



**RIVER PINES**  
**PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT**

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**SPECIAL MINUTES**  
**November 6, 2024**  
**ACTION MINUTES**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Raymond at 6:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL: Via Phone**

Candi Bingham, General Manager -Via Phone  
Gisele Wurzburger, Board Clerk – Via Phone

Director John Chapman  
Director Karla Christensen  
Director Anita Ebbinghausen  
Director Roscoe Raymond

**ABSENT:**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Raymond led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. AGENDA:**

**Motion by Board Member Ebbinghausen, seconded by Vice-Chairman Christensen and carried by a 4 to 0 vote to approve the Special Agenda dated November 6, 2024.**

**AYES: Chapman, Christensen, Ebbinghausen, Raymond**  
**NOES: None**  
**ABSTAIN: None**  
**ABSENT: None**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

A member of the public was present to discuss a 13-month leak at his resident. President Raymond requested he contact the office to discuss this matter.

**6. BOARD MATTERS: Discussion/Action.**

**a. Proposition 218 Hearing – Proposed Rate Increase. Discussion/Action**

General Manager Bingham reported per Proposition 218, all envelopes received were given to the District's Board Clerk to tally and are available to review after the public hearing.

General Manager Bingham stated Proposition 218 states at the conclusion of the public hearing "not during" an impartial person designated by the agency (someone who does not have a vested interest in the outcome of the proposed assessment) must tabulate the ballots that were submitted. An impartial person includes the clerk or secretary of the agency.

Board Clerk Wurzburger stated she has provided this service for her previous employment during a Proposition 218 proceeding. That all ballots and the tally were available for review after the public hearing.

Chairman Raymond opened the public hearing.

Vice-Chairman Christensen stated the ballots were not provided in accordance with the Proposition 218 guidelines. The face of the envelope mailed to the property owner with the ballot and notice must contain, in at least sixteen-point type, the following statement in substantially the following form: "OFFICIAL BALLOT ENCLOSED. She also stated all assessment ballots must remain sealed until the conclusion of the public hearing. She stated she was not against the rate increase, only the incorrect process.

General Manager Bingham stated the Board designated Board Clerk Wurzburger to provide the tally service and to prepare the Minutes for the November 6 Proposition 218 Public Hearing.

Board Clerk Wurzburger stated the tally took a total 3.5 hours to complete. The spreadsheet and tallied votes were provided for the public review. She noted the ballots were kept in the original envelopes as logged in on the provided spreadsheet.

Chairman Raymond asked how much it would cost to redo the ballots process. General Manager Bingham stated between \$300 to \$400 dollars for the mailing and an additional \$300 for the Board Clerk to attend by phone and prepare the minutes.

After considerable discussion Chairman Raymond requested Vice Chairman Christensen provide a detailed written letter of the Proposition 218 procedure to the General Manager. General Manager Bingham requested this letter be submitted as soon as possible in order to start the 45-day process. Vice Chairman Christensen stated she would prepare the letter by next Tuesday.

Chairman Raymond, Hearing no comments from the public, Chairman Raymond closed the public hearing.

The following motion was made:

**Motion by Chairman Raymond, seconded by Board Member Ebbinghausen and carried by a 4 to 0 vote to redo the Proposition 218 notification and ballot process.**

**AYES: Chapman, Christensen, Ebbinghausen, Raymond**  
**NOES: None**  
**ABSTAIN: None**  
**ABSENT: None**

**7. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m. to the next schedule Regular Meeting November 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.