

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 9, 2019
8:30 a.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Gary Unruh, Mitch Millwee, Jason Selvidge & Barry Watts

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Roy Pierucci

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Averett, Dan Bartel, Zach Smith, Megan Misuraca & Dan Raytis
Molly Saso
Garrett Busch

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Selvidge called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Oath of Office for Directors of Divisions 1, 4, and 5 - Oath of Office was administered to Director Selvidge (Division 4) and Director Watts (Division1).

CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Special Board Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2019 – As amended to reflect that Director Unruh voted no on the motion made under Attorney’s Report, Item a).
- b) Special Board Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2019
- c) Treasurer’s Report – Filed as presented.

A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Watts to adopt the Consent Items. The motion was approved with amendment to the March 18th meeting minutes and unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a) Accounts Payable/Operations Report/March 15, 2019 through April 5, 2019 — Mr. Averett reviewed the accounts payable report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Watts to ratify and approve payment of the accounts payable in the total amount of \$5,311,268.01 as set forth in the Accounts Payable report provided to the Board. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- b) Revenue and Expenditures Report – Mr. Averett reviewed the current Revenue and Expenditures report through 3/31/19.

- c) Consideration of District Fund Investment – Mr. Averett discussed the laddered investment of District funds through Arbitrage Management Group. A motion was made by Director Watts and seconded by Director Unruh to approve retention of Arbitrage Management Group for assistance with directing the investment of up to \$6,000,000 of District funds in a laddered investment (in three short term investments). The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

DISTRICT OPERATIONS REPORT

- a) District Water Levels & Hydrographs Report – Mr. Smith reviewed the current District water levels with the Board.
- b) Operations Log – Mr. Smith reviewed current operations logs and noted the current SWP allocation of 70%.
- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Smith reviewed a few maintenance projects that have taken place over the last month.
- d) 2019 Water Supply Projection – Mr. Smith updated the Board with current water supplies.

STATE WATER PROJECT ACTIVITIES UPDATE

- a) Update on State Water Project Operations – Mr. Averett updated the Board on the current status of the Oroville Spillway.
- b) Update on California WaterFix – No Report.

MANAGER’S REPORT

- a) Update on Goals and Priorities – Mr. Averett reviewed the updated goals and priorities ranking sheet with the Board.
- b) Consideration of Water Market Pilot Project – Mr. Averett updated the Board on the status of the Water Trading Pilot and made note that it is currently in the RFP/RFQ process. No action was taken.
- c) Consideration of California Groundwater Coalition Membership – Mr. Averett reviewed the letter from the California Groundwater Coalition with the Board and the various membership types. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Watts to approve participating in the California Groundwater Coalition at the Bronze membership level (\$1,000). The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- d) Consideration of Resolution No. 502- Emergency Declaration – Mr. Raytis reviewed Resolution 502 - “Declaration of a Water Supply Emergency to Procure Equipment, Services, and Supplies for Such Emergency.” A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Watts to adopt Resolution 502. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ENGINEERS / PROJECTS REPORT

a) Onyx Ranch

- i. Operations Report – Mr. Bartel gave an update on staff activities and water operations/ flows to the Board. Mr. Bartel reported that he is working with the agricultural tenants on new lease agreements.
- ii. Consideration of Store Lease – Mr. Bartel reported that the store lease ends as of May 1, 2019. Mr. Bartel recommended continuing to lease the store on a month to month basis. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Millwee to continue to lease the store on a month to month basis on substantially similar terms to those in the existing lease and at an increased rate as recommended by Mr. Bartel. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

b) Drought Relief Project

- i. Status Report – Mr. Bartel reviewed the Project Status Report covering the activities through the end of March 2019.
- ii. Superior Well Equipping – Consideration of Pay Estimate – Mr. Bartel gave an update on activities to the Board. There was no pay estimate available at meeting time. No action was taken.
- iii. Pumping Plant Equipping – Consideration of Pay Estimate – Mr. Bartel updated the Board on the project. A motion was made by Director Watts and seconded by Director Unruh to approve Specialty Construction’s Pay Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$33,677.50 for Phase 2 of the Pumping Plant and retention in the amount of \$1,772.50 to be paid to the escrow account. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- iv. Stockdale East Wells – Consideration of Technical Services Agreement – Mr. Bartel reviewed the proposals from Zeiders Consulting and GEI to provide technical services for the design, specifications and bidding of the Stockdale East Wells. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Watts to approve a budget in the amount \$100,000 for technical services, and to execute necessary contract(s) or task order(s)

with GEI and Zeider's Consulting for services relating to the design, specifications and bidding of the Stockdale East wells. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

c) Conveyance Projects

- i. Kern River Intake – Consideration of Pay Estimate – Mr. Bartel gave an update on the Kern River Intake and noted the completion of the trash screen installation, channel cleaning, and measurement structure modifications. A motion was made by Director Watts and seconded by Director Millwee to approve NCI's Pay Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$119,352.00 for the trash screen installation and debris barrier, as outlined in the memorandum provided to the Board. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

Mr. Bartel discussed updating the flow meter data logger to have SCADA communication ability and allow for remote access by the District and the City of Bakersfield. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Watts to approve a budget not to exceed \$8,000 to update the data logger with SCADA communication ability. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- ii. Houghton Weir – Mr. Bartel updated the Board with the status of the grant application to help fund the weir replacement. Staff will be meeting with TID staff on April 15th to see and discuss their Langemann Gate structures. If staff receives positive feedback from the visit, a recommendation will be made to obtain a design proposal from Richard Meyer.

- d) Building Phase 2- Consideration of Pay Estimate – Mr. Bartel gave an update on activities to the Board. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Watts to approve Pay Estimate No. 3 in the amount of \$10,291.42 to Vortex Construction. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- e) Kern Fan Project- Consideration of Hallmark Critical Task Budget Variance – Mr. Averett gave an update on the Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project and the Hallmark Group's revised proposal, which includes two critical path items regarding the location of the turn out and operational issues with state agencies. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Millwee to approve a budget augmentation for Hallmark Group in the amount of

\$11,091.50 (with the remaining 50% to be funded by Irvine Ranch Water District) to complete the critical path items as presented to the Board. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- f) Superior East Recharge Improvements – Consideration of Earthwork Contract – Mr. Bartel presented options for maintenance and repairs on the Superior East ponds and adjacent property in order to maximize recharge on the properties this year. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Watts to set a budget of \$191,000 and to award a contract to Lonnie Cross Land Leveling to complete the three presented options to maximize recharge flows that are expected to be available this year. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Rosedale Management Area Committee – No Report.
- b) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – No report.
- c) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee – No Report.
- d) Pioneer Project – Mr. Averett will be attending the Pioneer participants meeting on April 11, 2019 and expects to review the Draft GSP. Mr. Averett reported that the recharge participants had raised written concerns regarding the sizing and costs of replacement facilities.
- e) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) – Mr. Averett updated the Board on his meeting with the regional Board regarding regulating canals and the need to potentially un-designate certain canals in the future.
- f) Kern Groundwater Authority – Mr. Averett updated the Board that the basin thresholds map has been released. He gave a quick review of the proposed levels neighboring the District. Mr. Bartel presented the Board with the ITRC data that has been made available. The data should be available on an APN basis in the next few weeks.
- g) Kern Fan Authority – Eric updated the Board on the status of the CEQA efforts for the group.
- h) Banking Projects Joint Operating Committee (JOC) – No Report.
- i) Valley Ag Water Coalition – No report.
- j) South Valley Water Resources Authority – No report.
- k) BizFed Group – No report.
- l) Kern Integrated Regional Water Management Plan – Mr. Averett reported that the James Project will be coordinating the funding of the update of the Kern IRWMP.
- m) James Water Authority – No report.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT – No Report.

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

- a) Mr. Raytis confirmed that all Board members will be attending the May 14th Board meeting to consider the rate code schedule that is required to be turned into the County by May 17th.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Mr. Averett reviewed the letter from Arvin-Edison Water Storage District to Senator Hurtado regarding Senate Bill 559. By consensus, the Board authorized Mr. Averett to send a similar letter of support on behalf of the District.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows:

At 10:55 a.m. Director Selvidge announced the Board will meet in closed session with the General Manager, Assistant General Manager, and legal counsel. At 11:40 a.m., the Board reconvened to open session. Mr. Raytis reported that no reportable actions were taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.