

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

April 13, 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 - Dan Bartel, Zach Smith, Megan Misuraca, Markus Nygren, Rachelle Echeverria, Dan Raytis, Jennifer Spaletta, Thomas Harder, Bryce McAteer and Matt Payne
Public – Ken Bonesteel, John Gaugel, Molly Thurman, Rick Iger, George Capello, Bob M. (Kern River Valley Resident)

CALL TO ORDER

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

Oath of Office for Directors of Divisions 2 (Millwee) and 3 (Unruh)

Ms. Misuraca noted that the Oath of Office had been administered to Director Millwee (Division 2) and Director Unruh (Division 3).

CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 09, 2021

A motion was made by Director Watts and seconded by Director Millwee 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 – Ms. Misuraca reviewed the treasurer's report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Selvidge to receive and 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/ March 06, 2021 through April 9, 2021 — Ms. Misuraca reviewed the accounts payable report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Millwee to ratify and approve payment of the accounts payable in the total amount of \$1,885,037.89. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- c) Revenue and Expenditures Report – Ms. Misuraca reviewed the current Revenue and Expenditures Report through 03/31/2021 with the Board.
- d) Consideration of Arbitrage Rebate Computation Proposal – Ms. Misuraca reviewed the Arbitrage Rebate Computation proposal from AMTEC with the Board. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Watts authorizing staff to execute an agreement with AMTEC to complete the Arbitrage Rebate Calculation on Certificates of Participation Series 2010, 2011A, and 2013A and set a budget not to exceed \$4,500 to complete the calculations. 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 including the District’s thresholds under SGMA in the various zones of the District’s management area.
- b) Operations Report – Mr. Smith reviewed current operations and projected demands for 2021 and noted the repairs in progress on SWEX2 and SWEX7.
- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Smith reviewed maintenance projects that have taken place over the last month.
- e) Consideration of Purchase and Sale of Vehicles – Mr. Smith reported to the Board that the District has a 2011 F-150 and 2019 Ford Expedition that no longer meet the needs of the District, as a need for additional District vehicles. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Unruh to declare the vehicles surplus and authorizing staff to trade-in the two vehicles and approve a budget not to exceed \$80,000 for replacement vehicles. 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. Bartel reported the SWP allocation was decreased to 5%.
- b) California Delta Conveyance Project – No report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Ratification of Water Quality Balance Exchange Agreement – Mr. Smith reviewed the Water Quality Balance Exchange Agreement between Rosedale-Rio Bravo WSD and Arvin Edison WSD. A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director Millwee to ratify the execution of the Water Quality Balance Exchange Agreement with Arvin-Edison WSD. The motion was unanimously passed.
- AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge, Millwee and Watts
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None
- b) Ratification of Water Transfer Agreement – Mr. Bartel reviewed the Water Transfer Agreement between Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage and Belridge Water Storage District, Berrenda Mesa Water District, Lost Hills Water District and Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Selvidge to ratify the execution of the Water Transfer Agreement. The motion was unanimously passed.
- AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge, Millwee and Watts
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None
- c) Groundwater Modeling – Mr. Harder of Thomas Harder and Associates gave a presentation on the groundwater flow model update. Mr. Harder left the meeting upon the conclusion of his report.

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 current litigation activities and noted that staff would be providing a tour of the project area to the other Kern River Interests.
- b) Drought Relief Project
- i. Status Report – Mr. Nygren reviewed the Project Status Report covering the activities through the end of March 2021.
- c) Improvement Projects
- i. Houghton Weir – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the status of the Water Smart Grant to complete the Houghton Weir, SCADA Improvements, and McCaslin Ponds noting the Bureau is working on the NEPA process for the grant.
- ii. Scada Improvements – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the status of the Water Smart Grant to complete the Houghton Weir, Scada Improvements, and McCaslin Ponds noting the Bureau is working on the NEPA process for the grant.
- iii. McCaslin Ponds – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the status of the Water Smart Grant to complete the Houghton Weir, Scada Improvements, and McCaslin Ponds noting the Bureau is working on the NEPA process for the grant.
- iv. SCVWA Wells – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the request from Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency to construct 4 wells under the 2005 water banking agreement. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Watts to authorize staff to

enter into the necessary agreements to perform the feasibility and design work along with negotiations for potential well sites for future consideration by the Board, with all costs including staff time to be reimbursed to the District by SCVWA. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

- d) Office Remodel – Mr. Bartel reported staff has been looking to optimize office space and has a proposal to add an additional office without adding square footage to the building. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Millwee to approve remodeling the office to provide for an additional office space in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Groundwater Banking Authority

- i. Consideration of Shared Services Agreement – Mr. Bartel reviewed the Shared Services Agreement with the Board. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to approve the Shared Services agreement for the Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority and authorize staff to execute the agreement. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

- ii. Ratification of District Representatives Appointments – Mr. Bartel directed the Board to the organizational chart for the Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority in the Board packet. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Watts to ratify the designation of Megan Misuraca as the representative on the Finance Committee and the future Water Resources Manager as the representative on the Project Committee with the Operations Manger being the alternate for the Project Committee. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

- b) James Groundwater Banking Authority – Mr. Bartel gave a brief report on the latest James Water Bank Authority activities and CEQA technical studies.

- c) Kern Groundwater Authority – No report.

- d) Rosedale Management Area Committee –

- i. Consideration of Letter Agreement re In-Ground Water Transfer – Mr. Bartel reviewed the letter agreement with Grimmway Enterprises, Inc. for an In-Ground water transfer of 659af from Pioneer (Belridge) to Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to approve and authorize staff to execute the in-ground transfer letter agreement with Grimmway Enterprises, Inc. 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 – Mr. Bartel reviewed the scope of work for Task J- Evaluation of the CVC channel freeboard and pump submergence by GEI.
- g) Pioneer Project – No report.
- h) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) – Mr. Smith gave a brief report on activities from the last Board meeting.
- i) Kern Fan Authority – No report.
- j) Joint Operating Committee (JOC) – Mr. Bartel noted the committee will begin meeting to review the updated groundwater model.
- 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) Update on Legal Activities / Proposed Legislation / Case law – Mr. Raytis briefed the Board on recently proposed water related legislation and legal activities noting the District’s signature of support for SB 559- State Water Resiliency Act of 2021. He also reviewed the recent Court of Appeal’s opinion in the Antelope Valley Groundwater Adjudication cases.
- b) Consideration of Additional District Employment Position – Mr. Bartel discussed the need to create the position of Finance Manager and recommended appointing Ms. Misuraca to that position. Mr. Bartel summarized the terms and conditions of employment in that position. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Unruh to add the position of Finance Manager to the District staff and to offer that position to Ms. Misuraca upon the terms presented by the Engineer-Manager. The motion was unanimously passed.
 - AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge, Millwee and Watts
 - NOES: None
 - ABSTAINED: None
- c) Consideration of Revisions to Annual Salary Schedule – Mr. Raytis advised the Board of the need to revise the District’s Salary Schedule to list the Finance Manager position and its salary. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Watts to approve the District’s Salary Schedule with the addition of the position of Finance Manger at the approved salary. The motion was unanimously passed.
 - AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge, Millwee and Watts
 - NOES: None
 - ABSTAINED: 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. Director Millwee left the meeting at 12:35 p.m. and returned when the Board reconvened in open session. At 12:45 p.m., the Board reconvened to open session and Mr. Raytis announced the following action took place in closed session:

Director Selvidge made a motion and Director Unruh seconded to authorize staff to execute an agreement with MidCal Tech Labor Solutions to conduct a job search to fill the potential new District position (Water Resources Manager). The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.