

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

June 9, 2020

8:30 a.m.

NOTE: This meeting was conducted 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, Mitch Millwee & Barry Watts

OTHERS PRESENT

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes- May 14, 2020
- b) Treasurer's Report – Filed as presented.

A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Watts 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/ May 12, 2020 through June 5, 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 \$1,134,400.87 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 05/31/2020 with the Board.
- c) Review of Refinancing Options- Mr. Averett discussed the refinancing of District's current COPs. Michael Engelbrecht of Wells Fargo participated via conference call to review the presented schedule in detail. After a Board discussion, with several Board members expressing support for a refinancing, Mr. Averett and Mr. Engelbrecht assured the Board that a refinancing package would come back to the Board for consideration.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS REPORT

- a) District Water Levels & Hydrographs Report – Mr. Smith reviewed the current District water levels with the Board.
- b) Operations Report – Mr. Smith reviewed current operations with the Board. Mr. Averett advised the Board that the District would likely reduce recovery over the remainder of the year.
- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Smith reviewed maintenance projects that have taken place over the last month.
- d) Consideration of Goose Lake Channel Realignment near Wegis Avenue – Mr. Smith presented the request to realign the Goose Lake Channel near Wegis Ave. The Board briefly discussed the request and requested assurances that the landowner has addressed the matter with adjoining landowners. No action was taken.
- e) Consideration of Purchase of Pickup – Mr. Bartel discussed the District’s need for an additional pickup truck. Staff had budgeted for the replacement of the Assistant General Manger’s vehicle in the 2020 budget. Staff requested to use the budgeted amount to purchase a 4-door pickup and to continue using the existing vehicle for District purposes. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Millwee to authorize staff to purchase a 4-door pickup for an amount not to exceed \$44,000. 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 discussed the current SWP operations noting the current 20% allocation.
- b) Update on the California Delta Conveyance Project – Mr. Averett gave a brief update on the Delta Conveyance Project. He advised the Board that he had a good conversation with the new KCWA General Manager Tom McCarthy on the subject. He further advised that the member units are still waiting on finalized estimates of the project’s costs and yields from DWR.
- c) Summary of State Water Project Audit – Mr. Averett reviewed the presentation provided by the Kern County Water Agency with the Board.

MANAGER’S REPORT

- a) Consideration of Water Exchange Agreement with Westside Group – Mr. Averett reviewed the Westside Group Water Exchange Agreement with the Board. A motion was made by Director Watts and seconded by Director Unruh to authorize staff to execute the agreement. The motion was unanimously passed.
AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts, Selvidge and Millwee
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None
- b) Consideration of Adoption of Resolution No. 507 (Amended) – APN 104250-06 (Portion) – Mr. Raytis discussed the proposed purchase and sale agreement with the Board, noting that the purchase and sale includes a portion of the land that the Board has previously agreed to lease

with an option to purchase. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Unruh to adopt Resolution Number 507 for the Acquisition of Lease and Option of a Portion of Assessor's Parcel Number 104-250-06. 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. Mr. Bartel noted that the DEIR for the project had been made publicly available and distributed.

b) Drought Relief Project

- i. Status Report – Mr. Bartel reviewed the Project Status Report covering the activities through the end of May 2020.
- ii. Stockdale East Wells - Consideration of Pay Estimate – Mr. Bartel gave an update on project activities for the Stockdale East Wells. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Watts to approve Pay Estimate No. 3 in the amount of \$75,002.50 with \$3,947.50 retention to be withheld. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

c) Recharge and Conveyance Projects- Consideration of Environmental Studies (Biota and Cultural)

– Mr. Bartel discussed current and anticipated activities on the Houghton Weir and McCaslin recharge ponds. Mr. Bartel explained that with the award of the grant funding for the Groundwater Banking and Conveyance Improvement Project, there is environmental studies that need to be completed. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Millwee to authorize staff to contract with ASM & Associates and SWCA to perform necessary Biota and Cultural Studies for an amount not to exceed \$30,000. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

d) Kern Fan Project Report – Mr. Bartel updated the Board on the current activities of the Kern Fan Project including the virtual tour with the Bureau of Reclamation to present the project for WIIN Act Funding.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Rosedale Management Area Committee – No report.

b) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – No report.

c) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee – Consideration of Technical Services Agreement – Mr. Bartel discussed current activities with the Board. Due to the unwillingness of the CVCAC to recommend analysis of the “pre-expansion” capacity of the CVC as of December 31, 2003, staff

recommends executing a consulting agreement to perform an analysis on the pre-expansion capacity of the CVC and to solicit contributions from other Existing Canal Participants. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Millwee to set a budget to perform the pre-expansion analysis for an amount not to exceed \$30,000. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- d) Pioneer Project – No report.
- e) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) – Mr. Averett gave a brief update on current activities of the Kern River Watershed Coalition.
- 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) Valley Ag Water Coalition - None
- l) Kern Integrated Regional Water Management Plan – No report.
- m) James Water Bank Authority – None
- n) Groundwater Banking JPA- Bylaws of JPA – Mr. Averett reviewed the proposed by-laws of the JPA with the Board. Mr. Averett emphasized the requirement of unanimity.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

None

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 10:03 a.m. Director Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 10:58 a.m., the Board reconvened to open session.

Mr. Raytis reported that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.