

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
July 13, 2021
8:30 a.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Roy Pierucci, Gary Unruh, Jason Selvidge and Barry Watts

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Mitch Millwee

OTHERS PRESENT

District Staff / Consultants - Dan Bartel, Zach Smith, Megan Misuraca, Markus Nygren, Rachelle Echeverria and Dan Raytis
Public – Trent Taylor

CALL TO ORDER

President Pierucci called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., and welcomed Trent Taylor to the Board meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Special Board Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2021
- b) Adjourned Special Meeting Minutes – June 16, 2021
- c) Special Board Meeting Minutes – June 28, 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 and Watts

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a) Treasurer’s Report – Ms. Misuraca reviewed the treasurer’s report as of June 30, 2021 with the Board.
- b) Accounts Payable/ June 12, 2021 through July 9, 2021 — Ms. Misuraca reviewed the accounts payable report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Watts and seconded by Director Unruh to ratify and approve payment of the accounts payable in the total amount of \$2,362,160.94. The motion unanimously passed.
 - AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge and Watts
 - NOES: None
 - ABSTAINED: None
- c) Revenue and Expenditures Report – Ms. Misuraca reviewed the current Revenue and Expenditures Report through 06/30/2021 with the Board.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS REPORT

- a) District Water Levels & Hydrographs Report – Mr. Nygren reviewed the current District water levels including the District’s 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.
- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Smith reviewed maintenance projects that have taken place over the last month and reported that staff is troubleshooting the SUP-2 well.
- d) Consideration of Air-Conditioner Replacement – Mr. Smith reported the District’s air-conditioning unit at the headquarters is the original unit and in need of replacement. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to approve hiring a contractor to replace the air-conditioning unit at the District headquarters for an amount not to exceed \$15,000. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge 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) Announcement of Water Resources Manager – Mr. Bartel announced Trent Taylor will be joining the District as the Water Resources Manager effective July 19, 2021. The Board welcomed Trent to the District.
- b) Consideration of Resolution No. 519- Declaration of Water Supply Emergency – Ms. Echeverria presented the Board with a memo detailing existing drought conditions, and briefed the Board on the California Governor’s office emergency proclamation directing state agencies to take immediate action to bolster drought resilience across the state and declaring a State of Emergency in numerous counties including Kern. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Watts to adopt Resolution No. 519 – Declaration of a Water Supply Emergency. A roll call vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge and Watts

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- c) Consideration of Logo Revision - Ms. Echeverria briefed the Board on the status of the logo revision. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Watts to approve the selection of a final design with 99Designs and to move forward with the revision of the logo with WSI Internet Consulting with a budget not to exceed \$350. The motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge and Watts

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- d) Consideration of Regular Board meeting Time Change - Mr. Bartel proposed the regular Board meeting time be adjusted to begin at 8:00 a.m. to allow sufficient time for each Board meeting.

The Board agreed and directed staff to proceed with the process and drafting of documents necessary to complete the change for the Board's consideration. No action was taken.

e) Consideration of Appointments to JPA's and Committees – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the current assignment of staff to various committees and the proposed re-distribution with Mr. Taylor joining the District. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to appoint:

- Dan Bartel as the District's representative for the Kern Fan Authority, Sites Project (alternate), James Water Bank Authority, Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee, Pioneer Project Committee, Water Association of Kern County, and Joint Operating Committee.
- Trent Taylor as the District's representative for the Kern Fan Authority (alternate), Sites Project Authority, South Valley Water Resources Authority, James Water Bank Authority (alternate), Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee (alternate), Pioneer Project Committee (alternate), Valley Ag Water Coalition, Kern Integrate Regional Water Management Plan, San Joaquin Valley Water Collaborative Action Program, Sustainable Conservation, Valley Water Blueprint, Association of California Water Agencies and California Water Data Consortium.
- Markus Nygren as the District's representative for Kern Fan Monitoring Committee, Semitropic Monitoring Committee, Pioneer Project Technical Committee and Joint Operating Technical Committee.
- Zach Smith as the District's Representative for Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority.

The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge 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.
- ii. Consideration of Capital Improvement Projects - Mr. Smith reported to the Board that three of the structures at Onyx need replacement due to multiple leak repairs along with continuing the replacement of fencing across the ranch. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Watts to (1) approve a budget not to exceed \$14,500 for the roof replacement on three structures at Onyx Ranch and (2) approve a budget not to exceed \$7,500 for the purchase of additional fencing supplies. The motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge and Watts

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- b) 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 and noted staff is finalizing the bid package to be distributed sometime in July.
 - iii. McCaslin Ponds – Mr. Nygren briefed the Board on the status of the Water Smart Grant to complete the McCaslin Ponds and reported Zeider’s Consulting is preparing various pond layouts for the District to review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Groundwater Banking Authority - Mr. Bartel reported GBJPA is in negotiations on a couple properties and ready to move forward with opening escrow and begin due-diligence efforts. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to approve a cash call in the amount of \$450,000 for the District’s contribution toward the \$900,000 total deposit. The motion unanimously passed.
 - AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge and Watts
 - NOES: None
 - ABSTAINED: None
- b) James Groundwater Banking Authority – Mr. Bartel gave a brief report on the latest CEQA efforts for the James Groundwater Banking Project.
- c) Kern Groundwater Authority – Mr. Bartel gave a brief report on the CVSALTS presentation and the latest activities on the development of the Data Management System.
- d) Rosedale Management Area Committee – No report.
- e) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – No report.
- f) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee – Mr. Bartel gave a brief report on the CVC activities.
- g) Pioneer Project – No report.
- h) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) – Mr. Smith briefed the Board on the latest Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority activities.
- i) Kern Fan Authority – No report.
- j) Joint Operating Committee (JOC) – Mr. Bartel reported on the JOC June meeting and noted that the update in both the Thomas Harder and Wood models project no groundwater level impacts from District projects through 2021.
- 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 upcoming workshops to review project costs and anticipated cash calls.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

- a) Consideration of Revisions to Annual Salary Schedule – Mr. Raytis reported with the addition of the Water Resources Manager position, there is a need to update the District’s salary schedule. A motion was made by Director Unruh and a second by Director Watts to revise the District’s Salary Schedule as presented. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

- b) Report on State Water Resources Control Board Proposed Resolution- Mr. Raytis briefed the Board on the proposed State Water Resources Control Board Proposed Resolution. No action was taken.

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Misuraca briefed the Board on the governance letter from Barbich Hooper King Dill Hoffman in respect to the District’s 2020 financial audit.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CLOSED SESSION

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 9:45 a.m. Director Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 11:20 a.m., the Board reconvened to open session and Mr. Raytis announced that no reportable actions were taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.