

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 8, 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 – Michael Engelbrecht (8:30-8:55AM), Garrett Busch, George Capello, Doug Gosling and Mitch Partovi

CALL TO ORDER

President Pierucci called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes – August 11, 2020
- b) Treasurer’s Report – Filed as presented.

A motion was made by Director Selvidge 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/ August 8, 2020 through September 7, 2020 — Mr. Averett reviewed the accounts payable report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Millwee to ratify and approve payment of the accounts payable in the total amount of \$1,029,278.25 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 08/31/2020 with the Board.
- c) Report on Financing and Bond Insurance – Mr. Averett introduced Michael Engelbrecht of Wells Fargo who gave a presentation on current activities relating to the refunding and refinancing of existing debt. He also advised the Board on bond insurance and its impacts on the financing. Mr. Engelbrecht noted the District plans to enter the market as early as September 9, 2020.

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. Mr. Smith noted that the District’s carryover balance should be minimal for the year.
- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Smith reviewed maintenance projects that have taken place over the last month.

STATE WATER PROJECT ACTIVITIES UPDATE

- a) Update on State Water Project Operations – No report.
- b) Update on the California Delta Conveyance Project – Mr. Averett gave a brief update on current activities relating to the Delta Conveyance Project including an estimate on the District’s costs to participate. It was noted that participation decisions with respect to funding will be required in October.

MANAGER’S REPORT

- a) Consideration of Phase 3 for RRBWSD Water Accounting Platform – Mr. Averett opened with a brief overview on the accounting platform before turning it over to Mr. Nygren. Mr. Nygren discussed the current activities of the Water Accounting Platform and the improvements he is recommending the District make. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Selvidge to approve the recommended improvements to the Water Accounting Platform that total \$50,375 as presented. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- b) Consideration of Participation in Sites Reservoir – Mr. Averett informed the Board on the recent developments of the Sites Reservoir Project and reviewed the proposed costs to the District for participation. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Watts to approve participation in the Sites Reservoir project at 500af with an initial payment of \$84,250, subject to the development and approval by the General Counsel and General Manager of an agreement governing participation and payment. 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 reported that staff and consultants are working diligently to review and respond to all comment letters received on the DEIR.
- b) Drought Relief Project
 - i. Status Report – Mr. Bartel reviewed the Project Status Report covering the activities through the end of August 2020. Mr. Bartel noted the vibration plates that were installed on the problematic do not appear to have resolved the issues. Cascade Pump is working to resolve the ongoing issue.

- 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 Projects- Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on developments for the Houghton Weir replacement and Kern River Intake design.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- d) Groundwater Banking Authority – Mr. Averett reviewed the Groundwater Banking Authority agenda from August 25, 2020 with the Board noting the selection of Board and Committee members. Mr. Averett also reported on efforts to develop an EIR for the project. By consensus, the Board directed Mr. Averett to present JPA costs to President Pierucci and Selvidge for preliminary approval when timing issues prevent the full Board’s approval; when such instances arise, the preliminary approval may be considered and ratified by the full Board at its next meeting.
 - i. Kern Fan Project Report – No report.
- e) James Groundwater Banking Authority – It was reported that the James JPA Operating Committee met in August.
- 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 – No report.
- k) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) – No report.
- l) Kern Fan Authority – No report.
- m) Banking Projects Joint Operating Committee (JOC) – No report.
- n) Committee for Delta Reliability – No report.
- o) South Valley Water Resources Authority – No report.
- 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 Ellen Schafhauser. By consensus, the Board advised that Ms. Schafhauser’s request may be granted, subject to communication with and approval of Mr. Bartel.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 9:49a.m. Director Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 11:12 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 11:13 a.m.