

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
MAGNA WATER DISTRICT

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Magna Water District was held Thursday, February 24, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. at the District's offices at 2711 South 8600 West, Magna, Utah.

**Trustees Present:**

Hank Johnson, Chairman  
Doug Bezzant  
Mickey Sudbury

**Staff Present:**

Brent Williams, General Manager  
LeIsle Fitzgerald, District Controller  
Kim Bailey, Water Operations Supervisor  
Steve Williams, Wastewater Operations Supervisor

**Also Present:**

David Hartvigsen, Smith Hartvigsen  
Don Olsen, Epic Engineering  
Rick Wheadon, Carollo Engineers

**Call to Order:**

Hank Johnson called the special board meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and welcomed the public.

**Motion to award bid for 7200 W and 2820 S waterline projects:** Brent indicated to the Board that we had six bidders in which Noland & Sons was the low bidder at \$631,542.60. Don Olsen also indicated to the Board that they were a dependable and qualified company and recommended to the Board that they award the bid. A motion was made by Mick Sudbury, seconded by Doug Bezzant, to award the 7200 W and 2820 S waterline projects to the low bidder, Noland & Sons in the amount of \$631,542.60. The motion was approved as follows: Hank Johnson, yea, Doug Bezzant, yea and Mick Sudbury, yea.

**Motion to approve staff to start the bidding and hiring process for EDR and well pump maintenance personnel:** Rick Wheadon presented to the Board a few other treatment facilities compared to our EDR plant. The survey indicated a couple of things in terms of how those plants are operated. They generally have one operator on staff 24/7, and then they have up to

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four operators that are available so that when you get into high maintenance periods you can bring those other operators and do that periodic maintenance where you have to have a number of people there. In summary, in the survey, staff for this size of treatment plant would be one operator with access to a supervisor then 3 – 4 other operators available. Doug Bezzant expressed that as the plant ages there will be additional maintenance and can see the need for additional personnel because of the workload. Doug also expressed his thoughts on cross training others. After discussing the need for an additional staff to maintain the EDR plant a motion was made by Mick Sudbury and seconded by Doug Bezzant to approve starting the bidding and hiring process. The motion was approved as follows: Doug Bezzant, yea, Hank Johnson, yea and Mick Sudbury, yea.


**Other Business:** Brent and Rick Wheadon updated everyone on the visit to Washington D.C. Rick indicated to the Board that there were positive and negative issues with obtaining grant money for the District's water reuse project. Rick explained that twenty years ago the entitlement portion of the federal budget was about 60% then the allocations to the different agencies such as EPA and Department of Interior and other programs were not entitlement programs was allocated 40%. Today 85% of federal budget is entitlement money and 15% is what runs the rest of the country. Entitlement is Social Security, other social programs and the Department of Defense. A couple of good points were one, that we have been back there for several years working through this process we've been working on this for a very long time and have jumped through the hoops they asked us to. We deserve the money because we have demonstrated that the federal government has a responsibility for this and second, the people that were talked to feel that the federal government has a responsibility and obligation to the Magna community to do something. One of the thoughts is that maybe the authorization doesn't need to happen and there is no benefit in going through that because it is viewed as an ear mark and maybe need to get a authorization basically put up there as a compensation package for the damage that the federal government has done to the aquifer and it just becomes a compensation package and it's not part of the Title 16 or anything else. The District has built a case for that through the other things that we have done over the last few years. Rick suggested that if we end up taking the compensation route, we will need to develop a legal opinion of what the possible damage is to the District associated with the perchlorate problem which will give the District a basis to start with if we were to take legal action.

Brent also indicated to the Board that Bob Weidner suggested proceeding with the legal opinion. The District will pursue with the legal opinion and submit to Bob Weidner to use at his discretion in speaking to congressional staff.

David indicated that there was another bill introduced into the State legislation that any time funds are received from the federal government it has to be approved by state government. They are monitoring that bill and opposing it.

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**Adjourn:** Motion was made by Mick Sudbury and seconded by Doug Bezzant to adjourn the meeting at 4:01 p.m. Motion was approved as follows: Hank Johnson, yea, Mickey Sudbury, yea and Doug Bezzant, yea.

  
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