

**MINUTES**  
**December 17, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the North of River Sanitary District No. 1 was held at the District Office, 204 Universe Avenue, Bakersfield, California on Tuesday, December 17, 2024.

President McKibbin called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Present: Directors McKibbin, Kloepper, Ruetters, Murphy, and Hooker

Absent: None

Others Present: District Manager Ostly, District Counsel Hughes, District Administrator Lee, and Director-elect Hudson

Others Absent: None

Cassi Ferreira of Daniells, Phillips, Vaughan & Bock provided an overview of their 2023-2024 Annual Audit Report of the District.

Director Kloepper moved to receive and file the 2023-2024 Annual Audit Report as prepared by Daniells, Phillips, Vaughan & Bock. Motioned seconded by Director Hooker. Motion Carried.

Director Kloepper moved to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on November 19, 2024. Motion seconded by Director Hooker. Motion carried.

Director Kloepper moved to approve the minutes of the special board meeting on November 18, 2024. Motion seconded by Director Hooker. Motion carried.

After review of the financial reports, manager's report, and payment of the general fund warrants. Director Kloepper moved to approve payment of the general fund warrants in the amount of \$1,589,041.00. Motion seconded by Director Murphy. Motion carried.

Director Kloepper moved to approve an easement to Kern County for pedestrian purposes on APN 115-110-17. Motion seconded by Director Hooker. Motion Carried.

Director Kloepper moved to approve the AIMs Team 2024-2025 general service agreement for an amount not to exceed \$29,200 without Board approval. Motion seconded by Director Hooker. Motion carried.

Director Kloepper moved to approve the purchase of a replacement Forklift from Cromer per their proposal for \$50,793.64. Motion seconded by Director Murphy. Motion carried.

Director Kloepper moved to approve to extend the terms of the Water Use Agreement, as amended, the 2007 Agricultural Lease, as amended, and the 2011 Agricultural Lease, as amended, such that the three agreements with Sill Properties, Inc will expire on December 31, 2027. Motion seconded by Director Ruetters. Motion carried.

Director Kloepper moved to approve to increase the budgeted effort by \$20,000 for Nelms Surveying in documenting District wide sewer easements. Motion seconded by Director Murphy. Motion carried.

Director Kloepper moved to approve Resolution 24-07 to amend the District Employee Handbook to address changes as required by State Law and approval of the associated 'On- Call' Policy. Motion seconded by Director Hooker. Motion carried.

Manager Ostly led a discussion concerning the Salvador Munoz and Nancy Arismendez Settlement Release. No action was taken by the Board.

Manager Ostly led a discussion concerning the JSS Almonds unpermitted industrial discharge to the District sewer system. No action was taken by the Board.

Manager Ostly led a discussion concerning the Sanitary Sewer Overflow at 106 Wilson Avenue. No action was taken by the Board.

Manager Ostly led a discussion concerning the 2024-2025 Kern County Grand Jury Report concerning the District. No action was taken by the Board.

President McKibbin directed that the Board move into closed session at 7:15 P.M. to conference on one item: Conference with Real Property Negotiator. All persons other than the Directors, Director-elect Hudson, District Manager and Administrator, and District Counsel retired from the meeting.


Following the closed session, the meeting was again opened to the public at 7:35 P.M.

District Counsel Hughes reported the following: Director Ruetters moved to ratify the Extension of Time Amendment dated 11-12-2024 on property known as 807.28 AC Open Farmland purchase from JAG61 LP as executed by Manger Ostly; to approve the License Agreement for the purchase subject to document approval by District Counsel; and to confirm and ratify the execution by Manager Ostly of the Purchase and Sale Agreement dated November 12, 2024 for the subject purchase. Motion seconded by Director Murphy. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Ruetters moved to approve Resolution 24-06 expressing appreciation for Fred Kloepper and his service on the North of River Sanitary District Board of Directors. Motion seconded by Director Hooker. Motion carried.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

  
President

  
Secretary