

MINUTES – BURNEY WATER DISTRICT
Board of Director’s Special Meeting
March 27, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.

ITEM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Directors Jim Hamlin, David Barry, Rodney Armstrong, and Fred Ryness.

ABSENT: Director Britta Rogers.

STAFF: Executive Assistant / Recreation Manager, Stephanie McQuade.

CALL TO ORDER: President David Barry called the Special Meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

2. PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

None.

BUSINESS:

- 3. Authorize Executive Assistant / Recreation Manager Stephanie McQuade to Sign Contract Operations Agreement for Ethan Purvis to Provide short-term, as-needed Wastewater Treatment Plant Contract Operations Services:** Executive Assistant / Recreation Manager Stephanie McQuade informed the Board that as of March 4th, 2025, David Zevely was no longer the Chief Plan Operator for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility. To remain in compliance, the Plant requires a minimum of a Grade 3 operator. Ethan Purvis is a Grade IV Operator who would be the CPO until the District Manager position is filled or until Cody obtains his Grade 3 Certification to keep the district in compliance and so that Cody can continue to obtain his hours for his certification. Director Ryness made a motion to Authorize Executive Assistant / Recreation Manager Stephanie McQuade to Sign Contract Operations Agreement for Ethan Purvis to Provide short-term, as-needed Wastewater Treatment Plant Contract Operations Services. Director Armstrong seconded the motion.

AYES: HAMLIN, BARRY, RYNESS, ARMSTRONG.

ABSENT: ROGERS.

CARRIED

- 4. Determine Board Interest in Leasing District Property to Assurance Development for Verizon/Vertical Bridge Cell Tower:** Executive Assistant / Recreation Manager Stephanie McQuade informed the Board that Assurance Development reached out to the District interested in leasing property to install a cell tower. The lease is currently being reviewed by legal. Director Hamlin made a motion to Lease District Property to Assurance Development for Verizon/Vertical Bridge Cell Tower. Director Ryness seconded the motion.

AYES: HAMLIN, BARRY, RYNESS, ARMSTRONG.

ABSENT: ROGERS.

CARRIED

- 5. Appoint Board Member or Board Secretary as Negotiator for Lease of District Property for Assurance Development for Verizon/Vertical Bridge Cell Tower Location:** Director Ryness made a motion to Appoint Board President David Barry and Board Secretary

Stephanie McQuade as Negotiators for Lease of District Property for Assurance Development for Verizon/Vertical Bridge Cell Tower Location. Director Ryness seconded the motion. Director Barry abstained.

AYES: HAMLIN, RYNESS, ARMSTRONG.

ABSTAIN: BARRY.

ABSENT: ROGERS.

CARRIED

6. **Adjourn to Closed Session:** The Board went into closed session at 5:54 p.m.
Closed Session Per Section 54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiators.
Property: District Office Property, 20222 Hudson Street, Burney, CA 96013.
Agency Negotiator:
Negotiating Party: Assurance Development.
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment.
7. **Reconvene Open Session and Announce Any Reportable Actions Taken in Closed Session:** Meeting was Reconvened at 6:02 p.m., there were no reportable actions taken.
8. **Review Future Agenda Items and Summarize Board Direction:** Item 6, Civic Park Bid Opening, Tree Removal at Civic Park, Porter Potty Rental, Rate Hearing on April 24, 2025 and Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.
9. **Adjournment:** Director Ryness moved for adjournment. Director Armstrong seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m..

AYES: HAMLIN, BARRY, RYNESS, ARMSTRONG.

ABSENT: ROGERS.

CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON

BOARD SECRETARY