

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

December 08, 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 (present from 8:36 – 9:33 a.m. & 10:10-11:35 a.m.), Jason Selvidge, Mitch Millwee (left meeting at 11:20 a.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, Leta Spencer, Doug Gosling, Karen Northcutt, Richard Iger & Rick Iger

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Pierucci called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2020

A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Watts to adopt 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) Treasurer’s Report – Mr. Averett reviewed the treasurers report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director Selvidge to accept the treasurers report 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

- b) Accounts Payable/ November 07, 2020 through December 04, 2020 — Ms. Misuraca reviewed the accounts payable report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Watts to ratify and approve payment of the accounts payable in the total amount of \$2,395,345.44 as set forth in the Accounts Payable report provided to the Board. 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) Revenue and Expenditures Report – Mr. Averett reviewed the current Revenue and Expenditures Report through 11/30/2020 with the Board.
- d) Consideration of OPEB Actuarial Valuation Proposal – Ms. Misuraca briefed the Board on the requirements of the biennial OPEB Valuation. A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director Selvidge to engage Bartel and Associates to complete the 2020 and 2021 OPEB Valuation report in an amount not to exceed \$16,000. 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.
- 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 noting staff is working on the application of pre-emergent throughout the District.

#### **STATE WATER PROJECT ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

- a) Update on State Water Project Operations – Mr. Averett briefed the Board noting the initial 2021 SWP allocation of 10%.
- b) California Delta Conveyance Project – Mr. Averett briefed the Board on the latest Delta Conveyance Project activities and gave an overview on Policy Regarding Administration of Delta Conveyance Yield Within Kern County.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

- a) Consideration of Adjustments to Compensation /Benefits & Adoption of District Salary Schedule  
A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Watts to approve cost of living and merit adjustments to staff salaries in accordance with the spreadsheet considered by the Board; to adopt a 2021 District salary schedule in accordance with such adjustments; and to approve an annual discretionary performance-based bonus for Eric Averett in the maximum amount allowed by the Employment Agreement with Mr. Averett dated January 1, 2019. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

#### **ENGINEERS / PROJECTS REPORT**

- a) Onyx Ranch – This item was taken up after agenda item 2d.
  - i. Operations Report – Mr. Bartel gave an update on staff activities including water operations and flows to the Board. He then introduced Ms. Karen Northcutt of Northcutt & Associates. Ms. Northcutt briefed the Board on process for the January 12, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting including the hearing for the Onyx Ranch South Fork

Valley Water Project and the certification of the Final Environmental Impact Review document.

- ii. Presentation of Change in Point of Diversion Project Memorandum – Mr. Bartel gave a detailed overview of the South Fork Kern River RRBWSD change in Point of Diversion memorandum.
  - iii. Presentation of Change in Point of Diversion Flow Calculation – Mr. Bartel shared a preliminary draft version of the Onyx Ranch South Fork Valley Water Project PowerPoint presentation to be presented at a committee meeting prior to the FEIR hearing. Mr. Bartel gave a detailed review of the South Fork Kern River RRBWSD Change in Point of Diversion Flow Calculation memorandum to the Board.
- b) Drought Relief Project
    - i. Status Report – Mr. Nygren reviewed the Project Status Report covering the activities through the end of November 2020.
  - c) Stockdale East Wells - Consideration of Pay Estimate – Mr. Nygren gave a brief report on Stockdale East Wells project activities noting there was no pay estimate at this time. No action was taken on this item.
  - d) Recharge and Conveyance Projects – Mr. Bartel reported on the latest CEQA / NEPA efforts.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Groundwater Banking Authority –
  - i. Kern Fan Project Report – Mr. Bartel gave a brief report on the status of technical memos. Mr. Averett briefed the Board on the latest Kern Fan Project activities including the latest project funding updates.
- b) James Groundwater Banking Authority- Consideration of Cash Call – Mr. Averett gave a brief report on the latest James Water Bank Authority Operations Committee meeting.
- c) Kern Groundwater Authority – Mr. Averett briefed the Board on the latest Kern Groundwater Authority activities noting the presentations that have been completed for the Data Management System.
- d) Rosedale Management Area Committee – No report.
- e) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – No report.
- f) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee – No report.
- g) Pioneer Project – No report.
- 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 9:58 a.m. Director Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 11:15, the Board reconvened to open session to consider and take action on Item a) under the Manager's Report. At 11:20, the Board returned to closed session. At 11:35, the Board reconvened in open session.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.