

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
September 10, 2019
8:30 a.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Roy Pierucci, Gary Unruh, Mitch Millwee, Jason Selvidge & Barry Watts

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Averett, Dan Bartel, Zach Smith, Megan Misuraca, Dan Raytis & Markus Nygren
Garret Busch
Rick Jhaj

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Special Board Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2019
- b) Treasurer’s Report – Filed as presented.

A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Watts to adopt and accept the Consent Items. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Millwee, Watts and Selvidge

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a) Accounts Payable/ August 10, 2019 through September 6, 2019 — Mr. Averett reviewed the accounts payable report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Selvidge to ratify and approve payment of the accounts payable in the total amount of \$1,384,842.76 as set forth in the Accounts Payable report provided to the Board. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Millwee, Watts and Selvidge

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- b) Revenue and Expenditures Report – Mr. Averett reviewed the current Revenue and Expenditures Report through 8/31/19 with the Board.
- c) Consideration of Budget Increase on BHK Contract for 2018 Audited Financials – Ms. Misuraca and Mr. Bartel discussed the current progress of the FYE 2018 audited financials, and the additional time required to complete the audit that was not included in the original budget amount. A motion was made by Director Watts and seconded by Director Unruh to increase the

BHK budget amount by \$5,000 to cover the additional time required to complete the FYE 2018 audited financial.

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 with the Board including the projected supply and demand through 2019.
- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Smith reviewed maintenance projects that have taken place over the last month.

STATE WATER PROJECT ACTIVITIES UPDATE

- a) Update on State Water Project Operations – President Pierucci gave an overview of the September 6th meeting with Mr. Crowfoot, California Secretary for Natural Resources. President Pierucci said that he was encouraged by the Secretary’s comments at the meeting. Mr. Averett gave an update on current State Water Project operations.
- b) Update on Delta Conveyance Project – Mr. Averett updated the Board on current Delta Conveyance Project activities and negotiations.

MANAGER’S REPORT

- a) Consideration of Continuing Emergency Action - Public Contract Code §22050(c)(1) – Resolution No. 502 – A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Selvidge to continue the Emergency Action per Resolution No. 502. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Millwee, Watts and Selvidge

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- b) Consideration of 2019-2020 Landowner Banking Policy – Mr. Averett presented a draft 2019-2020 Landowner Banking Policy to the Board. He noted that a “Schedule D” could be added to incorporate white landowners into the policy. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Watts to adopt the 2019-2020 Landowner Banking Policy as presented. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Millwee, Watts and Selvidge

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- c) Consideration of 2019- Water Management Program with Antelope-Valley East Kern Water District – Mr. Averett reviewed the 2019 Water Management Program with Antelope-Valley East Kern Water with the Board. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Unruh to adopt the 2019 Water Management Program with AVEK subject to legal counsel approval and the execution of a letter agreement assigning all rights and obligations under the agreement to V Lions Operations, LP. The motion was unanimously passed with Director Millwee abstaining.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts and Selvidge

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: Director Millwee

- d) Consideration of 2019 Landowner Water Management Program – Mr. Averett presented the 2019 Landowner Water Management Program with V Lions Operations, LP. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Watts to authorize execution of the 2019 Landowner Water Management Program with V Lions Operations, LP, subject to legal counsel approval and the following conditions: (1) execution of the letter agreement by an authorized representative, and (2) a deposit with Rosedale of all funds necessary to effectuate the transaction. The motion was unanimously passed with Director Millwee abstaining.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts and Selvidge

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: Director Millwee

- e) Consideration of 2019 Water Management Program with Santa Clarita Valley Water District – Mr. Averett reviewed the material provisions of the Water Management Program with the Board. The Board discussed the agreement and the potential for recharging some of the water on the District’s Section 1 property. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Unruh to execute the 2019 Water Management Program with Santa Clarita Valley Water District as presented. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Millwee, Watts and Selvidge

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- f) Consideration of 2019 Water Management Program with Westside Mutual Water District- Mr. Averett reviewed the proposed Westside Mutual Water District Water Management Program with the Board. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Millwee to approve and execute the Westside Mutual Water District Water Management Program as presented. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Millwee, Watts and Selvidge

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- g) Update on California Water Blueprint – Mr. Averett discussed the Sustainability Blueprint and the future of the project with the Board.

ENGINEERS / PROJECTS REPORT

- a) Onyx Ranch

- i. Operations Report – Mr. Bartel gave an update on staff activities and water operations and flows to the Board. Bartel noted that all Onyx leases have been extended and executed.

- b) Drought Relief Project

- i. Status Report – Mr. Bartel reviewed the Project Status Report covering the activities through the end of August 2019.
- ii. Pumping Plant Equipping – Consideration of Pay Estimate, and Change Order – Mr. Bartel updated the Board on the project. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Selvidge to ratify execution of a change order up to \$15,000 for two flow meter access vaults, and to approve payment of Specialty Construction’s pay estimate No. 6 in the amount of \$769,260.60 with retention in the amount of

\$40,487.40 to be deposited into the escrow account. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Millwee, Watts and Selvidge

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- iii. Stockdale East Wells – Mr. Bartel updated the Board on the availability of bid documents, the pre-bid tour on September 12, 2019, and a bid opening of October 10, 2019.

c) Conveyance Projects

- i. Houghton Weir – Mr. Bartel discussed the potential options for obtaining a grant to assist with funding the Houghton Weir project.

- d) Building Phase 2- Consideration of Pay Estimate and Change Order – Mr. Bartel gave an update on activities to the Board. A motion was made by Director Watts and seconded by Director Millwee to ratify execution of Vortex Construction’s Change Order No. 4 in the amount of \$4,993.94 for future charging station electrical work, and to authorize payment of Pay Estimate No. 8 in the amount of \$69,247.80 with retention in the amount of \$3,644.62 deposited into escrow. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Millwee, Watts and Selvidge

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- e) Kern Fan Project – Mr. Averett briefed the Board on an upcoming meeting with DWR staff in Sacramento.

- f) Superior East Recharge Improvements - Consideration of Pay Estimate and Change Order – Mr. Bartel gave an update on the project activities to the Board through August 31, 2019. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Unruh to approve a change order in the amount of \$9,240.00 for pipeline removal, and to authorize payment of Pay Estimate No. 3 for \$53,692.10 with retention in the amount of \$2,825.90 deposited into escrow. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Millwee, Watts and Selvidge

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 – No report.
- e) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) – Mr. Averett gave a brief update of activities on the Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority and an increase in the assessment rate.
- f) Kern Groundwater Authority – Mr. Averett updated the Board on recent activities with the Kern Groundwater Authority.
- g) Kern Fan Authority – Mr. Averett noted the upcoming September 25th meeting.

- h) Banking Projects Joint Operating Committee (JOC) – Mr. Bartel gave an update on activities noting the concerns with the Kern Water Bank groundwater models.
- 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 – No report.
- m) James Water Bank Authority- Consideration of Transfer of Real Property – Mr. Bartel updated the Board on the current James Water Bank Authority activities and status of the JPA. No action was taken.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT - None

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Mr. Averett noted two letters to the Board soliciting support for an individual to serve on the ACWA Board of Directors. None of the directors was familiar with the potential nominee and, thus, declined to take action.
- b. Mr. Averett reviewed a letter sent to West Kern Water District regarding the completion of an exchange program with West Kern.
- c. Mr. Averett noted a letter opposing SB1 unless the bill was amended to address concerns.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Rick Jhaj and his father gave a presentation to the Board regarding a request for an easement adjustment and modifications to the Goose Lake Slough on a certain parcel of property they own within the district. The Board suggested the Jhaj’s engage an engineer to develop a proposal for a modification to the current slough and submit the proposal to staff for discussions. The Board emphasized that any improvements would need to be at the landowner’s sole cost and expense.

CLOSED SESSION

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 10:40 a.m. Director Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 11:40 a.m., the Board reconvened to open session. No reportable actions were taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.