



KIRKWOOD MEADOWS
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monday, June 28, 2021 – 3:00 PM

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Robert Epstein, Vice President
Peter Dornbrook, Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS
Eric Richert, President

John Schroeder, Director
Bertrand Perroud, Assistant Secretary

Due to mandates by the Governor and the Alpine and Amador County Health Officers to shelter in place and guidance from the CDC to minimize the spread of COVID-19, this meeting took place via video/teleconference.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Richert

Determining a quorum present, President Richert called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Assistant Secretary Perroud

Board of Directors Present via Zoom: President Richert, Directors Epstein, Perroud, Dornbrook, and Schroeder

Staff Present via Zoom: General Manager Christeson, Assistant General Manager Ansel, Administrative Manager McBride, Operations Manager Benson

Others Present via Zoom: Howard Hoffman, Reid Bennett, Anne-Flore Dwyer, Jeanne Reuter, Caroline Scott, Doug Mitarotonda, Devin Martin

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Manager Christeson

General Manager Christeson welcomed members of the public to the June 28, 2021 Special Board meeting and Public Hearing. If members of the public would like to make a comment, they can use the raise your hand function on Zoom. All votes will be taken by roll call vote.

4. CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA OR CONSENT CALENDAR

None

5. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

6. WRITTEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

7. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

a) **KMPUD Wildfire Mitigation Plan.** Discussion and possible action.

OM Benson

Operations Manager Benson summarized the requirement that the District have a Wildfire Mitigation Plan (Plan), have the Plan reviewed by an independent evaluator, and present the Plan to the Board for approval. Operations Manager Benson gave an overview of the Plan and independent evaluator comments. The Operations Committee has reviewed the Wildfire Mitigation Plan and recommends approval.

Director Dornbrook motioned to approve the Wildfire Mitigation Plan as presented and recommended that Staff submit the Wildfire Mitigation Plan to the California State Wildfire Advisory Board. Director Perroud seconded the motion and it carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: President Richert, Directors Epstein, Dornbrook, Perroud, and Schroeder

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

8. PUBLIC HEARING

- a) **Proposed Changes to Electric Rates and Rate Structure and Possible Adoption of Ordinance 21-02 Revising Electric Rates and Rate Structure.** Discussion and possible action.
GM Christeson

President Richert opened the Public Hearing at 3:10 PM.

President Richert outlined the Public Hearing procedure and process for receiving public comments.

General Manager Christeson detailed changes incorporated in the Electric Rate Study as per Board direction from the prior presentation on June 12, 2021.

President Richert detailed Board decisions previously made and decisions that still need to be made and/or confirmed.

President Richert opened the Public Hearing to receive comments on Proposed Changes to Electric Rates and Rate Structure and Possible Adoption of Ordinance 21-02 Revising Electric Rates and Rate Structure. Public comments were received. Discussion ensued.

Director Dornbrook motioned to close the Public Hearing for public comment. Director Schroeder seconded the motion and it carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: President Richert, Directors Epstein, Dornbrook, Perroud, and Schroeder

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

Board discussion ensued. Three different Base Rate and Usage Rate options were summarized. President Richert presented several questions regarding details and logistics of implementing new Electric Base Rates and Usage Rates for Board discussion.

President Richert motioned to direct Staff to draft Ordinance 21-02 Revising Electric Rates and Rate Structure for consideration at the July 10, 2021 Regular Board of Directors meeting, with the following provisions included:

- \$119 per month Base Rate with 0.22 cent per kWh Usage Rate.

- For existing customers, EDUs will be calculated using an average of three years past usage plus the average usage of the upcoming two years and will be fixed after five years of usage data is available.
- For new customers, EDUs will be calculated using previous owner's average usage of the past year plus the average usage of the new customer over the subsequent four years and will be fixed after five years of usage data is available.
- For new construction, EDUs will be calculated using the average for the residence type plus the average usage of the new customer over the subsequent four years and will be fixed after five years of usage data is available.
- Customers with Solar installed will have a ten-year payback period.
- Effective date is August 1, 2021.

Director Dornbrook seconded the motion and it carried by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: President Richert, Directors Epstein, Dornbrook, Perroud, and Schroeder

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

President Richert noted a suggestion from Director Epstein that Director Schroeder be appointed to serve as Treasurer of the KMPUD Board of Directors and serve as the Chair of the Finance Committee.

President Richert noted that the District is waiting for information from the Alpine County Clerk regarding the upcoming District election taking place on November 2, 2021 and staff will post election information as soon as it is available.

General Manager Christeson noted the Regular Planning Committee meeting date and time will be changed based on consensus of Committee members.

Director Schroeder inquired about timing of Snow Removal Contract communications with the HOAs.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.

(The next Regular Board Meeting is Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 8:00 AM)



Jessica Gillies, Clerk of the Board


Peter Dornbrook, Board Secretary
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