

TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2024  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The Board of Directors met on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at Sparks Council Chambers. Chair Duerr called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL

**Directors Present:** Paul Anderson, Clara Andriola, \*\*Jenny Brekhus, Kristopher Dahir, Naomi Duerr, Alexis Hill and \*Devon Reese.

A quorum was present.

*\*Director Reese attended the meeting virtually.*

*\*\*Director Brekhus attended the meeting virtually and joined at 10:06 a.m.*

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Hauck, Water Supply Supervisor.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jonathan Rouse, a dedicated TMWA Heavy Foreperson with nearly 29 years of service, is retiring tomorrow. He has been a key figure at TMWA, known for fixing water leaks in harsh conditions and advocating for local and public management when TMWA was formed in 2001. Rouse has always spoken up against injustices, such as the Juneteenth holiday issue where the collective bargaining unit was initially excluded. After addressing this with the Board, he faced three write-ups in the past year, a first in his long career. Concerned about potentially losing his retirement if he contests these write-ups, he has requested the Board to investigate the matter, accepting any findings if proven wrong.

4. POSSIBLE BOARD COMMENTS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Chair Duerr is grateful for the work TMWA does every day.

Director Anderson commended the crews working on fighting the Davis fire, which was a very stressful situation and did whatever it took to ensure the water was secure for the firefighters.

Chair Duerr agreed and was in constant communication with our general manager, and his concern was when power was shut off to be able to pump water, and TMWA staff was delivering generators to ensure the system kept running.

John Zimmerman, General Manager, agreed there was a lot of staff involved, and appreciated the Board's praise. However, there is one staff member who was critical, and incident commander, Eric Mothershead, Maintenance Operations Manager, who was heavily involved.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Upon motion by Director Hill, second by Director Dahir, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board approved the agenda.**

**6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19, 2024 MEETING OF THE TMWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Upon motion by Director Andriola, second by Director Hill, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board approved the August 19, 2024 minutes.**

**7. PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2024 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

Matt Bowman, TMWA Chief Financial Officer, presented the staff report.

The Board thanked Mr. Bowman for his diligence and rising salaries and wages, as well as the future building expansion project will need to be addressed, emphasizing the Board's desire to meet various needs despite financial constraints.

**8. REQUIRED COMMUNICATION FROM EIDE BAILLY IN REGARDS TO TMWA'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT**

Sophie Cardinal, Financial Controller, presented the staff report and noted that Eide Bailly will conduct a single audit since TMWA received grant funding greater than \$750,000 and she will return in December with the report for Board consideration and approval.

**9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 329: A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR THE PROJECTS RECOMMENDED BY THE TRUCKEE RIVER FUND (TRF) ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND AN AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO FUND SUCH PROJECTS FROM FUND PROCEEDS (RESOLUTION MAY REFLECT ACTION TAKEN IN ONE OR MORE VOTES ON RECOMMENDED PROJECTS)**

Sonia Folsom, Executive Assistant, and Kara Steeland, Senior Hydrologist and Watershed Coordinator, presented the staff report. Of the six proposals submitted for funding, only three were approved. The TRF Advisors recommended that the three which were not approved to return with more specific and direct proposals for the spring cycle in January 2025.

Upon motion by Director Andriola, second by Director Dahir, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board approved the projects recommended by the Truckee River Fund (TRF) Advisory Committee and an authorization for the Community Foundation to fund such projects from Fund proceeds.

## 10. PRESENTATION OF GENERAL MANAGER GOAL RESULTS FOR CONTRACT YEAR 2023-2024

Mr. Zimmerman presented his general manager goal results for contract year 2023-2024.

The Board expressed appreciation for Mr. Zimmerman's leadership effort, dedication to the community, commitment to employees, and carrying TMWA as a premier agency in the region, if not the state.

## 11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Zimmerman informed the Board of Cammy LoRé's , GoodStanding, collaboration with the Desert Research Institute (DRI) in obtaining a federal grant funding for improving teacher education in watershed management; recognizing the incident commanders during the Davis Creek fire emergency and highlighting the teamwork and community support.

## 12. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

## 13. BOARD COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Duerr thanked Mr. Zimmerman and the conservation team on their efforts in addressing a complex leak problem in the city.

Director Brekhus requested staff to present on TMWA's water pressure standards before the end of the year.

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, Chair Dahir adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Approved by the TMWA Board of Directors in session on Wednesday, October 16, 2024.

Sonia Folsom, Board Clerk.

**\*\*Director Brekhus was present for agenda items 3 thru 14 only.**