

Chester Public Utility District
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Minutes of Special Meeting: September 7, 2021 at 1:00pm. Located in the Chester Public Utility District conference room: 251 Chester Airport Road.

Directors Present: Royce Raker, Joe Waterman, Steve Graffweg, & Steve Voboril.

Directors Absent: Steve Trotter

Conference Call: No Public called in.

Guests Present: none

Staff Present: 5 CPUD/CFD employees and volunteers.

1. **Call to Order:** Director Waterman called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.
 - a. Director Waterman led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Public Comment Agenda Items:** none
3. **Closed Session: Pending Litigation: (Gov. Code Section 54956.9d1) Conference with legal counsel-Existing litigation. Chadwick Walker v. Chester Public Utility District and Anthony Balbiani v Chester Public Utility District.** (Read verbatim by Director Waterman)
4. **Reconvene:** Director Waterman reconvened the meeting at 3:32pm.
5. **Report on Closed Session:** Director Waterman stated that the attorney updated the board with the information that legal processes were happening.
6. **Finance Committee Update: Report on Meeting 09-07-2021:** Director Waterman stated that during the meeting, a board member in attendance approached the table and looked at material from the meeting with a member of the committee while the other committee member was on a call in the General Manager's office during the meeting's recess. This should not have happened. There can be no interaction by any board member not on the committee. Director Graffweg apologized. Director Voboril stated he thought since the meeting was in recess, it was okay. Director Waterman stated that a recess is not an adjournment. He stated that Einhorn feels that there needs to be a process in place when funds loan to each other, such as 12-month pay back and low interest. Line of Credit was discussed as well. Director Waterman made a recommendation to the board that staff come up with a written plan regarding cash flow for transparency, keeping in mind there may be legal implications regarding the tax basis. Director Voboril stated that this should be done by the next regular board meeting. *(no one made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation.)* Director Voboril thought he should share with the whole board what was shared at the committee meeting. He compared 2019 to 2021 snapshots. He notices that Long Term Liabilities went from 900K to 3.1 Million. He stated that Bankruptcy, layoffs and private ambulance company may need to happen if things don't turn around. GM Homme said that he has a map of goals that include actions of recovery. He said this district will not survive with any layoffs. He believes they have a good momentum going right now. Director Voboril stated that since his 4 years on the board that the district has been spiraling down. Director Graffweg like the idea of borrowing from ourselves. Discussion only, no action.
7. **Comments:** Director Waterman stated that he would prefer comments from staff first.
 - a. **Staff:** none
 - b. **Directors:** Director Voboril states he has been approached by many people to have some forgiveness on their water bill. Director Waterman stated that there is a federal declaration

for discussion at the Truman Collins Field. GM Homme stated that after the fire is deemed closed, that he will submit the water that was used on the fire by Water Tenders.

Director Raker stated that he hopes that Allan will come up with a good plan, because private ambulance idea is not a benefit to the community and that the Chester Fire Ambulance is going very well.

Ryan Johnson asked more questions regarding the 2019-2021 Liabilities comparison that Director Voboril had. Cheryl stated that the increase could be due to the Golden Handshakes.

Director Waterman stated that he is resigning from the board. He will not be at the next meeting. He will turn over all his District information regarding any projects he was working on.

8. **Adjournment:** Director Voboril made motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:57pm. Director Raker seconded. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Clerk to the Board, Cheryl Johnson

Approval of Minutes 