

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

June 15, 2021

12:30 p.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 & Barry Watts

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Public – Phil Klassen, Rick Iger & John Gaugel

CALL TO ORDER

President Pierucci called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

CONSENT ITEMS

a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2021

b) Adjourned Board Meeting Minute -May 12, 2021

A motion was made by Director Unruh 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 – Ms. Misuraca reviewed the treasurer’s report as of May 31, 2021 with the Board, and specifically noted the reversal of the cashier’s check that was issued as a result of the bank’s error.

b) Accounts Payable/ May 8, 2021 through June 11, 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 \$2,304,600.08. A roll call vote was taken and the motion 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 05/31/2021 with the Board.
- d) Consideration of Banking Services – Ms. Misuraca briefed the Board on the challenges with the current banking services provider and outlined available alternatives for the future. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Watts to transfer the District’s day to day banking services to Valley Republic Bank, and to take whatever actions are necessary to effectuate the transfer and establishing a banking relationship with Valley Republic. A roll call vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.
 - AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge, Millwee and Watts
 - NOES: None
 - ABSTAINED: None
- e) Consideration of Investment Options- Ms. Misuraca and Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the District’s current investments with AMG Financial. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Selvidge to transfer \$3,942,000 from the AMG Financial investment account to the District’s county LAIF account, leaving \$100,000 to be invested at AMG Financial. A roll call vote was taken and the motion 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. Mr. Nygren also gave a brief presentation on the KGA Data Management System that is in the development phase.
- b) Operations Report – Mr. Smith reviewed current operations and projected demands for 2021.
- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Smith reviewed maintenance projects that have taken place over the last month noting the challenges with SWEX2 well.
- d) Consideration of Mini Cell Tower Lease at Onyx– Mr. Smith reviewed a request from GeoLinks regarding a potential 5-year land lease for the placement of a cell tower on a hilltop of District owned property in Onyx that would benefit the District with free internet access. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Watts authorizing staff to execute a 5-year lease agreement with GeoLinks for the placement of a 30’ x 30’ cell tower on the proposed site in Onyx, subject to approval of legal counsel. A roll call vote was taken and the motion 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 – No report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Consideration of Nickel Correction Deed– Mr. Raytis briefed the Board on a correction required on a Deed from the District's purchase of a portion of APN 104-292-01. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Watts to authorize staff to execute a Certificate of Acceptance for a Corrective Quit Claim Deed to correct the legal description of the property that the District acquired and to record upon execution by the current owners. A roll call vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

- b) Consideration of Website Remodel Proposal – Ms. Echeverria reviewed proposals received for the re-model of the District's current website to bring it up to compliance and a modern design. A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director Millwee to set a budget of \$4,000 and to engage WSI Internet Consulting to remodel the District's current website. A roll call vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- c) Board Meeting Format – Mr. Bartel reviewed the District's current Board meeting format and the options the Board has moving forward. By consensus, the Board determined to return to in-person meetings while making off-site arrangements (teleconference or web based access) as necessary and permitted by law.

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.

- b) Drought Relief Project

i. Status Report – Mr. Nygren reviewed the Project Status Report covering the activities through the end of May 2021 noting this would be the final DRP reporting packet and staff will move forward with reporting operations and maintenance of the project.

- c) Improvement Projects

i. Scada Improvements – Mr. Nygren briefed the Board on the status of the Scada Improvements.

ii. Houghton Weir – Mr. Nygren briefed the Board on the status of the Water Smart Grant to complete the Houghton Weir, noting the Bureau is working on the NEPA process for the grant.

iii. McCaslin Ponds – Mr. Nygren briefed the Board on the status of the Water Smart Grant to complete the McCaslin Ponds, noting the Bureau is working on the NEPA process for the grant.

iv. SCVWA Wells – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the study efforts for the location of the 4 additional well sites requested by SCVWA.

- d) Consideration of Technical Proposals- Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the development of the "third project site" for the Stockdale Integrated Banking Project FEIR. A motion was made by

Director Watts with a second by Director Selvidge to execute a consulting agreement with Thomas Harder & Co. Groundwater Consulting to perform the Groundwater Impact Analysis in preparation of the required CEQA analysis for an amount not to exceed \$34,690 along with an agreement with SWCA Environmental Consultants to perform the Phase I ESA for an amount not to exceed \$3,896. A roll call vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Groundwater Banking Authority – No report.
- b) James Groundwater Banking Authority – Mr. Bartel gave a report on the latest activities.
- c) Kern Groundwater Authority – No report.
 - i. Basinwide Undesirable Results Policy – No report.
- d) Rosedale Management Area Committee –
 - i. Consideration of Amendment to SGMA Management Agreement - Martin Hein - APN Correction – Mr. Nygren gave a brief report on the SGMA Management Agreement with Martin Hein that was signed and recorded with the Recorder’s office, noting that it mistakenly included reference to an APN that is within the District’s boundaries. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to authorize staff to make the correction to Martin Hein’s SGMA Management Agreement to remove references to APN 408-210-14 and to re-execute and record the revised Agreement. A roll call vote was taken and the motion 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 briefed the Board on the latest activities for the CVC Advisory Committee.
- g) Pioneer Project – No report.
- h) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) – No report.
- i) Kern Fan Authority – No report.
- j) Joint Operating Committee (JOC) – Mr. Bartel noted the committee will meet on June 24, 2021 to review the latest model data.
- 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 – Mr. Bartel gave a brief report on activities.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

None.

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Phil Klassen noted his attendance to stay up to date on the District's activities.

CLOSED SESSION

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 1:55 p.m. Director Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 4:24 p.m., the Board reconvened to open session and Mr. Raytis announced that no reportable actions were taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:25 p.m., a motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Selvidge to adjourn the meeting to June 16, 2021 at 2:00pm at the District office and using the same Zoom link as was listed in the Agenda. A roll call vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

The meeting was adjourned as specified in the motion, and staff was directed to post a notice of adjourned meeting.