

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 14, 2020
8:30 a.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Averett, Dan Bartel, Zach Smith, Megan Misuraca, Dan Raytis & Markus Nygren
George Capello & Garrett Busch

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes – December 10, 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, Selvidge and Millwee
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a) Accounts Payable/ December 7, 2019 through January 10, 2020 — Mr. Averett reviewed the accounts payable report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Unruh to ratify and approve payment of the accounts payable in the total amount of \$5,690,450.98 as set forth in the Accounts Payable report provided to the Board. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts, Selvidge and Millwee
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None
- b) Revenue and Expenditures Report – Mr. Averett reviewed the current Revenue and Expenditures Report through 12/31/2019 with the Board.

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.

- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Smith reviewed maintenance projects that have taken place over the last month.
- d) Consideration of Policy Authorizing Execution of Routine Leases – Mr. Smith discussed the various low value, short term leases the District has entered into annually in the past and recommended authorizing the General Manager to enter into such leases in an effort to improve the efficiencies at the staff and board levels. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Watts to authorize the General Manager to enter in to leases for less than one year, \$5,000 or less in rental payment, and minimally intensive uses that do not disturb the property, as outlined in a memorandum to the Board of the same date. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- e) Consideration of Cropping Plan – Mr. smith discussed planting in the Stockdale East and Superior recharge ponds and the benefits we received from the prior planting in 2018, including the reduction of tumble weeds after a wet year. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Millwee to approve a budget in the amount of \$50,000 to plant rye grain in the basins, in the discretion of the General Manager’s judgment as to the water supply outlook for 2020.

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

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.
- b) Update on Delta Conveyance Project – Mr. Averett gave an update on the latest Delta Conveyance Project activities to the Board, noting DWR’s Sixth offer.

MANAGER’S REPORT

- a) Consideration of Rosedale-Kern Properties Lease Extension – Mr. Averett reviewed the proposed terms of the Rosedale-Kern Properties lease with the Board. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Watts to authorize staff to execute a 3-year extension on the lease with Rosedale-Kern Properties.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- b) Review of 2020 Goals and Priorities – No discussion or action was taken on this action.
- c) Consideration of Water Management Program with White Lands – No reportable action was taken on this item.

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.

- b) Drought Relief Project
 - i. Status Report – Mr. Bartel reviewed the Project Status Report covering the activities through the end of December 2019.
 - ii. Pumping Plant Equipping – Consideration of Pay Estimate, and Change Order – Mr. Bartel updated the Board on the latest project activities. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Selvidge to approve payment of Specialty Construction’s pay estimate No. 10 in the amount of \$35,224.88 with retention in the amount of \$1,853.94 to be deposited into the escrow account, and to ratify Change Order No. 2 providing for blind flanges that allowed for interim recharge operations in the amount of \$15,521.32. The motion was unanimously passed.
AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts, Selvidge and Millwee
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None
 - iii. Stockdale East Wells- consideration of pay estimate – Mr. Bartel gave a brief update on activities on for the Stockdale East Wells Project. No action was taken.
- c) Recharge and Conveyance Projects- Consideration of CEQA Technical Services Agreement- – Mr. Bartel reviewed the various projects that the District is considering moving forward with in 2020-2021 and the requirements of CEQA and possibly NEPA. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Unruh to approve a budget not to exceed \$45,000 to engage consultants to provide assistance with completing the CEQA analysis for the various proposed projects as presented. The motion was unanimously passed.
AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts, Selvidge and Millwee
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None
- d) Kern Fan Project
 - i. Consideration of Consultant Agreement – Mr. Averett discussed the proposal from Alliance Ag Services to assist in identifying prospective property for the project and the preliminary steps as presented in Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the proposal. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Watts to authorize staff to enter into a T & M agreement with Alliance Ag Services for Phase 1 and Phase 2 presented in the proposal.
AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge, Watts and Millwee
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None
 - ii. Letter to California Water Commission – Mr. Averett reviewed the letter sent to the California Water Commission regarding the Kern Fan Project with the Board. No action was taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Rosedale Management Area Committee- Consideration of CEQA Technical Services Agreement – Mr. Bartel discussed the possibility of management actions in 2020-2024 and the potential need to complete a CEQA analysis on such actions to evaluate potential environmental impacts. A motion was made by Director Watts and seconded by Director Millwee to approve a budget not

to exceed \$45,000 to engage consultants to provide assistance with completing CEQA (NEPA consistent) analysis, as necessary, for the implementation of projects and management actions set forth in the District's Groundwater Sustainability Plan under SGMA. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- b) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – Mr. Averett provided a brief update on activities to the Board.
- 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- No Report.
- g) Kern Fan Authority – Mr. Averett gave a brief update on the Authorities CEQA activities to the Board. No action was taken.
- h) Banking Projects Joint Operating Committee (JOC) – No report.
- i) South Valley Water Resources Authority- Consideration of Water Transfer Agreement – Mr. Averett presented agreements to the Board regarding a transfer proposal with the members of the Authority. A motion was made by Director Watts and seconded by Director Unruh to approve execution of the agreement with Patterson Irrigation Water District and for the District to acquire supplies transferred thereunder pursuant to an agreement with the South Valley Water Resources Authority, subject to review and approval of legal counsel. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None
- j) Valley Ag Water Coalition – No report.
- k) South Valley Water Resources Authority – No report.
- l) BizFed Group – No report.
- m) Kern Integrated Regional Water Management Plan – No report.
- n) James Water Bank Authority – Mr. Bartel gave a brief update on activities to the Board.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- a) Consideration of Adjustment to Compensation of General Manager – The Board evaluated Mr. Averett's performance during 2019 in various categories set forth in a Memorandum to the Board from Mr. Averett regarding his performance during the 2019 calendar year. Mr. Raytis reviewed and summarized certain terms and conditions of Mr. Averett's employment agreement that are relevant to the Board's consideration Mr. Averett's compensation. Based upon the comments of various directors, Director Pierucci provided an oral summary of the Board's recommendation regarding Mr. Averett's compensation and, thereupon, a motion was made by Director Unruh, seconded by Director Watts, to provide Mr. Averett with the maximum amount of performance-based compensation available to Mr. Averett under Section 4.2 of Mr.

Averett's Employment Agreement with the District, based upon his excellent performance during 2019 in all categories considered. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed conflicts with the February meeting date, and agreed to reschedule the February regular meeting to February 10, 2020.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following items of Correspondence: (1) Letter received regarding FEMA's denial of the claim to reimburse for the repairs for the Oroville Dam.

(2) Letter received from North-West Kern Resource Conservation requesting financial support of the Mobile Lab for 2020. Upon consideration of the request, a motion was made by Director Watts and seconded by Director Selvidge to approve support of the mobile lab in the amount of \$2,000 for the 2020 year. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

PUBLIC COMMENT –

NONE

CLOSED SESSION

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 10:12 a.m. Director Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. Director Millwee left the Board room at 11:00 a.m. and returned at 11:05 a.m. At 11:31 p.m., the Board reconvened to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.