Heidi Naether read the financial report. Cash on Hand and Income Statements for the period ending June 30, 2024. Total cash on hand in all accounts including reserves was \$11,964,239.99. Total income for the fiscal year to date (July 01, 2023 – June 30, 2024) was \$10,430,786.24. Total expenses were \$1,853,326.29, leaving a net revenue over expenses of \$8,577,459.95. Expenses out of Reserves/Savings year to date totaled \$1,258,466.39 for this fiscal year.

**General Manager's Report/Requests:**

1. The General Manager will update the board on District operations, including the status of an Operations Memorandum.
2. Foothills Food and Water Festival: Request approval for a sponsorship.

General Manager Leona Harris reported that everything is running at 19 CFS. The Forbestown Ditch is running high. Gannett Flemming was here and walked both the upper and lower ditch. An analysis report will be ready at the end of the year

General Manager Leona Harris asked the Board if they would like to sponsor a booth at the Foothills Food and Water Festival.

**President Furnee made a motion for the District to sponsor a booth for \$200. Director Ronneberg seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

**Legal Counsel's Report:**

Paul Boylan, District Legal Counsel updated the Board on the two lawsuits that were inherited by the board. Both have settlement conferences scheduled. Mr. Boylan also discussed the letter received from the Fair Political Practices Commission regarding seven violations made during mass newsletter mailings by the previous board and Chrystal Martin. Mr. Boylan recommended that the Board pay the penalty of \$22,000.

**Vice President Plumb made a motion for Mr. Boylan to accept the agreement from the Fair Political Practices Commission of \$22,000. Director Ronneberg seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote.**

Mr. Boylan also discussed a letter received from Mitchell Chadwick LLP, representing Mr. Charles Sharp against Marieke Furnee regarding false information. He recommended that the Board deny Mr. Sharps claims and demands.


Director Bozza made a motion for the Board to give Mr. Paul Boylan permission to deny Mr. Sharps claims and demands. Director Ronneberg seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

**K. DIRECTORS REPORTS:**

Director Bozza updated the Board on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. President Furnee asked the Board to join Kawanza Vinje in keeping Chico in their thoughts.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

  
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