



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MEETING OF
THE
INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2016
10:00 A.M.**

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Terry Catlin, President
Michael Camacho, Vice President
Steven J. Elie, Secretary/Treasurer
Jasmin A. Hall

STAFF PRESENT:

P. Joseph Grindstaff, General Manager
Chris Berch, Executive Manager of Engineering/AGM
Randy Lee, Executive Manager of Operations/AGM
Christina Valencia, Chief Financial Officer/AGM
April Woodruff, Board Secretary/Office Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jack Allingham, Retiree
Jean Cihigoyenetché, JC Law Firm
Paul Hofer
Fausto Reyes

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency* was held at the office of the Agency, 6075 Kimball Avenue, Bldg. A, Chino, California on the above date.

President Catlin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and he dispensed with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. A quorum was present.

President Catlin stated that members of the public may address the Board.

President Catlin asked if there were any changes/additions/deletions to the agenda. There were no changes/additions/deletions to the agenda.

1. ACTION ITEM

A. FILLING VACANT SEAT ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

General Counsel Jean Cihigoyenetché addressed the President and members of the Board by stating that the action item today is to interview and possibly appoint a replacement to fill the vacant seat created by the passing of Director Koopman. He mentioned that at the last Board meeting, the Board of Directors had instructed to proceed with the interviews, which will be done by lot. He explained that a Director will select a name and the order by which they are selected, will be the order by which the candidates will be interviewed. Mr. Cihigoyenetché reminded the candidates that this is an open meeting, governed by the Brown Act, which states that the public has the right to be present. At the last Board meeting, the Directors did request that the

candidates agree not to be present in the room when the other candidate is speaking or being interviewed.

The lot was drawn in the following order: Mr. Paul Hofer, Mr. Fausto Reyes, and Mr. Jack Allingham.

President Catlin suggested that the candidates begin by introducing themselves, state how long they have lived in the community, why they want to serve on the IEUA Board, and then the Directors will follow-up with questions.

Candidate Mr. Paul Hofer presented his qualifications to the Board of Directors for the position of IEUA Director for Division 2.

Candidate Mr. Fausto Reyes presented his qualifications to the Board of Directors for the position of IEUA Director for Division 2.

Candidate Mr. Jack Allingham presented his qualifications to the Board of Directors for the position of IEUA Director for Division 2.

After the conclusion of the interviews, Mr. Jack Allingham asked if he could ask a question to Board of Directors, then stated "Hopefully you asked the same questions to each of the three candidates. If that doesn't happen, then you can stereo-type and misjudge." Director Hall replied that her questions were written down. Director Elie further responded that in fairness it's all on tape. He said that the Directors did not necessarily ask everyone the exact same question. He stated that the same information may come out, but you don't necessarily ask the exact same question of everybody. He said different people's experiences lend them to different answers, and some people sometimes answer questions before you get to ask them. Director Elie stated that the substance was the same, and everyone got a fair shake based on their presentations. Director Elie stated that because this is a public meeting and a public record he wanted to make this clear. He stated that each Board member has the discretion of asking the question so they would understand the answer.

President Catlin open up the meeting for discussion and/or action by the Board of Directors.

Director Elie responded that he appreciated that all three candidates came out and took the time to interview. He stated that from his perspective, one candidate came out as the most qualified by far, and he would nominate Mr. Paul Hofer to be the Division 2 Director.

Director Hall stated that she really thought about the type of questions that she asked the candidates, with regards to the future of the Agency, their relationship with the community, and looking at the Agency Regional Contract. The Agency needs someone that has had several interactions with different cities, not just one city – not just one industry, to bring to the Agency – what is fresh, what is moving forward, and what currently are great ideas to continually build up on the needs of the drought and water concerns. She stated that she believes that Mr. Reyes is the candidate that best suited those qualities. She stated that she would like to nominate Mr. Fausto Reyes.

General Counsel Cihigoyenette noted that Mr. Hofer and Mr. Reyes have both received a nomination. He asked if there were any other nominations. There were none. General Counsel Cihigoyenette closed the nominations. He further stated that the candidates will be voted in order of their nominations, by voice vote.

Upon motion by Director Elie, seconded by Camacho, with Director Hall voting "no", the motion carried (3-1):

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MOVED, to appoint Mr. Paul Hofer as the Director on the Inland Empire Utilities Agency Board for Division 2.

President Catlin thanked the candidates for applying for Division 2 seat on the IEUA Board of Directors. He congratulated Mr. Hofer on his appointment.

Mr. Hofer stated that he is honored to be appointed to the Inland Empire Utilities Agency Board of Directors for Division 2. Director Gene Koopman did a wonderful job representing his constituents and he is proud to carry on Director Koopman's tradition of leadership.

Legal Counsel Cihigoyenatche stated that the next step in the process would be, at a given time, to swear Mr. Hofer with the Oath of Office. He stated from that point forward, Mr. Hofer can participate as an IEUA Board member.

Director Elie noted that Mr. Hofer would need to resign from his other office in order to take the oath due to incompatible office.

With no further business, President Catlin adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.



Steven J. Elie, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved: September 21, 2016