

**ACTION MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF TULARE**

April 15, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities of the City of Tulare was held on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the Tulare Public Library & Council Chamber, 491 North M Street.

BPU PRESENT: Thomas Griesbach, Tony Sozinho, Renee Soto, Ray Fonseca, Howard Stroman

STAFF PRESENT: Rob Hunt, Megan Dodd, Trisha Whitfield, Darlene Thompson, Michael Miller, Jim Funk, Nick Bartsch, Eric Furtado, Tim Doyle, Andrew Bettencourt, Melissa Hermann

I. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

President Stroman called the regular meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Board Member Griesbach led the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation was given by Board Member Soto.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no items for this section of the agenda.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Vice President Fonseca, seconded by Board Member Griesbach, and unanimously carried to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented with the exception of items 3 and 5.

- (1) Approve minutes of the March 18, 2021 regular meeting and the April 6, 2021 joint budget meeting.**
- (2) Accept the monthly investments report for February 2021.**
- (3) Receive the Public Works performance reports for March 2021.** Board Member Soto pulled this item for clarification. Management Analyst Andrew Bettencourt provided a response thereto. It was moved by Board Member Sozinho, seconded

by Board Member Soto, and unanimously carried to receive the Public Works performance reports for March 2021.

- (4) **Accept the Financial Status Report for March 2021.**
- (5) **Award and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Valley Pump & Dairy Systems Inc. of Tulare, California in the amount of \$477,417.00 for the Well #21 & Well #25 Rehabilitation Project (Project No. WT0020); and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to approve contract change orders in amounts up to 10% (\$47,741.70) of the contract award.** Board Member Griesbach pulled this item for clarification. Questions posed by the Board were responded to by Assistant Public Works Director Tim Doyle. It was moved by Board Member Griesbach, seconded by Vice President Fonseca, and unanimously carried to approve the item as presented.

VI. GENERAL BUSINESS

- (1) **Receive a presentation on the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year Utilities Budgets and provide direction to staff.** Public Works Director Trisha Whitfield provided a presentation for the Board's review and consideration. Questions posed by the Board were responded to by Ms. Whitfield and Finance Director Darlene Thompson.

VII. ITEMS OF INTEREST

Items of interest were discussed amongst the Board and staff. Public Works Director Trisha Whitfield introduced new Water and Wastewater Collections Utility Manager Eric Furtado to the Board.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

President Stroman adjourned the regular meeting at 4:55 p.m.

President of the Board of Public Utilities
Commissioners of the City of Tulare

ATTEST:

Secretary of the Board of
Public Utilities Commissioners

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