

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
October 12, 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 – Ken Bonesteel

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes - September 14, 2021

A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director Selvidge to approve the meeting minutes of the September 14, 2021 Board of Directors' meeting. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

- a) Treasurer's Report – Ms. Misuraca reviewed the treasurer's report as of September 30, 2021, with the Board.
- b) Accounts Payable/ September 11, 2021 through October 8, 2021 — Ms. Misuraca reviewed the accounts payable report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Watts to ratify and approve payment of the accounts payable in the total amount of \$1,244,762.04. 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 September 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 and noted SREX-1 and Enns-3 wells are down for repairs. Mr. Smith also reported on an issue with respect to reported losses in the CVC.
- 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) Ratification of Purchase of Trailer – Mr. Smith reported the trailer used to haul the Bobcat is not sufficient and is causing extra maintenance to the trailer. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to ratify the purchase of a BigTex trailer with a capacity of 12,550 pounds in the amount of \$19,472.72. 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 briefed the Board on current operations and reviewed the Bureau of Reclamation’s reinitiating of the Section 7 Consultation for the Long-Term Operations of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project. Mr. Taylor also gave a brief overview of the California Aqueduct Subsidence Program from the Department of Water Resources.
- b) California Delta Conveyance Project – Mr. Taylor reported on the latest activities for the Delta Conveyance Project. He also reported that Brent Walthall would be retiring from the Kern County Water Agency.

## **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 Millwee 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 continuing to work on replacing fencing and installing stock water.
- 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. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Selvidge to approve Pay Estimate No. 1 for WM Lyles Co. in the amount of \$131,622.98 and holding \$6,927.53 in retention. The motion unanimously passed.  
 AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, Millwee and Watts  
 NOES: None  
 ABSTAINED: None
- iii. McCaslin Ponds – Mr. Nygren briefed the Board on the progress of the McCaslin pond improvements.
- iv. WaterSMART Grant Award- 2021 McCaslin Phase 2 Ponds – Mr. Bartel reviewed the WaterSMART Grant award for the 2021 McCaslin Phase 2 Pond Improvements along with NEPA requirements.
- v. WaterSMART Grant Application- 2022 McCaslin and Bowling 3 Well – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the application for the 2022 WaterSMART Grant for the Groundwater Banking Recovery to include 2 wells on McCaslin and 1 on Bowling.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority – No report.
- b) James Groundwater Banking Authority – Mr. Bartel gave a brief report on the latest efforts for the James Groundwater Banking Project.
- c) Kern Groundwater Authority – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the latest activities of the Basin Study and the DMS development.
- d) Rosedale Management Area Committee – No report.
- e) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – Mr. Nygren briefed the Board on latest activities.
- f) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee – Mr. Bartel gave a brief report on activities and review of CVC capacity allocation presentation provided by the Kern County Water Agency staff at the last CVCAC special meeting.
- 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) – No report.
- 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. Taylor briefed the Board the latest Site Reservoir Project activities.
- p) Association of California Water Agencies – Mr. Taylor noted he is the primary representative for the District with ACWA and President Pierucci is the alternate.

#### **ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

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 9:20 a.m. President Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. Trent Taylor left the closed session at 10:48. At 11:25 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 11:25 a.m.