

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
September 14, 2021  
8:00 a.m.

**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, Trent Taylor, Megan Misuraca, Markus Nygren, Rachelle Echeverria and Dan Raytis  
Public – John Gaugel

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Pierucci called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

- a) Treasurer's Report – Ms. Misuraca reviewed the treasurer's report as of August 31, 2021, with the Board.
- b) Accounts Payable/ August 7, 2021 through September 10, 2021 — 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 \$1,899,331.35 The motion unanimously passed.  
AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, Millwee and Watts  
NOES: None  
ABSTAINED: None
- c) Revenue and Expenditures Report – Ms. Misuraca reviewed the current Revenue and Expenditures Report through 08/31/2021 with the Board.
- d) Consideration of 2020 Audit – Ms. Misuraca reviewed the FYE December 31, 2020, audit and financial report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Watts to accept and approve the fiscal year end December 31, 2020, audit and financials as presented. The motion unanimously passed.  
AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, Millwee and Watts  
NOES: None  
ABSTAINED: None
- e) Consideration of Accounting Software – Ms. Misuraca noted the District has grown and could benefit from an upgrade to a more robust and inclusive accounting/payroll software. A motion

was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Millwee to approve a budget in the amount of \$25,000 for the first year of the accounting system upgrade to include the implementation cost and \$20,000 for subsequent years for licensing and support. The motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, 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 noting he does not project a carryover balance into 2022.
- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Smith reviewed maintenance projects that have taken place over the last month including the status of the tree removal on the McCaslin property.
- d) Consideration of Budget Augmentation for Board Room Table/Chairs – Ms. Misuraca reported the contractor that the District hired to construct and deliver the U-shape Board room table notified staff that they were closing their business and would not be able to complete the table. Staff obtained a quote from Paul Downs to construct the table. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Watts to approve a budget augmentation of an additional \$3,000 for a total budget of \$18,000 to engage Paul Downs furniture to construct, deliver and install the custom conference table and for staff to purchase new chairs. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

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

- a) Update on State Water Project Operations – Mr. Taylor reported on the latest State Water Project activities and discussed the reasons for the \$650,000 increase in Rosedale’s share of the SWP costs for 2022.
- b) California Delta Conveyance Project – Mr. Taylor reported on the latest activities for the Delta Conveyance Project.

#### **MANAGER’S REPORT**

- a) Consideration of Continuing Emergency Action- Public Contract Code §22050(c)(1) – Res. No.519  
A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Selvidge to continue the Emergency Action per Resolution No. 519. The motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, 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. Mr. Bartel reported District staff is working on replacing fencing and installing stock water.
- ii. Consideration of Notices on Leases and Access Agreement – Mr. Bartel reviewed the lease notices and access agreement with the Board. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Watts directing staff to provide written notice to Onyx Ranch tenants and enter into an extension of the agreements with similar terms as 2021 with Smith Ranch co-owners. The motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, Millwee 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 Houghton Weir project and reported on the NEPA process for the WaterSMART Grant application.
- iii. McCaslin Ponds – Mr. Nygren reported the design is complete for the McCaslin Ponds although staff has discovered the booster pump on site belongs to another landowner and will need to be relocated or worked around.
- iv. Resolution No. 521- WaterSMART Grant Application and Update – Mr. Nygren reported on the WaterSMART Grant application and reviewed Resolution 521 authorizing the WaterSMART Grant Application. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to adopt Resolution No. 521- Water Smart Grant Application for the WaterSMART Drought Response Program: Drought Resiliency Projects for Fiscal Year 2022. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority - Mr. Bartel gave a brief report on activities noting the RFP Pack has been sent out.
- b) James Groundwater Banking Authority – Mr. Bartel gave a brief report on the latest CEQA efforts for the James Groundwater Banking Project and the update of the JPA Operations Agreement.
- c) Kern Groundwater Authority – Mr. Nygren reported the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the DMS System is being rolled out and they are currently working on user permissions. Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the discussions being had on Subtask 1.3 - “Identify Natural Recharge Components” of the Native Yield study.
- d) Rosedale Management Area Committee

- i. GSP Revisions – Mr. Taylor reported on the addition of the management action 7.4.4 of the Rosedale-Rio Bravo Management Area GSP regarding the District’s participation in the implementation of a water quality data module in the Kern Groundwater Authorities DMS system.
- ii. Development of Water Charge Management Action – Mr. Taylor reported on the District’s management action to develop a water charge and the draft timeline of implementation.
- e) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – No report.
- f) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee – Mr. Bartel gave a brief report on 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 briefed the Board on modeling revisions and activities of the JOC.
- k) Committee for Delta Reliability – No report.
- l) South Valley Water Resources Authority – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on recent South Valley Water Resources Authority activities.
- m) Valley Ag Water Coalition – No report.
- n) Kern Integrated Regional Water Management Plan – No report.
- o) Sites Reservoir Project – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on amendment 3 to the Phase 2 Funding Agreement and the District’s commitment of \$200,000 payable over 3 cash calls.

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

None.

**OLD OR NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Misuraca reviewed the California Farm Water Coalition membership with the Board. No action was taken.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CLOSED SESSION**

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 9:48 a.m. Director Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 11:15 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 11:16 a.m.