

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Roy Pierucci, Gary Unruh, Jason Selvidge & Barry Watts

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Mitch Millwee

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Averett, Dan Bartel, Zach Smith, Megan Misuraca, Dan Raytis & Markus Nygren
Molly Thurman & Garrett Busch

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2019
- b) Treasurer’s Report – Filed as presented.

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

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts and Selvidge
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a) Accounts Payable/ November 9, 2019 through December 6, 2019 — Mr. Averett reviewed the accounts payable report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Unruh to ratify and approve payment of the accounts payable in the total amount of \$702,208.43 as set forth in the Accounts Payable report provided to the Board. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts and Selvidge
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None
- b) Revenue and Expenditures Report – Mr. Averett reviewed the current Revenue and Expenditures Report through 11/30/2019 with the Board.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS REPORT

- a) District Water Levels & Hydrographs Report – Mr. Smith reviewed the current District water levels with the Board. He noted that water levels are up about 30 feet from last year.

- b) Operations Log – Mr. Smith reviewed current operations logs with the Board including the projections through the end of the year.
- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Smith reviewed maintenance projects that have taken place over the last month.
- d) 2020 Water Supply Projections – Mr. Smith discussed the projected 2020 water supplies and demands with the Board.
- e) 2018 Operations Report – Mr. Bartel presented the 2018 Operations Report to the Board pointing out the main updates and other essential information. A motion was made by Director Watts and Seconded by Director Selvidge to accept and approve the 2018 Operations Report subject to final review of staff and counsel. The motion was unanimously passed.
 AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts and Selvidge
 NOES: None
 ABSTAINED: None
- f) Consideration of Security System Budget – Mr. Smith discussed the need to update the District’s security system to more efficiently monitor the facility and maintain the safety of staff. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Selvidge to approve a budget not to exceed \$15,000 to upgrade the District alarm and camera systems. The motion was unanimously passed.
 AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts and Selvidge
 NOES: None
 ABSTAINED: None

STATE WATER PROJECT ACTIVITIES UPDATE

- a) Update on State Water Project Operations – Mr. Averett gave an update on current State Water Project operations noting the 2020 SWP allocation of 10%.
- b) Update on Delta Conveyance Project – Mr. Averett gave an update on the latest Delta Conveyance Project activities to the Board, noting that the managers of the Member Units of the Kern County Water Agency have been discussing various issues relating to the project.

MANAGER’S REPORT

- a) Consideration of Terminating Emergency Action - Public Contract Code §22050(c)(1) – Resolution No. 502 – A memorandum was presented to the Board recommending termination of the emergency action. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Watts to terminate the Emergency Action taken under Resolution No. 502. The motion was unanimously passed.
 AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts and Selvidge
 NOES: None
 ABSTAINED: None
- b) Review of Strategic Plan Update – Mr. Averett gave a brief overview of the Strategic Plan Review and recommended a special meeting in January to discuss the plan and update.
- c) Review of 2019 Goals – Mr. Averett briefly reviewed a draft of the 2019 goals and deferred further discussion to a special board meeting to be held in January.
- d) Consideration of Agreement with Crimson Resources – Mr. Averett provided the Board with a draft agreement under which the District could transfer, and Crimson Resources could purchase, up to 2,500 acre-feet of supplies over a 5-year period. A motion was made by

Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Unruh to authorize execution of an agreement for the purchase and sale of water as described and discussed, subject to approval of general counsel as to final form of agreement. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts and Selvidge

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- c) Consideration of Adjustment to Compensation for District Employees – The Board reviewed a recommendation of Mr. Averett regarding adjustments to compensation of the District’s employees. The Board discussed various employees’ performance during the year. Upon discussion, a motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Unruh to adjust the employees’ compensation in accordance with the schedule presented as further directed by the Board. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge & Watts

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- e) Consideration to Execute Lease/Option Agreement (APN:104-250-06) and Notice of Exemption
– Deferred to January board meeting.

ENGINEERS / PROJECTS REPORT

- a) Onyx Ranch

- i. Operations Report – Mr. Bartel gave an update on staff activities including water operations and flows to the Board.
- ii. Consideration of extension Tenancy in Common Agreement (Smith Ranch)- Mr. Bartel reviewed a proposed extension of Tenancy in Common Agreement with the Board. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Watts to authorize staff to execute the extension of Tenancy in Common Agreement on the Smith Ranch, subject to approval of General Counsel as to form. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts and Selvidge

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 November 2019.
- ii. Pumping Plant Equipping – Consideration of Pay Estimate, and Change Order – Mr. Bartel updated the Board on the latest project activities including the T & M activities by P & J Electric to troubleshoot Accusonic meter issues. Upon discussion, the following two motions were made:

A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Watts to approve payment of Specialty Construction’s pay estimate No. 9 in the amount of \$113,089.71 with retention in the amount of \$5,952.09 to be deposited into the escrow account. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts and Selvidge

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Watts to ratify a Time and Materials Change Order with P & J Electric for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts and Selvidge

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- iii. Stockdale East Wells – Mr. Bartel gave a brief update on activities on for the Stockdale East Wells Project.
- c) Kern Fan Project - Consideration Hallmark Variance – Mr. Averett provided the Board with an update and reviewed a Variance request from Hallmark Group Consulting for future work on the project. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Selvidge to approve the Variance Report and authorize payment of ½ of Hallmark Group’s expenses thereunder.
 - AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts and Selvidge
 - NOES: None
 - ABSTAINED: None
- d) Ratification of West Basin Earthwork – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on an earthwork project that would provide the District with additional recharge capacity in the West Basin. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Watts to ratify the decision to allow the work to proceed as proposed with the District to pay the incremental cost increase incurred by reason of excavating earth from the District’s ponds (approximately \$20,000-\$23,000). The motion was passed as follows:
 - AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, and Watts
 - NOES: None
 - ABSTAINED: Selvidge
- e) Superior Recharge Improvements – Mr. Bartel provided an update on activities of the Superior Recharge Improvements to the Board.
- f) Consideration of Technical Services Agreement – Mr. Bartel reviewed the various general items that GEI Consultants and AECOM provide on an annual basis. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Unruh to execute technical service consulting agreements with GEI Consulting and AECOM in an amount not to exceed \$24,000 each. The motion was unanimously passed.
 - AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, 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) – No Report.

- f) Kern Groundwater Authority- Consideration of Final RRBMA GSP and Submission to KGA – Mr. Bartel reviewed the final draft RRBMA GSP chapter and noted the changes from the last draft that was presented and circulated. A discussion was had regarding various issues relating to local implementation of SGMA. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Selvidge to direct staff to submit the RRBMA GSP chapter as presented to the Kern Groundwater Authority for consideration and inclusion in the Kern Groundwater Authority Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts and Selvidge

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- g) Kern Fan Authority – Mr. Averett gave a brief update on activities to the Board.
- 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 – No report.
- m) James Water Bank Authority – No report.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

NONE

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following items of Correspondence: (1) A letter from ACWA JPIA enclosing a President’s Special Recognition Award” for the District, and (2) An ACWA report titled, “Technical Framework for Increasing Groundwater Replenishment.”

PUBLIC COMMENT –

NONE

CLOSED SESSION

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 10:25 a.m. Director Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 11:55 p.m., the Board reconvened to open session.

Mr. Raytis reported that the Board took the following reportable action during closed session: A motion to reject the claim of Matthew Hawkins (dated August 20, 2019) was passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.