

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
February 10, 2020  
8:30 a.m.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

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

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Eric Averett, Dan Bartel, Zach Smith, Megan Misuraca, Dan Raytis

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**CONSENT ITEMS**

- a) Special Board Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2020
- b) Regular Board Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2020
- c) Treasurer’s Report – Filed as presented.

A motion was made by Director Watts and seconded by Director Millwee 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/ January 11, 2020 through February 7, 2020 — 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 \$2,160,491.52 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 1/31/2020 with the Board.
- c) Update on Financing Schedule – Mr. Averett gave a brief update on the current financing activities.

## **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 noting that the start-up of recovery wells will be occurring in the next couple of weeks.
- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Smith reviewed maintenance projects that have taken place over the last month.
- d) Consideration of Strand Ranch Well and Pump Repairs – Mr. Smith gave a report on SREX-6 noting the damage to the pump. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Watts to set a budget in the amount of \$45,000 to complete the repairs to SREX6 with a 46% reimbursement from Irvine Ranch Water District. The motion was unanimously passed.

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 noting the SWP allocation of 15%.
- b) Update on Delta Conveyance Project – No report.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

- a) Consideration of Dry Year Water Pool Purchase – Mr. Averett reviewed the 2020 Dry Year Water Purchase Transfer Agreement with the Board. A motion was made by Director Watts and seconded by Director Millwee to authorize staff to execute the 2020 Dry Year Water Purchase Transfer Agreement with State Water Contractors. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- b) Update on Landowner Banking Policy – No report.
- c) Consideration of Consulting Agreement - West Water – Mr. Averett reviewed West Water Research LLC's proposal with the Board. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Unruh to authorize staff to execute a contract with West Water Research on Tasks 1, 2 and 6 in an amount not to exceed \$75,000. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- d) Consideration of Resolution No. 507 - Acquisition of Property Interests in Assessor's Parcel Number 104-250-06 & Declaring the Acquisition Exempt from CEQA – Mr. Raytis reviewed the details of the proposed acquisition as well as the findings and direction contained within the resolution. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Watts to adopt Resolution No. 507. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

## **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.

- e) Ratification of Technical Services Agreements – Mr. Bartel discussed the latest CEQA activities and the use of specialized consultants to ensure a comprehensive analysis of the document. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Millwee to ratify a budget up to \$15,000 for specialized technical consultant review of the Onyx Ranch South Fork Project CEQA documents. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts, Selvidge and 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 January 2020.

- ii. Pumping Plant Equipping – Consideration of Pay Estimate, and Change Order – Mr. Bartel updated the Board on the final activities on the Pumping Plant and noted its completion. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Watts to (1) approve Specialty Construction’s pay estimate No. 11 in the amount of \$50,615.94 with retention in the amount of \$2,663.99 to be deposited into the escrow account; (2) approve Change Order No. 4 for various electrical and flow meter additions in the amount of \$41,780.73; and (3) to authorize issuance of a Notice of Completion pending completion of punch list items and approval of the District Engineer. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- f) Stockdale East Wells- consideration of pay estimate – Mr. Bartel gave an update on activities on for the Stockdale East Wells Project noting that construction of SE-2 is largely complete. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Unruh to approve payment of Bakersfield Well and Pump’s Pay Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$338,641.86 with \$17,823.26 withheld in retention. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- c) Recharge and Conveyance Projects – Mr. Bartel gave a brief update on recharge and conveyance projects throughout the District.

- d) Kern Fan Project- Mr. Averett updated the Board on the latest activities of the Kern Fan Project.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Rosedale Management Area Committee- Consideration of 2020 Budget and Fees – Mr. Bartel reviewed the proposed 2020 SGMA/GSP budget with the Board along with the proposed rate for white land members. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Watts to

adopt the 2020 SGMA/GSP Budget and approve the \$9/acre fee for white land members. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- b) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – No report.
- c) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee – Mr. Averett gave a brief update on current activities.
- d) Pioneer Project – No report.
- e) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) – No Report.
- f) Kern Groundwater Authority – No Report.
- g) Kern Fan Authority- Consideration of Approval of Project and Negative Declaration- KFA Integration Project (SCH#2019109085) – This item was tabled. No action was taken.
- h) Banking Projects Joint Operating Committee (JOC) – No report.
- i) South Valley Water Resources Authority – No report.
- 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- Consideration of Amendment to Joint Powers Agreement – No report.

#### **ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

Consideration of District Staff Salary Schedules – Mr. Raytis presented the Board with the District’s salaries schedules for years 2018-2020 and discussed CalPERS requirements regarding the same. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Watts to adopt the District’s salary schedules for years 2018-2020. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

#### **OLD OR NEW BUSINESS**

None

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board reviewed the following items of Correspondence: (1) Letter to Governor Newsom and Secretary Bernhardt.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT** –

NONE

**CLOSED SESSION**

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 9:55 a.m. Director Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. Director Millwee left the closed session at 9:55 a.m. and returned at 10:00 a.m. At 11:35 a.m., the Board reconvened to open session.

Mr. Raytis reported that the following action was taken in closed session: A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Milwee, to reject the claim filed by Christopher Lozinto (dated January 28, 2020) and to direct staff to send a letter to Mr. Lozinto's counsel advising him of the Board's decision. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.