

**ROUND HILL GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
LOCATION: VIDEO / TELECONFERENCE  
January 18, 2022**

**Tuesday**

**4:30 pm**

*Round Hill GID is actively monitoring and managing the COVID-19 level of risk in our community by closing our office to the public to minimize contact among individuals and to slow the spread of COVID-19. The RHGID Board of Trustees will be conducting its monthly meeting remotely to reduce social gatherings and interpersonal contact. In adherence to the Governor's Declaration of Emergency and Directive 006 on public meetings, there will be no physical location designated for this meeting.*

*The public will be able to participate in the Zoom Meeting with Meeting ID: 634 389 0648 using Passcode: 6zWUu0 or by teleconference at (669) 900-9128 with Meeting ID: 634 389 0648 and use Passcode: 350262.*

*Public comment will be accepted up to 24 hours prior to the Board meeting through either mailing in comments to the RHGID office, or by emailing comments to [info@rhgid.org](mailto:info@rhgid.org).*

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Keith Fertala.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Keith Fertala.

**3. Roll Call**

Via Zoom - Chairman Keith Fertala, Vice Chairman Chuck Fagen and Trustees Hunter Harris and Gregg Rossi were present. Trustee Darin Smith was absent. District Manager Andrew Hickman, Administrative Assistant Patti Page and District Counsel Justin Townsend were present. Engineer Matt Van Dyne was present. Round Hill residents Peter Guilfoyle and Bruce Steger were present.

**4. Public Comment**

None.

**5. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda. Rossi/Harris 4-0 approved.

**6. Discussion on issues regarding sewer lateral brought forth by Mr. Guilfoyle at 4 Navajo Court.**

Mr. Guilfoyle stated that the District's loader used for moving snow in his cul-de-sac has broken his sewer lateral pipe. He requested that the District no longer use the loader in that area to prevent further breakdown of the pipes 13' deep in the ground.

Manager Hickman stated that his responsibility is to keep the road clear and safe for all that live and drive on Navajo Court and throughout the district. He then explained the process for snow removal during heavy, wet storms. The loader is used only when absolutely necessary.

As requested, Manager Hickman had Summit Plumbing camera the sewer line up to Mr. Guilfoyle's lateral and it showed that the root intrusion is below the lateral. He stated that the sewer lateral was made of asbestos concrete (AC Pipe), had no seal around the connection area to prevent root intrusion and was improperly installed.

As the lateral is intruding into the sewer main, the camera can reach get close to the lateral, but has no way to look into the lateral. There is no camera system that has that ability. This was confirmed by Engineer Matt Van Dyne as well.

No action was taken on this item and has been tabled until the spring of 2022, or at a time that Mr. Guilfoyle would like to address the issue again.

### **7. Consent Calendar**

Vice Chairman Fagen stated that he would like to be more involved with understanding the processing of the Districts' Budget moving forward. Trustee Harris agreed and wanted to know more about where the revenues come from and which funds they go to. AA Page suggested that during the next budget cycle (coming up soon) that the Board and staff go over it a bit more closely so that items could be clarified. All members were in agreement to doing so.

Motion was made to approve the consent calendar as presented. Rossi/Fagen 4-0 approved.

### **8. Staff Reports**

Manager Hickman attended the Douglas County BOCC Open Meeting Law Training as required.

Investment earnings continue to be minimal. Due to the current economy, rates continue to be very low.

Budget season will soon be upon us. Based on a cursory look at revenues versus expenses, the rising cost of everything dictates that we will need to raise both water and sewer rates very soon. Inflation has hit every aspect of our daily lives and the District cannot afford to absorb these costs.

No updates yet on the coalition of Douglas County GID General Manager.

The snow storm(s) in December delivered about 6 feet or more of snow in the District. Our crew worked tirelessly to keep up with the snowfall, to keep the roads clear, and to clean up the remainder once there was a break. I challenge anyone to drive anywhere else in the Tahoe basin and compare the snow removal to that of RHGID. Throughout the storm(s), we only received a total of 5 complaints, compared to the multitude of waves, thumbs ups, phone calls, emails, and gifts received at the office.

Manager Hickman had not been able to work with the District Engineer regarding the Capital Improvement Plan or Technical Memos #3 and #4. He will soon and report at the next Board Meeting.

Construction of the new entrance to the Round Hill Pines Resort is set to begin in Spring 2022. The old entrance will be closed to the public but RHGID will have access to prevent waiting in lines of visitors to get to the district filter plant.

Engineer Matt Van Dyne reported that regarding Mr. Guilfoyle issues with the Loader, it was not possible for the equipment to do damage to a sewer lateral as the "bury depth" in the basin is a minimum of 36" but usually 42" due to the freeze line.

Chairman Fertala would like Manager Hickman to do some research and provide Mr. Guilfoyle with some articles regarding bury depth and possible repairs that can be made to his sewer lateral.

Farr West and Manager Hickman are working on a water right change application for the Elks Point Country Club (EPCC). This application is only necessary if RHGID is to supply EPCC water in an emergency.

**12. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn. Harris/Fagen 4-0 approved.

Attest:

  
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Keith Fertala  
Chairman

  
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Hunter Harris  
Secretary