

SOUTH FORK WATER BOARD
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
January 27, 2021

Board Members Present: Jules Walters, West Linn Mayor, Chair
Rocky Smith, Oregon City Commissioner
Bill Relyea, West Linn Councilor
Frank O'Donnell, Oregon City Commissioner
Rory Bialostosky, West Linn Councilor

Board Members Excused: None.

Staff Present: John Collins, SFWB CEO
Wyatt Parno, SFWB Deputy CEO
Katelyn Niece, SFWB Regulatory Compliance

Others Present: Alice Richmond, SFWB Citizens Advisory Group

General Board Meeting

(1) **Call to Order**

The meeting of the South Fork Water Board was called to order at 6:04 pm.

The Board addressed Item 5 Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2021 at this time.

(2) **Roll Call**

(3) **Public Comments**

Alice Richmond, SFWB Citizens Advisory Group, congratulated John Collins on his promotion to CEO, as well as the dedication of the John D. Collins South Fork Water Board Water Plant. She was proud of his achievements and high standards during his 36 years at South Fork. She also congratulated Wyatt Parno as Deputy CEO. She appreciated and welcomed Councilor Bialostosky, noting the benefits of having a young contemporary on the board. She was content to see that there were wholesome members on the South Fork Board.

(4) **Consent Agenda**

(A) Approval of the Minutes of the December 23, 2020 Board Meeting.

Board Member O'Donnell moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Board Member Bialostosky seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

36:15

(5) **Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2021**

Board Member Relyea nominated Acting Mayor Rocky Smith for SFWB Chair for 2021 and Mayor Jules Walters for SFWB Vice Chair for 2021. Board Member O'Donnell seconded the nominations.

Acting Mayor Rocky Smith was unanimously elected as SFWB Chair and Mayor Jules Walters was unanimously elected as SFWB Vice Chair for 2021.

(6) Appoint Representatives for Regional Water Providers Consortium

Wyatt Parno, Deputy CEO, highlighted the Staff report and provided a brief overview of the Consortium and their meeting schedule. The Board would need to appoint a primary and an alternate, which could be modified at any time. He recommended that a West Linn Councilor be appointed as the primary representative and an Oregon City Commissioner as an alternate representative.

Board Member O'Donnell nominated Mayor Jules Walters as the SFWB Representative for the Regional Water Providers Consortium. Board Member Relyea seconded the nomination.

Mayor Jules Walters was unanimously elected as the SFWB Representative for the Regional Water Providers Consortium.

Board Member O'Donnell nominated Acting Mayor Rocky Smith as the Alternate SFWB Representative for the Regional Water Providers Consortium. Board Member Bialostosky seconded the nomination.

Acting Mayor Rocky Smith was unanimously elected as the Alternate SFWB Representative for the Regional Water Providers Consortium.

(7) Summary of 2020 Earnings from Energy Partner Program with Clearesult

John Collins, CEO, highlighted the Staff report in the meeting packet, noting SFWB was the first water utility to partner with third-party vendors to reduce energy in peak demands and capture a savings. SFWB also captures a monetary compensation for the potential reduction in energy. SFWB joined the program in 2013 and in the first few years received about \$20,000 per year. After he and Mr. Parno renegotiated contracts, SFWB began receiving \$90,000 to \$100,000 per year. SFWB has a 97 percent efficiency record, which makes them a premium partner.

(8) Business from the CEO

- 1) Schedule ODOT Work Session on Abernathy Bridge prior to Feb. 24, 2021 SFWB meeting
John Collins, CEO, said ODOT has offered to participate in a work session to update SFWB on the Abernathy Bridge project. ODOT was at 90 percent in their design. The water line would have to be moved, which provided an opportunity to upsize the water line and implement earthquake preparedness measures. He asked if the Board would like to participate in the work session.

The Board consented to hold the work session with ODOT.

Mr. Collins confirmed the work session would be at 6:00 pm on February 24, 2021.

2) Update on ACE June 2021

John Collins, CEO, updated the Board on the American Water Works Association's annual conference. He had already booked six hotel rooms for Board members and Staff, noting that cancellations could be made with no expense until the second week of April. He asked Board members to consider attending, adding he would like their final decision in March. Additional information about the conference would be provided to Board members.

Mr. Collins stated that Former Mayor and SFWB Vice Chair Axelrod served on several committees and did a lot of work for SFWB. He asked the Board to consider allowing him to attend the June conference to participate in his last national committee meeting and say goodbye to his colleagues.

(9) **Business from the Board**

There was none.

(10) **Executive Session –Adjourn regular meeting and convene Executive Session if needed.**

No Executive Session was held.

- A. To consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(a).
- B. To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(f).

(11) **Reconvene Regular Meeting if needed to take any action necessary as determined in Executive Session.**

Chair Smith adjourned the regular meeting at 6:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

By Paula Pinyerd, ABC Transcription Services, Inc.
for John Collins, SFWB CEO