

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

July 1, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities of the City of Tulare was held on Thursday, July 1, 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

BPU ABSENT: Howard Stroman

STAFF PRESENT: Josh McDonnell, Megan Dodd, Trisha Whitfield, Darlene Thompson, Michael Miller, Eric Furtado, Tim Doyle, Andrew Bettencourt, John Machado, Nick Bartsch, Roxanne Yoder

I. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Board Member Sozinho 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 Board Member Sozinho, seconded by Board Member Griesbach, and carried 4 to 0 (President Stroman absent) to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented with the exception of item 3.

(1) Approve minutes of the June 3, 2021 regular meeting.

(2) Accept the monthly investments report for May 2021.

(3) Receive the Public Works performance reports for May 2021. Board Member Soto pulled the item for clarification. Staff responded thereto. Following questions and comments, it was moved by Board Member Griesbach, seconded by Board

Member Soto, and carried 4 to 0 (President Stroman absent) to receive the report as presented.

- (4) **Approve the additional allocation of \$372,000 to the Wastewater Division, Industrial Plant, General Supplies budget line item in the FY 2021/22 adopted budget.**

VI. GENERAL BUSINESS

- (1) **Authorize the City Manager to execute a Purchase Order with Quinn Power Systems (CAT) of Los Angeles, CA for the purchase of a 300kW Diesel Genset generator and automatic transfer switching equipment (ATS) in the amount of \$80,077.00 for installation at Well 4-5 – ‘J’ Street south of Cartmill Avenue (Project WT0035).** Project Manager Jim Funk provided a report for the Board’s review and consideration. Questions and comments posed by the Board were addressed by staff. Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Sozinho, seconded by Board Member Griesbach, and carried 4 to 0 (President Stroman absent) to approve the item as presented.
- (2) **Receive, approve and recommend adoption of the 2020 City of Tulare Urban Water Management Plan Update to the Tulare City Council.** Public Works Director Trisha Whitfield pulled the item and advised that it will be reagendaized for the first meeting in August.
- (3) **Receive and accept an update to the Board of Public Utilities regarding the City’s compliance with the CV-SALTS program.** Public Works Director Trisha Whitfield provided a report for the Board’s review and consideration. Questions and comments posed by the Board were addressed by staff. Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Griesbach, seconded by Board Member Soto, and carried 4 to 0 (President Stroman) to receive the item as presented.

VII. ITEMS OF INTEREST

- **Update on “The Villas” water system.** Assistant Public Works Director Tim Doyle provided an update for the Board’s review and consideration.

Items of interest were discussed amongst the Board and staff.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Vice President Fonseca adjourned the regular meeting at 4:37 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

Secretary of the Board of
Public Utilities Commissioners