

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 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 – George Capello, John Gaugel, Leta Spencer and Doug Gosling

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 09, 2021 - A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Unruh 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 and seconded by Director Watts to accept the treasurer’s report as presented. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- b) Accounts Payable/ February 06, 2021 through March 5, 2021 — Ms. Misuraca reviewed the accounts payable report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Watts to ratify and approve payment of the accounts payable in the total amount of \$925,800.49. 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 02/28/2021 with the Board.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS REPORT

- a) District Water Levels & Hydrographs Report – Mr. Nygren reviewed the current District water levels including the District’s various zones in the District’s management area under SGMA.
- b) Operations Report – Mr. Smith reviewed current operations and projected demands for 2021 noting the current 10% allocation could be reduced due to low precipitation.
- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Smith reviewed maintenance projects that have taken place over the last month.
- d) Consideration of Encroachment Permit – Mr. Nygren reviewed the City of Bakersfield’s request for an encroachment permit to install a side lifting flow meter at Rosedale’s Kern River Intake. A motion was made by Director Watts and seconded by Director Millwee to approve the encroachment permit for the City of Bakersfield to install a flow meter at the District’s Kern River Intake subject to a \$500 processing fee. 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 – Mr. Averett noted the current 10% allocation on the SWP will likely be reduced.
- b) California Delta Conveyance Project – No report.

MANAGER’S REPORT

- a) Operational Exchange Agreement – Mr. Averett reviewed an operational exchange agreement between Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD, Kern Delta Water District and Arvin-Edison Water Storage District. Mr. Averett also noted that staff is working on a Water Quality Agreement between Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD and Arvin-Edison Water Storage District. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Unruh to approve the Operational Exchange Agreement and ratify its prior execution. 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 staff has begun ditch cleaning and are looking at options for the problematic Cottonwood trees. Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the litigation status of the project.
- b) Drought Relief Project
 - i. Status Report – Mr. Nygren reviewed the Project Status Report covering the activities through the end of February 2021 noting staff filed the Notice of Completion on the Stockdale East Wells on February 23, 2021.
 - ii. Consideration of Pumping Plant Flowmeter Replacement – Mr. Bartel and Mr. Nygren briefed the Board on the outstanding issues at the pumping plant. Mr. Bartel

communicated that through trial-and-error staff has concluded that the MACE Flowmeters installed are not sufficiently operating the pumping plant noting a successful piloted use of Seametrics EX210S meter. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Selvidge to approve the retrofitting of the 6 remaining flowmeters at the pumping plant in an amount not to exceed \$22,000. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

c) Recharge and Conveyance Projects

- i. Consideration of SCADA Flow Measurement Improvements – Mr. Nygren reviewed the Storm 3 Data Logger SCADA technology and the benefits to the District. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Watts to approve the replacement of the SCADA technology at Rosedale 1, Rosedale 2, and the Kern River Intake in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Groundwater Banking Authority – Mr. Bartel noted the upcoming finance and project committee meetings.
- b) James Groundwater Banking Authority – Mr. Bartel gave a brief report on the latest James Water Bank Authority Operations Committee activities and design status.
- c) Kern Groundwater Authority – Mr. Averett noted DWR will be reviewing GSPs and issuing corrective action reports.
- d) Rosedale Management Area Committee- Mr. Bartel reviewed the District’s Annual Report for the Rosedale-Rio Bravo Management Area GSP. Director Millwee suggested that staff advise the landowners within the District’s white lands management areas how much water they have used and a projection for future water use budgets; the rest of the Board agreed.
 - i. Ratification of Accounting Platform Technical Services Agreement – Mr. Nygren reviewed the SITKA budget status for the Water Accounting Platform noting the additional fee for the user onboarding verification codes that SITKA provided. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Selvidge to ratify and approve the SITKA budget augmentation with an increase for user onboarding and limited on-call support for 2021 not to exceed \$16,240.00. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None
 - ii. Evapotranspiration Calculation Comparison Report – Mr. Nygren presented the detailed comparison of the different methods of ET to the Board noting there was no apparent trend as to which method runs higher or lower based on the sample size.
- e) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – No report.

- f) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the hydraulic improvement project activities.
- g) Pioneer Project – No report.
- h) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) – Mr. Averett briefed the Board on the latest activities noting Jason Gianquinto has been appointed the new chairman.
- i) Kern Fan Authority – No report.
- j) Joint Operating Committee (JOC) - Consideration of Groundwater Model Update – Mr. Averett reviewed the proposal from Thomas Harder & Associates to update the groundwater model and prepare 2021 groundwater level projections. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Millwee to approve a budget in the amount of \$41,155 to update the groundwater model and prepare groundwater level projections for 2021. The motion was unanimously passed.
 - AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge, Millwee and Watts
 - NOES: None
 - ABSTAINED: None
- 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.
- o) Sites Reservoir Project- No report.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

- a) Consideration of Engineer-Manager Employment Contract – Mr. Raytis reviewed and summarized the recommendation as to the material terms of the proposed Engineer - Manager employment contract, including the term, base salary, benefits, and other pay. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Millwee to approve the Engineer-Manager employment contract as presented. The motion was unanimously passed.
 - AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge, Millwee and Watts
 - NOES: None
 - ABSTAINED: None
- b) Consideration of Revisions to Annual Salary Schedule – Mr. Raytis provided the Board with an updated salary schedule and explained the need for revisions. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Unruh to update the District’s salary schedule to reflect the additions of new positions and adjustments to salary. The motion was unanimously passed.
 - AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge, Millwee and Watts
 - NOES: None
 - ABSTAINED: None
- c) Consideration of Consulting Agreement – Mr. Raytis provided the Board with an overview of the proposed contract with Mr. Averett for consulting services. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Unruh to execute a consulting agreement with Eric Averett for transition services for a \$2,500 per month retainer with expectation that at least 10 hours of service will be provided, and \$250/hour for any hours worked over 10 hours in a month, for an initial term of 6 months. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

d) Consideration of Appointment of District Representatives to Various Committees – A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a Second by Director Watts to appoint:

- Dan Bartel as the District’s representative to the Kern Fan Authority, Sites Project Authority, South Valley Water Resources Authority, James Water Bank Authority, Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee, and the Pioneer Project Committee.
- Markus Nygren as the District’s representative on the Kern Fan Monitoring Committee and the Semitropic Monitoring Committee.
- Zach Smith as the District’s representative on the Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority.

The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

a) Consideration of ACWA Region 7 Board of Directors Nomination- The Board briefly discussed the opening on ACWA’s Region 7 Board. No action was taken.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Bartel noted a Thank You card that the District received from Mrs. Sylvia Hafefeld and family.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CLOSED SESSION

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 10:16 a.m. Director Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. Director Millwee left the closed session at 11:00 a.m. and returned at 11:25 a.m. Mr. Bartel left the closed session at 11:25 a.m. At 11:45 a.m., the Board reconvened to open session. Mr. Raytis announced that no reportable actions were taken in closed session.

The Board reconvened to open session and considered the matters reported above under the Attorney’s Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.