

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

August 11, 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. All votes at this meeting were conducted via roll call.

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 - Rick Iger, Molly Thurman, Dana Munn, Garrett Busch and Doug Brown (8:30-9:04)

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT ITEMS

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

A motion was made by Director Unruh 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/ July 11, 2020 through August 7, 2020 — Mr. Averett reviewed the accounts payable report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Watts and seconded by Director Millwee to ratify and approve payment of the accounts payable in the total amount of \$973,195.29 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 07/31/2020 with the Board.
- c) Consideration of 2019 Audit and Financial Report – Mr. Averett reviewed the 2019 audit and financial statement prepared by Barbich Hooper King Accountancy Corporation. Mr. Averett stated the audit went smooth and there were no major adjustments to be made. Director Millwee noted that the McCallister Ranch should be separated in the future due to the creation and operation of the JPA. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director

Watts to approve the 2019 audit and financial statements as presented. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

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 and projected demands.
- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Smith reviewed maintenance projects that have taken place over the last month. Mr. Smith stated staff completed the James project, Stockdale East and West Superior fencing has all been completed.
- d) Consideration of 2019 Operations Report – Mr. Bartel reviewed the 2019 Operations report. Director Unruh has requested that monitoring well number 8 shown as a domestic well on the Operations Report be corrected as an ag well. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Unruh to approve and adopt the 2019 Operations report as presented with the correction of monitoring well number 8 to an agriculture well. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- e) Consideration of Encroachment Permit – No action taken.

STATE WATER PROJECT ACTIVITIES UPDATE

- a) Update on State Water Project Operations – No report.
- b) Update on the California Delta Conveyance Project – No report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Consideration of Proposed 2020 Certificates of Participation Refinancing
 - a. Consideration of Resolution No. 510 Authorizing the Issuance of Refunding Revenue Bonds and Approving the Execution of Certain Documents in Connection Therewith and Certain Other Actions - Mr. Averett reviewed the refunding documents and the resolution with the Board. Mr. Brown further advised the Board that Resolution 510 authorizes the issuance of refunding revenue bonds and approving the execution of certain documents in connection therewith and other actions described in the resolution. A motion was made by Director Watts and seconded by Director Millwee to adopt Resolution Number 510. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None
 - b. Update on District Water Management Programs - Mr. Averett gave a brief update on District water management activities to the Board.

- c. Update on Valley Blueprint Effort - Mr. Averett discussed the latest activities of the Valley Blueprint project.
- d. Consideration of Sites Reservoir Project- Mr. Averett informed the Board on the recent developments of the Sites Reservoir Project. Mr. Averett stated there is not action to be taken at this time. Based upon Board comments and discussion, Mr. Averett was directed to indicate a willingness to participate at some nominal level and to bring the item back to the Board for a more complete discussion and consideration once appropriate agreements and costs have been developed.

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 advised the Board that the DEIR comment period closed on July 17th and noted he is working through the comment letters received.
- b) Drought Relief Project
 - i. Status Report – Mr. Bartel reviewed the Project Status Report covering the activities through the end of July 2020. Mr. Bartel noted the vibration plates have been installed.
 - ii. Stockdale East Wells - Consideration of Pay Estimate – Mr. Bartel gave a brief report on activities noting there was no pay estimate at this time.
- c) Recharge and Conveyance Project- Consideration of WaterSmart Grant Resolution #509 - Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the WaterSmart Grant for the completion of a phase of McCaslin lands project. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second from Director Unruh to adopt Resolution No. 509 authorizing Dan Bartel to submit the grant application and execute a cooperative agreement, and confirming certain facts related thereto. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- d) Groundwater Banking Authority -
 - i. Kern Fan Project Report – Mr. Averett briefed the Board on the latest activities including a presentation for the Bureau of Reclamation regarding grant funding for the project.
 - ii. Consideration of Consultant Services Agreements for Technical Memorandums 1-4 – Mr. Bartel reported on the latest Kern Fan Project Construction team meetings noting the content and development priority list. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Watts to set a budget in the amount of \$65,000 to be split with Irvine Ranch Water District for the completion of Tech Memos 1-4 by Dee Jaspar and Associates and Bill Zeiders. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- iii. Consideration of Consultant Service Turnout Budget Augment for Aqueduct Turnout - Mr. Bartel reviewed the original proposal from GEI Consultants on the Hydraulic Analysis for the new aqueduct turnout and stated DWR has reviewed the analysis and requested additional modeling. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Unruh to augment GEI Consultant’s budget by \$6,000 to accommodate the additional requested modeling, with costs to be split with Irvine Ranch Water District. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- e) James Groundwater Banking Authority – Mr. Averett provided a brief report on the Authority’s activities and the comments received on the NOP.
- f) Kern Groundwater Authority – No report.
- g) Rosedale Management Area Committee – No report.
- h) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – No report.
- i) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee – No report.
- j) Pioneer Project – Mr. Averett noted the necessity of holding the next scheduled Pioneer meeting to discuss a request for conveyance access for the James project.
- k) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) – It was noted the authority held a meeting in August.
- l) Kern Fan Authority –
 - i. Consideration of Resolution Number 511- Acting as a Responsible Agency in Regard to the Kern Fan Authority Integration Project Negative Declaration - Mr. Averett briefed the Board on the document and comments received. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Millwee to approve and adopt Resolution Number 511 for the District to act as a responsible agency in regard to the Kern Fan Authority Integrated Project, to make certain findings, approve the project, and direct the filing of CEQA documents. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None
- m) Banking Projects Joint Operating Committee (JOC) – Mr. Averett noted the JOC agreement ends in 2021 and suggested a meeting to in October to review.
- n) Committee for Delta Reliability – No report.
- o) South Valley Water Resources Authority – Mr. Averett gave a brief report on current activities.
- p) Valley Ag Water Coalition – No report.
- q) Kern Integrated Regional Water Management Plan – No report.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

None

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board noted the correspondence items received from BHK Accountancy Corporation and Wheeler Land Investments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Iger noted the 2019 Operations report was not showing migration water sales. He also asked if the Kern Fan Project would be open to outside districts when it is fully operation. Mr. Bartel and Mr. Averett responded to Mr. Iger's comments.

CLOSED SESSION

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 10:07 a.m. Director Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 11:10 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 11:10 a.m.