

RAINBOW WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Date: March 13, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM

Place: Rainbow Water District Office/Virtual

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON:

Marla Casley, Doug Keeler, Lou Allocco, Mindy Kephart, and Jim McLaughlin

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Burrington

GUESTS PRESENT:

Jenny Demaris, City of Eugene

Chris Burman, City of Eugene

STAFF PRESENT:

Jamie Porter, Jodi Sanders, Eric Carlson, and Brian Scott

Doug Keeler opened the Board Meeting at 5:33 pm.

AGENDA REVIEW

No added items.

REVIEW ITEMS

1. The minutes from February 14, 2024, were presented for approval. Lou Allocco moved to approve the minutes. Marla Casley seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
2. The financial reports for February 2024 were presented for approval. Lou Allocco moved to accept the financial reports and pay the bills. Marla Calsey seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
3. February 2024 Financial Report Review: Doug Keeler reviewed 3 transactions and approved the February 2024 audit trail report. The missing checks report for February 2024 was reviewed and approved, check numbers are 17351-17417 and there were no breaks in sequence. There were no new vendors.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

1. Jim McLaughlin gave an update on the development of the salon on Yolanda. That property will stay in the Rainbow District and be converted to a residential property.
2. Lou Allocco clipped a Zply fiber optic line with his RV and wanted everyone to know to watch out for low hanging lines.
3. Doug Keeler updated the board that the draft for the Superintendent annual review policy is in process, and he should have a document ready for the board to review next month.

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

1. A representative from Summit Bank was at the meeting to collect signatures for the opening of the new accounts.

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2. Jamie introduced Jenny Demaris, city of Eugene and Chris Burman, City of Eugene. They are part of the team that has been updating the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP). “Hazard Mitigation is the effort to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters. In other words, hazard mitigation keeps natural hazards from becoming natural disasters” – FEMA.
Jenny reviewed the hierarchy of agencies included in the NHMP and how the Rainbow Water District fits in with other agencies. Hazard mitigation planning begins with a strategy to identify disaster risks and vulnerabilities that are common to the area. After identifying those risks, strategies are developed to protect people and property. Types of mitigation can be plans and regulations, natural systems protection, infrastructure projects, or community education and outreach. With the overall goal being building a more resilient community. Rainbow is proud to be part of such an important project.
3. The fire governance meetings between the City of Eugene and the City of Springfield regarding the Eugene Springfield Fire and Life department are ongoing.
4. A customer’s leak credit request was presented to the Board for review. The customer had a large balance from a significant leak that happened during the January ice storm. Board consensus was to offer the customer a credit that would bring the usage to current cost of production.
 - a. Freeze protection communication to customers was discussed, and the best ways to remind customers how to protect their pipes from freezing during cold weather. Jamie will update the website main page when cold weather is approaching.
5. Jamie wrote a letter to Val Hoyle, Oregon Representative, urging her to cosponsor the Special District Grant Accessibility Act. This act would establish a formal definition of a “special district” for the purpose of federal financial assistance determinations.
6. Rainbow is reimbursing Shangri-La for a repair after connecting a generator to their system during the January outage that caused electrical damage.
7. Jamie reached out to the City of Springfield after he noticed that several of our streetlights were out after the ice storm. Rainbow is responsible for fixture replacement, but our maintenance contract includes normal wear and tear.
8. The Blue River Water District generator was replaced after the fire of 2020. We may have the opportunity to get the old generator, if it can be repaired, and will sell on behalf of Blue River Water District to a contract district for permanent placement.
9. Deployed Logix is a company developing and assembling ruggedized emergency response trailers that can be used after a disaster. Rainbow was asked to make recommendations for future products being developed.

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10. Plans for Rainbow's 75th Anniversary Year festivities were discussed. The board is comfortable with a budget of no more than \$10,000.00. A community event will be planned for August 22, Rainbow's official 75th birthday.

The next Board and Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for April 10th, 2024.

Doug Keeler adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.