



Las Vegas Valley Water District, Nevada OPEB Trust Board of Trustees

Board of Trustees
John J. Entsminger
Kevin Bethel
Charles Scott

Special Meeting
April 22, 2021
10:00 AM

Date Posted: April 15, 2021

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Las Vegas, Nevada

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Las Vegas, Nevada

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COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN: This is the period devoted to comments by the general public pertaining to items on this agenda. If you wish to speak to the Board of Trustees about items within its jurisdiction, but not appearing on this agenda, you must wait until the "Comments by the General Public" period listed at the end of this agenda. Please limit your comments to three minutes or less.

ITEM NO.

1. *For Possible Action:* Approve the agenda with the inclusion of any emergency items and/or deletion of items, and approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of December 3, 2020.
2. *For Possible Action:* Receive a presentation on the OPEB Trust Fund and direct staff as appropriate.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN: At this time, the Board of Trustees will hear general comments from the public on matters under the jurisdiction of the subcommittee. Please limit your comments to three minutes or less.

**LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
NEVADA OPEB TRUST
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2020
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER 10:00 a.m.
Meeting conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams

TRUSTEES PRESENT John Entsminger
Kevin Bethel
Charles Scott

Unless otherwise indicated, all members present voted in the affirmative.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Ed Uehling advised that he provided written comments and asked that they be attached to these minutes. He voiced concern that two of the trustees are current employees and suggested that Mr. Entsminger and Mr. Bethel not be allowed to vote.

ITEM NO.

1. *For Possible Action:* Approve agenda with inclusion of any emergency items and/or deletion of items.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Charles Scott to approve the agenda for this meeting and the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of April 23, 2019. The motion was approved.

2. *For Possible Action:* Receive a presentation on the Las Vegas Valley Water District, Nevada OPEB Trust Fund and direct staff as appropriate.

Kevin Bethel, Chief Financial Officer, gave an overview of the Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust, including its establishment, funding, and performance. No direction was given to staff. The presentation is attached to these minutes.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by John Entsminger to accept the presentation. The motion was approved.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Ed Uehling questioned whether any benefits had been paid out to retirees.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Copies of all original agenda items and minutes, including all attachments, are on file in the General Manager's office at the Las Vegas Valley Water District, 1001 South Valley View Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada.

December 3, 2020

To: OPEB Chairman, John Entsminger

From: Ed Uehling, ed.uehling@yahoo.com

Re: Items 1 and 2 of agenda

If there are two words that already describe the Las Vegas Valley Water District (and its little sister agency, the Southern Nevada Water Authority that it “manages”), those words would either be “irredeemably corrupt” “totally unsustainable”, but the items on this agenda take its corruption and unsustainability to a whole new level:

- As if it weren't enough that the two agencies, being “managed” by you, Mr. Entsminger, are running combined deficits of \$150 million per year and that these deficits are caused primarily by the excessive personnel and debt servicing costs, you are voting on a measure that benefits you directly and adds an additional \$30 million burden to the users of water, who are even allowed to attend this meeting except by phone, according to your posted agenda.
- As you know, the Board of the District put its stamp of approval two days ago on documents which demonstrate that current employee compensation has doubled in the last 10 years to its current level of \$180,000 per employee and which laid the track for another doubling during the next 10 years to \$360,000.
- Of course, your stake in current employee benefits and retirement benefits is much higher than these averages, while at the same time average wages of water customers has actually decreased during the past 10 years and are on pace for dropping even more this fiscal year and next..
- You will achieve these outrages by increasing water charges to people who are making 15% of what the average compensation for your bloated workforce is and by adding \$3.2 billion to the debt water users will owe.
- I request that you and Mr. Bethel, as personal beneficiaries of this theft, abstain from taking any action, including voting.

And today you are going to vote to take another \$30 million from beleaguered water users to benefit yourself and your staff.

You are clearly redefining the concepts of “public service” in ways I never heard articulated in my studies for a master's degree in public administration (MPA 1969, BYU).

Please attach this correspondence to the minutes of today's meeting.