

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

NOTE: This meeting was conducted entirely by teleconference pursuant to and in conformance with Executive Order N-29-20 relating to public meetings during the State of Emergency that was declared as a result of COVID-19.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff - Eric Averett, Dan Bartel, Zach Smith, Megan Misuraca & Dan Raytis
Public - George Capello, Markus Nygren, Doug Gosling & Garrett Busch

CALL TO ORDER

President Pierucci called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

ADDITION TO AGENDA

Mr. Averett requested a motion to add item 6di to the agenda – Consideration of Funding the District’s Portion of the Bureau of Reclamation WIIN Act Grant Application Review Costs – pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2) as an item that required immediate action and the need for action came to the attention of the local agency subsequent to the agenda being posted. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Unruh to add item 6di to the agenda as requested. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.

CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2020
- b) Special Board Meeting Minutes – March 30, 2020
- c) Treasurer’s Report – Filed as presented.

Mr. Raytis mentioned to the Board that the minutes of the Special Board listed the date as January 9, 2020, but the meeting occurred on March 30, 2020. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Unruh to adopt and accept the Consent Items with the correction noted. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a) Accounts Payable/ March 7, 2020 through April 10, 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 \$1,529,763.81 as set forth in the Accounts Payable report provided to the Board. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.
- b) Revenue and Expenditures Report – Mr. Averett reviewed the current Revenue and Expenditures Report through 03/31/2020 with the Board.
- c) Consideration of Proposal for 2019 Audit – Mr. Averett reviewed the proposal from BHK Accountancy Corporation for the District’s 2019 Financial Audit. A motion was made by Director

Millwee and seconded by Director Watts to authorize staff to execute the engagement letter and set a budget not to exceed \$27,000 for the 2019 audit. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.

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 with the Board.
- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Smith reviewed maintenance projects that have taken place over the last month. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Unruh to set a budget of \$20,000 to repair the weir at Heath Road. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.

STATE WATER PROJECT ACTIVITIES UPDATE

- a) Update on State Water Project Operations – Mr. Averett gave an update on current State Water Project operations, noting that the State Water Project allocation for 2020 is 15% and there is no expectation that number will change.
 - i. Yuba Water – Mr. Averett reviewed the Yuba Water Transfer Program for 2020 with the Board.
- b) Update on Delta Conveyance Project – Mr. Averett discussed the latest project activities with the Board.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Update on 2020 Refinancing – Mr. Averett briefed the Board on the latest refinancing activities and interest rates.

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. Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the latest DEIR activities and meetings that were held to discuss the proposed project.
 - ii. Authorization to Execute Grant of Easement and Agreement (Long Canyon Water Company- Hochman Property) – Mr. Bartel reviewed Long Canyon Water Company's request for execution of a Grant of Easement and Agreement with the Board. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Selvidge to authorize the execution of a Grant of Easement and Agreement for wellsite purposes on the property, subject to review and approval of General Counsel and prior payment of the agreed upon consideration. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.
- b) Drought Relief Project
 - i. Status Report – Mr. Bartel reviewed the Project Status Report covering the activities through the end of March 2020.
 - ii. Pumping Plant Equipping – Consideration of Pay Estimate, and Change Order – Mr. Bartel updated the Board on the latest project activities noting that a Notice of Substantial Completion was issued for Specialty Construction on the Pumping Plant Phase 2 project and that a partial release of retention had occurred. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Selvidge to approve Specialty

Construction's Pay Estimate No. 12 in the amount of \$9,951.25 with \$523.75 paid to the escrow account. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.

- iii. Stockdale East Wells- consideration of pay estimate – Mr. Bartel updated the Board on the latest Stockdale East Wells project noting both SE1 and SE2 are complete and have been pump tested. There is no pay estimate at this time.
- c) Recharge and Conveyance Projects – Mr. Bartel discussed the latest activities on the Houghton Weir Replacement and McCaslin Pond construction projects noting the District was awarded \$750,000 for the WaterSMART grant that was applied for to assist in funding the projects. By consensus, the Board agreed to pursue the design as recommended. Mr. Bartel advised the Board that he would return to the Board with a consulting proposal.
- d) Kern Fan Project-
 - i. Consideration of funding for Bureau of Reclamation WIIN Act Grant Application – Mr. Averett discussed the WIIN Act Grant Application and the need to fund the District portion of the costs for the Bureau of Reclamation review. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Watts to authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$57,000 to fund the District's portion of Bureau of Reclamation WIIN Act Grand Application review costs. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.

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 noted the last meeting was cancelled.
- f) Kern Groundwater Authority – No report
- g) Kern Fan Authority – No report.
- h) Banking Projects Joint Operating Committee (JOC) – No report.
- i) Committee for Delta Reliability – No report.
- j) South Valley Water Resources Authority – No report.
- k) Kern Integrated Regional Water Management Plan – No report.
- l) James Water Bank Authority – No report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

CLOSED SESSION

Prior to entering Close Session, Mr. Raytis announced to the public on the line that the Board would adjourn to Closed Session on a different line, and that the line for Open Session would be left open until the conclusion of the Closed Session and, further, that reportable actions would be reported at that time.

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 10:05 a.m. Director Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. Director Millwee left the meeting at 11:23 a.m. and did not return. At 11:56 p.m., the Board reconvened to open session. Mr. Raytis reported on the open session line that no reportable actions were taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.