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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MESA WATER DISTRICT
Thursday, August 8, 2019
1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627
6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order on August 8, 2019, at 6:06 p.m. by President Dewane in the Upstairs Conference Room, located at 1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Bockmiller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present

Shawn Dewane, President
Marice H. DePasquale, Vice President
Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E., Director
James R. Fidler, Director
Jim Atkinson, Director *(arrived at 6:18 p.m.)*

Directors Absent

None

Staff Present

Paul E. Shoenberger, P.E., General Manager
Phil Lauri, P.E., Assistant General Manager
Denise Garcia, Administrative Services Manager/
District Secretary
Wendy Duncan, Records Management Specialist/
Assistant District Secretary
Marwan Khalifa, CPA, MBA, Chief Financial Officer/
District Treasurer
Stacie Sheek, Customer Services Manager
Tracy Manning, Water Operations Manager
Celeste Carrillo, Public Affairs Coordinator
Rob Anslow, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud &
Romo

Others Present

Frank Fitzpatrick, CEO, The HERD Foundation
Kate Alegría, Constituent Services Representative, 48th
District of California
Christina Parker, Member of the Public

THE HERD FOUNDATION PRESENTATION

This item was taken after the Consent Calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Dewane asked for public comments on items not on the agenda.

There were no comments and President Dewane proceeded with the meeting.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED, REMOVED, OR REORDERED ON THE AGENDA

General Manager Shoenberger reported there were no items to be added, removed, or reordered on the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

Approve all matters under the Consent Calendar by one motion unless a Board member, staff, or a member of the public requests a separate action.

Director Bockmiller pulled Item 7 for discussion. There were no objections.

1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting of July 11, 2019.
2. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of July 16, 2019.
3. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of July 22, 2019.
4. Approve minutes of special Board meeting of July 22, 2019.
5. Approve attendance considerations (additions, changes, deletions).
6. Board Schedule:
 - Conferences, Seminars, and Meetings
 - Board Calendar
 - Upcoming Community Outreach Events
7. Authorize President Dewane to be the voting delegate for the Association of California Water Agencies Region 10 Board Election for the 2020 – 2021 term and direct staff to cast Mesa Water District's vote in favor of the slate of nominees as recommended by the Region 10 Nominating Committee.
8. Approve the appointment nominations for Mesa Water District representatives to serve on committees of the Association of California Water Agencies.
9. Receive the Quarterly Training Report for April 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019.

President Dewane asked for public comments. There were no comments.

MOTION

Motion by Vice President DePasquale, second by Director Bockmiller, to approve Items 1 – 6 and 8 – 9 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 4-0-1, with Director Atkinson absent.

ITEM 7 – Authorize President Dewane to be the voting delegate for the Association of California Water Agencies Region 10 Board Election for 2020-2021 term and direct staff to cast Mesa Water District's vote in favor of the slate of nominees as recommended by the Region 10 Nominating Committee.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President DePasquale, to approve Item 7 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 4-0-1, with Director Atkinson absent.

THE HERD FOUNDATION PRESENTATION

GM Shoenberger introduced The HERD Foundation Chief Executive Officer Frank Fitzpatrick who gave a brief overview of The HERD Foundation.

Mr. Fitzpatrick responded to questions from the Board and they thanked him for the presentation.

The Board directed staff to agendaize this item at a future meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

None.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

10. ELECTRONIC BILL PRESENTATION AND PAYMENT:

President Dewane introduced Chief Financial Officer Khalifa who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- Utility Billing & Reconciliation Process
- Invoice Cloud
- The Benefits
- Implementation
- Communication
- Customer Service

Mr. Khalifa responded to questions from the Board and they thanked him for the presentation.

11. NEW CUSTOMER WELCOME/LONG-TERM RESIDENT PROGRAM:

GM Shoenberger introduced Public Affairs Coordinator Carrillo who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- New Customer Welcome/Long-Term Resident Program
- Customer Phone List

Ms. Carrillo responded to questions from the Board and they thanked her for the presentation.

REPORTS:

12. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:

- July Key Indicators Report

- Other (no enclosure)

13. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

INFORMATION ITEMS:

14. DIRECTORS' REPORTS (AB 1234) PER CA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 53232.3 (D)
15. OTHER (NO ENCLOSURE)

RECESS

President Dewane declared a recess at 7:20 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

President Dewane announced that the Board was going into Closed Session at 7:26 p.m.

16. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54957.6:
District Negotiator: General Manager
Employee Organization: District Employees

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:35 p.m.

Attorney Anslow announced that the Board conducted one Closed Session with the General Manager, District Secretary, Chief Financial Officer and Legal Counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 The Board received information and gave direction to staff. There was no further announcement.

President Dewane adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved:



Shawn Dewane, President



Denise Garcia, District Secretary

Sharon D. Brimer, Recording Secretary