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Special Meeting September 4, 2024

Members Present:

B.J. Lupton, Bob Balding, Butch Clark, Bill Matthews, T.J. Wendt and

General Manager, Cindy Murray

Members Absent:

Jack Fallon

Staff Present:

Rob Collier, Mark James, Mimi Wildeman, Jeff Walla

Members of the Public Present: Dennis Falcon

B.J. Lupton, President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 a.m., declared that a quorum of voting Board members was present, welcomed the staff in attendance, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Cindy Murray informed the Board that agenda item number 5 will be moved to the next regular meeting and agenda item number 9 will be deferred to a future meeting to be determined at a later date. Bob Balding moved to approve the Agenda as amended, which was seconded by Bill Matthews. After discussion, the Board approved the motion by unanimous vote.

Next, the Board considered a request from the District Staff for clarification of current Water Tap fees. Jeff Walla and Rob Collier presented the request to allow two taps for the price of one current tap with certain qualifications, including that the taps are done in the same hole at the same time. Time and materials for the second tap will be charged to the customer instead of a flat tap fee. As is the case for a single tap, any additional work or services will be billed separately. This is an interim request until the next rate hearing when additional clarifications and changes for this Water Tap fee will be proposed for Board consideration. T.J. Wendt moved to approve the request on an interim basis as proposed by the District Staff, which was seconded by Bob Balding. After discussion, the Board approved the motion by unanimous vote.

Cindy Murray then presented an overview of SRF Funding for two Sewer Projects, including LS19 and the I&I Projects. The loan proposals will be considered at a future Board meeting to be determined.

At 7:46, B.J. Lupton informed the Board, pursuant to MCA 2-3-203 (3) that the meeting would then be closed for a discussion related to a matter of individual privacy due to his determination that the demands of individual privacy clearly exceeded the merits of public disclosure, which rights were not waived by the individual about whom the discussion pertains. The Board then entered Executive Session to discuss confidential Personnel Matters and Dennis Falcon exited the meeting.

Cindy Murray exited the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

The Board resumed the Open Session at 8:50 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 8:53 a.m. The regular Board meeting scheduled for September 18, 2024, at 7:00 a.m. is cancelled. The next regular Board meeting will be on October 16, 2024, at 7:00 a.m. at the new office located at 108 Cooperative Way, Kalispell, MT.

Submitted by

Cynthia Murray, Secretary

Signed by

B.J. Lupton, President