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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Root Creek Water District
Held on
August 8, 2022**

1. Call to Order

The board meeting for the Root Creek Water District (RCWD) was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by President Nick Bruno. Board members present were Nick Bruno, Jeff Coulthard, Eric Bream, Brice Jones, and Lynn Hoffman. Members absent: Amber Mendoza, Dan Hoffman. Members of the public included Brian Ehlers, Lauren Layne, Alison Lechowicz, Angela Perez, Al Solis, and Julia Stornetta. Public hearing attendees is attached hereto.

2. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

3. Public Comment

The district received no public comment.

4. Potential Conflicts of interest

There were no potential conflicts of interest.

5. Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Director Jones, seconded by Director Coulthard to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on July 11, 2022. The motion carried. The board decided to table the June 2022 financials in absence of the Treasurer.

6. Correspondence

The district received no correspondence.

7. Public Hearing

Alison Lechowicz concluded her presentation on the new agricultural rates and the municipal rates. Comments made by members of the public include Jessica Avalos, Bryan Osan, Jeff Norman, Mara Osan, Samantha Flores, Mary Curtis, and Luly Cross. The Public hearing closed at 12:26 pm with 132 protests were submitted and counted prior to the closing of the hearing.

8. Resolutions Related to Fees and Assessments

A motion was made by Director L. Hoffman, seconded by Director Jones to adopt the resolutions related to the revised fees and assessments which are effective September 1, 2022. The motion carried to adopt all resolutions in Public Hearing.



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9. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

a. Connection Fee Policy

A motion was made by Director Coulthard, seconded by Director Bream to adopt a revised connection fee policy which clearly outlines the calculation method, collection and process by which connection fees are assessed by the district. The motion carried.

b. Construction of District Facilities Policy

Director Jones made a motion, seconded by Director L. Hoffman to establish a policy related to district facility construction. The motion carried

c. Construction Phasing Policy

A motion was made by Director L. Hoffman, seconded by Director Bream to establish a policy with procedures for phasing construction within the district boundary. The motion carried.

d. C2E Certificate and Risk Control Grant

Director Jones made a motion for the district to enter into JPIA's Commitment Excellence Program; the motion was seconded by L. Hoffman. The motion carried.

e. Website ADA Compliance

A motion was made by Director L. Hoffman to configure the ADA guidelines for the new website and to increase expenditures in order to comply. Director Jones seconded the motion and the motion carried.

10. District Engineer's Report

District Engineer Brian Ehlers reported that wastewater flows have now reached 156,000 gallons per day, with about 1,200 connections to the wastewater system. The district engineer reported that site improvements for the wastewater plant have been completed and that a second train was delivered on July 18th.

Well 276 (Municipal Well#5) conversion has been completed and operating, with scheduled Bac-T testing. The pilot project for addressing colored water continues, with surveys needing to be sent out soon. The structural layout for Well 277 has been completed, Precision needs to review the plans before development.

11. Legal Counsel Report

Counselor Lauren Layne reported that current legislation AB 2201 permits well drilling for local districts and GSA; however, this makes it increasingly challenging for landowners to drill wells. Secondly, SB 1157 is decreasing the standard for indoor residential water use.



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12. General Manager's Report

Riverstone Building Permits
June 25

GM Stornetta notified the board that the district has completed the annexation of Village E to the Community Facilities District. GM Stornetta also discussed continued contractual issues regarding services with RT Diversified. Mediation regarding the water supply contract with Madera Irrigation District will occur in September. GM Stornetta also plans to have a draft budget available prior to the next board of directors meeting.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned unanimously at 12:58 pm.

Julia D. Stornetta, District Secretary



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