

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
MARCH 10, 2016**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rainbow Municipal Water District on March 10, 2016 was called to order by President Sanford at 9:04 a.m. in the Board Room of the District, 3707 Old Highway 395, Fallbrook, CA 92028. President Sanford presiding.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Director Walker
Director Sanford
Director Brazier

Absent: None

Also Present: General Manager Kennedy
Executive Assistant/Board Secretary Washburn
Legal Counsel Stender
Acting Operations Manager Maccarrone
Engineering Manager Kirkpatrick
Human Resources Manager Bush
Superintendent Zuniga
Superintendent Walker
Administrative Analyst Gray

Twelve members of the public were present for Open Session.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no public comments.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

*5. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE SELECTION OF DIVISION TWO DIRECTOR AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-07, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____ AS DIRECTOR OF DIVISION TWO OF THE RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

President Sanford thanked all those present who submitted their applications noting how much the Board appreciated it. He stated those not selected are still a valuable commodity to the District and their involvement and interest in serving was very much appreciated. He asked that no one be offended as there were a number of applicants which made the process hard due to the number of qualified candidates.

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Director Brazier suggested anyone who does not get appointed consider participating on one of the RMWD committees. President Sanford added RMWD was one of the few districts that has committees made up of ratepayers and not staff members and the input received from the ratepayers is always valued.

Hayden Hamilton introduced himself to the Board as a Bonsall resident since 1999 and a North County resident since 1984. He stated he and his wife moved to the Bonsall area because she found it to be one of the best kept secrets in Southern California. He mentioned his wife is a nurse practitioner that works for the Navy and he was semi-retired who works in market for The American Aviation Historical Society. He pointed out he has an 8-acre farm with several horses which keeps him busy. He said his primary motion for running for this position came from following the ups and downs of RMWD for 16 years and finally figured if he was going to complain about something, he might as well take an active part in it.

Action:

Moved by Director Brazier to open the nominations for Division 2. Seconded by Director Walker.

Director Walker nominated Rich Bigley for Division 2.

Director Brazier said she has read all the resumes and found Mr. Bigley would be a good candidate. President Sanford had no opposition to the nomination.

It was noted that with only three Board Members to make nominations and if each nominated a different person, they would not be able to make an appointment.

President Sanford called for additional nominations.

Director Walker echoed President Sanford's earlier comments that this was not an easy decision as there were some very qualified people with good resumes. He said it was helpful to go through the interview process to learn a little more on the candidates. He stated he hoped there were other opportunities to step up and volunteer either in the Board capacity or on a committee.

Director Brazier mentioned there was an election in November 2015 if anyone wished to challenge. Mr. Kennedy added the term for Division 2 would be ending this year; therefore, whoever runs and wins in November will serve a four year term for this Division. He pointed out Division 4 was scheduled to be reelected in 2018; therefore, whoever is elected in November will have to run again in 2018 for a full four year term.

Mr. Grady asked about the nomination process. It was clarified the nominations come from the Board.

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President Sanford called for the question for all those in favor of appointing Mr. Richard Bigley as the Director to fulfill the remaining term in Division 2 to signify by saying aye.

After consideration, the motion CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Brazier, Sanford, and Walker
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

***6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE SELECTION OF DIVISION FOUR DIRECTOR AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-06, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING _____ AS DIRECTOR OF DIVISION FOUR OF THE RAINBOW MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

Action:

Moved by Director Brazier to open the nominations for Division 4. Seconded by Director Walker.

President Sanford nominated William Stewart.

Director Brazier stated she was going to nominate Mr. Stewart as well.

Director Walker said Mr. Stewart would be his first choice.

President Sanford called for additional nominations.

President Sanford called for the question for all those in favor of appointing Mr. William Stewart as the Director to fulfill the remaining term in Division 4 to signify by saying aye.

After consideration, the motion CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Brazier, Sanford, and Walker
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

Director Brazier encouraged the remaining candidates to not go away, but rather come to the RMWD Board and committee meetings due to the fact there are openings at unexpected times.

Maureen Rhyne said when she hears “ratepayer involvement”, she wants to stress it is the ratepayers’ district in that the property owners own this district and they are not just ratepayers. She encouraged everyone to get involved by attending committee meetings where they will learn a great deal of history about Rainbow as well as about a number of things that are coming on in the future. She noted it will be very important that the District has good directors. Mr. Kennedy noted the vernacular of the word ratepayers may need to be changed to stakeholders or something of that nature.

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7. SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF NEW DIVISION 2 DIRECTOR

Legal Counsel swore in Rich Bigley as the Division 2 Director.

8. SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF NEW DIVISION 4 DIRECTOR

It was noted since William Stewart was not present, he could not be sworn in at this time.

9. LIST OF SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

It was noted the fixed charge item would be on the March 22, 2016 agenda.

10. ADJOURNMENT - To Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion made by Director Brazier to a regular meeting on March 22, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Dennis Sanford, Board President

Dawn M. Washburn, Board Secretary

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