

MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE EAST ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT (EOCWD)

January 25, 2024

1. Call to Order. A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the East Orange County Water District held at the Clifton C. Miller Community Center was called to order by President DOUGLASS DAVERT at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2024, with Director JOHN SEARS leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Public attendance was permitted in-person or via video or teleconference. JEFFREY HOSKINSON, Secretary, recorded the minutes of the meeting.

The following Directors attended the meeting: DOUGLASS DAVERT, GEORGE MURDOCH, JOHN NIELSEN, JOHN SEARS, and MARILYN THOMS.

Also present were:

DAVID YOUNGBLOOD	General Manager
JEFF SMYTH	Engineering Manager
JERRY MENDZER	Operations Manager
SYLVIA PRADO	Office Manager
JULIAN DE LA SOLIS	Administrative Assistant
JEFF HOSKINSON	District Secretary and Legal Counsel
HON. JOHN LEWIS*	Lewis Consulting

* Attended via videoconference

Other staff and members of the public may have attended in-person or via video- or teleconference that are not listed above.

2. Consideration of Teleconferencing Notifications/Requests.

ACTION TAKEN: None.

3. Addition of Items Arising After Posting of Agenda Requiring Immediate Action.
(Requires 2/3 vote or unanimous vote if less than 2/3 of members are present).

ACTION TAKEN: None.

4. Public Communications to the Board. None received.

**** ITEM 12 WAS HEARD OUT OF ORDER**

Miscellaneous Items.

12. **Monthly Legislative & Outreach Report.** Hon. John Lewis of Lewis Consulting provided an overview of his written report, including an update on the New Hampshire primary and current County issues, including conflict of interest reporting.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion by MURDOCH, seconded by THOMS, by unanimous vote received and filed the report.

**** THE BOARD RETURNED TO THE BALANCE OF THE AGENDA AS AGENDIZED**

Consent Calendar. The Board, on motion from SEARS, seconded by NIELSEN, approved the balance of the Consent Calendar by unanimous vote as follows:

5. **Minutes:** THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 14, 2023 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED;
6. **Schedules of Disbursements:** THE BOARD APPROVED THE SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENTS AS SUBMITTED;
7. **General Manager's Report:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT;
8. **Financial Statements:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS;
9. **Wholesale and Retail Water Usage Report:** THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL WATER USAGE REPORT; and

Matters for Consideration.

10. **Medical Insurance Benefits.** General Manager Youngblood introduced the item, discussing the proposed medical insurance benefit modifications and a survey of local agencies and competitive recruiting needs, projecting a cost impact to EOCWD of approximately \$50,000 per year. The Board engaged in a discussion over various elements of the proposed benefits, and cost impacts per employee and health plans included.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board, on motion from NIELSEN, seconded by SEARS, authorized the increase of medical insurance benefits to cover the costs to the employee and family.

Miscellaneous Items.

11. Directors' reports on meetings attended at District expense (Government Code Section 53232.3) and Directors' comments. The Directors reported attendance as set forth in the agenda, as follows:

President Davert

12/14/23 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

12/20/23 EOCWD Employee Recognition Holiday Lunch

Vice President Murdoch

12/14/23 EOCWD Regular Board Meeting

12/20/23 EOCWD Employee Recognition Holiday Lunch

Director Sears

12/8/23 Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO)

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Director Thoms

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Director Nielsen

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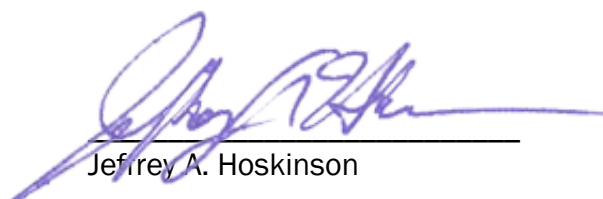
Director SEARS provided a summary of the monthly WACO meeting he attended.

Vice-President MURDOCH requested an update from General Manager Youngblood on the EOCWD Director boundaries and mapping of the District. General Manager Youngblood indicated that he had discussions with the County relative to the Director boundaries and some errors, and the EOCWD GIS Manager and OC Vote worked together to correct the discrepancies and the proper classification of EOCWD's services.

Adjournment.

The Board adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:38 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on **Thursday, March 28, 2024**, at 5:00 p.m., at the Clifton C. Miller Community Center, or at a location otherwise noticed.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Hoskinson