

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 10, 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 (8:30 a.m. – 11:42a.m.) & Barry Watts

DIRECTORS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

District Staff - Eric Averett, Dan Bartel, Zach Smith, Megan Misuraca, Markus Nygren, Rachelle Echeverria & Dan Raytis

Public – Garrett Busch, George Capello, Tim Gobler, Leta Spencer & Osha Meserve

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes – October 13, 2020
- b) Special Board Meeting Minutes- October 29, 2020
- c) Treasurer’s Report – Filed as presented with President Pierucci suggesting that the Treasurer’s Report be taken off of the consent agenda for future meetings.

A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Millwee to adopt and accept the Consent Items. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a) Accounts Payable/ October 10, 2020 through November 6, 2020 — Mrs. Misuraca reviewed the accounts payable report with the Board. Mr. Averett noted that a payment to the Exchange Contractors was included in the Accounts Payable but that the item approving such payment would be taken upon under item %b on the agenda. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Watts to ratify and approve payment of the accounts payable in the total amount of \$2,287,284.51 as set forth in the Accounts Payable report provided to the Board, with the exception of check #15477 to SJREC in the amount of \$1,650,000, the consideration of which would be deferred to item 5b and will be paid upon approval of said item. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- b) Revenue and Expenditures Report – Mr. Averett reviewed the current Revenue and Expenditures Report through 10/31/2020 with the Board.
- c) Consideration of 2021 Budget – Mr. Averett presented the draft 2021 budget to the Board including the projected 2020-year end figures. A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director Millwee to adopt the 2021 budget as proposed in Column F of the presentation. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

DISTRICT OPERATIONS REPORT

- a) District Water Levels & Hydrographs Report – Mr. Smith reviewed the current District water levels with the Board noting the average change in depth from 176 in October 2019 to 203 in October 2020.
- b) Operations Report – Mr. Smith reviewed current operations and projected demands through the end of 2020.
- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Smith reviewed maintenance projects that have taken place over the last month.
- d) Consideration of Cropping Plan – Mr. Smith discussed the planting of rye grain in the West basins and Stockdale East to help control tumbleweeds. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Watts to approve a budget of \$50,000 to plant a cover crop in late 2020-early 2021. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

STATE WATER PROJECT ACTIVITIES UPDATE

- a) Update on State Water Project Operations – No report.
- b) California Delta Conveyance Project –
 - i. Consideration of Participation in DCP Project and Approval of Agency / DWR AIP - Mr. Averett reviewed the AIP with the Board and discussed the District’s potential participation in the Delta Conveyance Project. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Selvidge to express to the Kern County Water Agency the District’s desired level of participation in a DCP project at 100% and to approve of the terms of the AIP as proposed, subject to further necessary approvals and legal requirements (including CEQA compliance). A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.
 - AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge, Millwee and Watts
 - NOES: None
 - ABSTAINED: None
 - ii. Consideration of Preliminary Planning and Design Costs for DCP - Mr. Averett presented the preliminary costs associated with the planning and design of the Delta Conveyance Project. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Millwee for the District to agree to fund a share of the preliminary planning costs of the DCP project, subject to approval of the General Counsel and the General Manager of the terms of a

funding agreement between the Agency and the District. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- iii. Consideration of Amendment to Joint Powers Authority Agreement - Mr. Averett reviewed the amendment to the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Joint Powers Authority. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Unruh to approve Kern County Water Agency's execution of the amendment to the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Joint Powers Authority in substantially the same form as presented. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Consideration of Amendment No. 2 to the Project Recovery Operations Plan - Mr. Averett discussed the need to extend the Joint Project Recovery Operations Plan that was scheduled to terminate on January 31, 2021. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to approve execution of Amendment No. 2 to the Project Recovery Operations Plan extending the term of the agreement through January 31, 2023. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- b) Consideration of Water Acquisition - Mr. Averett presented the availability of 10,000af of water from San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to approve the purchase and payment for 10,000af of "transfer water" at a price of \$330 per acre-foot, with payment to be made in two installments according to the terms of the Agreement between the District and the Exchange Contractors. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- c) Consideration of Request for Consent to Common Use by CalTrans / City of Bakersfield – No action was taken on this item.

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 efforts to finalize responses to comments on the EIR.

- b) Drought Relief Project
 - i. Status Report – Mr. Bartel reviewed the Project Status Report covering the activities through the end of October 2020.
- c) Stockdale East Wells - Consideration of Pay Estimate – Mr. Bartel gave a brief report on Stockdale East Wells project activities. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to approve Bakersfield Well and Pump Pay Estimate No. 5 in the amount of \$82,873.01 with \$4,361.74 retention withheld. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.
 - AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge, Millwee and Watts
 - NOES: None
 - ABSTAINED: None
- d) Recharge and Conveyance Projects- Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the latest CEQA / NEPA efforts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Groundwater Banking Authority –
 - i. Kern Fan Project Report – Mr. Averett briefed the Board on the latest Kern Fan Project activities.
 - ii. Consideration of committee Alternates- Mr. Averett briefed the Board on the potential for the Board to appoint alternates to the JPA committees. No action was taken at this time.
- b) James Groundwater Banking Authority- Consideration of Cash Call - Mr. Bartel reviewed the 2nd cash call for 2020 with the Board. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to approve the payment of cash call #2 in the amount of \$32,984.10. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.
 - AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge, Millwee and Watts
 - NOES: None
 - ABSTAINED: None
- c) Kern Groundwater Authority- Consideration of cash call – Director Selvidge reported that he would be stepping down from the Chair of Kern Groundwater Authority and that Dan Waterhouse will take over the position beginning February 2021. By consensus, the Board agreed that Director Unruh will become the District’s representative to the KGA beginning in February 2021 with Director Selvidge as the alternate.
- d) Rosedale Management Area Committee – No report.
- e) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – No report.
- f) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee – Mr. Averett gave a brief report on CVCAC meeting and activities.
- g) Pioneer Project – Mr. Bartel gave a brief update on Pioneer Project activities and budget.
- h) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) – No report.
- i) Kern Fan Authority – No report.
- j) Banking Projects Joint Operating Committee (JOC) – No report.
- k) Committee for Delta Reliability – No report.
- l) South Valley Water Resources Authority – No report.
- m) Valley Ag Water Coalition – No report.

n) Kern Integrated Regional Water Management Plan – No report.

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 10:23 a.m. Director Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 11:42, Director Millwee left the closed session and did not return. At 11:40 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 11:50 a.m.