

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 09, 2021

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 and Barry Watts

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Public – Tim Gobler, Garrett Bush, Leta Spencer, Patty Poire, Rick Iger and Audrey Arnao

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2021
- b) Special Board Meeting Minutes – January 22, 2021
- c) Special Board Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2021

A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Selvidge to adopt the Consent Items. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a) Treasurer’s Report – Mr. Averett reviewed the treasurers report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Watts to accept the treasurers report as presented. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- b) Accounts Payable/ January 09, 2021 through February 5, 2021 — Ms. Misuraca 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 \$1,641,755.54. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- c) Revenue and Expenditures Report – Mr. Averett reviewed the current Revenue and Expenditures Report through 01/31/2021 with the Board.
- d) Consideration of Proposal for 2020 Audit – Ms. Misuraca reviewed the proposal to complete the District’s 2020 financial audit. The Board asked Ms. Misuraca to inquire as to why the amount did not decrease from last year prior to authorizing the work since it was the Board’s understanding that there were certain items that would only need to be addressed last year. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to approve the BHK Proposal for the District’s 2020 audit in an amount not to exceed \$29,000, subject to an inquiry by Ms. Misuraca as to the amount necessary to complete this year’s audit. 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. Nygren reviewed the current District water levels with the Board.
- b) Operations Report – Mr. Smith reviewed current operations and projected demands for the beginning of 2021.
- 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 – Water Management Amendment Presentation – Mr. Averett reviewed key elements in the SWP Water Management Amendment with the Board. No action was taken.
- b) Consideration of 2021 Turn-Back Pool Program – Mr. Averett reviewed the terms of the 2021 Turn-Back Pool Program with the Board. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Millwee to approve the District’s participation in the 2021 Turn-Back Pool Program and ratify the execution of the agreement. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- c) California Delta Conveyance Project –
 - i. Consideration of IRWD Funding Agreement – Mr. Averett reviewed the terms of the agreement between Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District and Irvine Ranch Water District for Preliminary Planning and Design Costs Related to a Potential Delta Conveyance Project. A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director

Selvidge to approve the funding agreement and authorize staff to execute the agreement subject to approval of General Counsel. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Consideration of Water Program– Mr. Averett reviewed the long-term water agreement between Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD and San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors noting the substantial changes from the prior agreement. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to approve the agreement and authorize staff to execute. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- b) Consideration to Create and Fill New District Position - Resources Planner – Mr. Bartel discussed the need to create a new District position to assist with various administrative and resources needs of the District. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Watts to create a new position (Resources Specialist) and to offer the position to Ms. Rachelle Echeverria. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

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 and noted that the CEQA Notice of Determination on the Final EIR was posted on January 13, 2021.

- b) Drought Relief Project
- i. Status Report – Mr. Nygren reviewed the Project Status Report covering the activities through the end of January 2021 noting staff is considering a change in flow meters as there have been multiple issues with the original flow meters.
- ii. Stockdale East Wells - Consideration of Pay Estimate – Mr. Bartel gave a brief report on Stockdale East Wells project activities noting the existing ag well will need a motor replacement. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Watts to approve and pay Change Order No. 1 for \$5,000 to replace the motor in the existing ag well, Pay Estimate No. 6 for \$49,073.91 with \$2,582.84 retention withheld, and authorize staff to file a Notice of Completion subject to the satisfactory completion of the punch list items. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- c) Recharge and Conveyance Projects – Mr. Bartel reported on the latest environmental compliance and design efforts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Groundwater Banking Authority – No report.
- b) James Groundwater Banking Authority – Mr. Bartel gave a brief report on the latest James Water Bank Authority Operations Committee and Board meeting activities.
- c) Kern Groundwater Authority- No report.
- d) Rosedale Management Area Committee
 - i. Request for White Land Inclusion in RRBMA – Mr. Averett briefed the Board on the request from Green Acres Farm to include 3,500 acres of land used for biosolid disposal to be included in RRBMA. The property is located West of I-5, South of Taft Hwy, and East of Enos Lane. Patty Poire from the Kern Groundwater Authority suggested that the Board defer taking any action on the request so that other entities can discuss and/or resolve the issue of inclusion within a management area with the property owner. The Board took no action on the request.
 - ii. Consideration of request for White Land Exclusion in RRBMA – Mr. Bartel reviewed the letter received from Buena Vista WSD requesting the exclusion of a portion of APN: 159-010-07 from the RRBMA. The remaining section will continue to be covered under the District’s plan. Mr. Bartel noted there would be costs involved to remove the section from our GSP and Buena Vista WSD would be responsible for those costs under the applicable agreement. Patty Poire from KGA noted that DWR has asked the Kern GSA to defer any boundary adjustments until at least September 2021 and that any changes will not be effective until boundary adjustments are made and processed. The Board took no action on the request.
 - iii. Consideration of Managed Services Agreement for Water Accounting Platform – Mr. Nygren and Mr. Averett reviewed the terms of the Managed Services Agreement from Sitka Technologies to manage the Water Accounting Platform. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Millwee to authorize staff to execute the annual managed services agreement in the amount of \$12,000 covering March 1, 2021 through March 1, 2022. The motion was unanimously passed.
 - AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge, Millwee and Watts
 - NOES: None
 - ABSTAINED: None
 - iv. Consideration of White Land Budget and Assessment – Mr. Bartel reviewed the 2021 GSP Budget noting the resulting \$0 assessment to White Land Management Area landowners. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to approve the 2021 GSP Budget with \$0 assessment to White Lands Management Area landowners for 2021. The motion was unanimously passed.
 - AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge, Millwee and Watts
 - NOES: None
 - ABSTAINED: None
- e) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – No report.

- f) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee – No report.
- g) Pioneer Project – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the latest Pioneer Project activities.
- h) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) – Mr. Averett briefed the Board on the latest activities.
- 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 10:20 a.m. Director Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 12:10p.m., the Board reconvened to open session.

Mr. Raytis reported that the Board had directed the General Counsel to consult with an ad-hoc committee of the Board to prepare an employment contract for the Engineer-Manager position with Dan Bartel to be considered by the Board at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:13.