

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
November 19, 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; Jennifer Spaletta participated in closed session  
Public – Ken Bonesteel, Matt Vickery

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Pierucci called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) Special Board Meeting Minutes - October 12, 2021

A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director Selvidge to approve the meeting minutes of the October 12, 2021 Special 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 October 31, 2021, with the Board.
- b) Accounts Payable/ October 9, 2021 through November 18, 2021 — Ms. Misuraca reviewed the accounts payable report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Millwee to ratify and approve payment of the accounts payable in the total amount of \$1,806,618.36. 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 October 31, 2021 with the Board.

- d) Consideration of 2022 Budget - Ms. Misuraca and Mr. Bartel walked through the proposed budget for Fiscal Year End December 31, 2022. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to approve the proposed FYE December 31, 2022 budget as presented. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

#### **DISTRICT OPERATIONS REPORT**

- a) District Groundwater Levels – 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 reported the District will not have any carryover to 2022.
- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Smith reviewed maintenance projects that have taken place over the last month.
- d) Consideration of Purchase of Backhoe – Mr. Smith reviewed the proposals received for the purchase of a backhoe for the District. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to approve the purchase of a backhoe in an amount not to exceed \$130,000 and dependent on availability, and to adjust the budget for FYE 2022 account Capital Equipment to include the purchase. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- e) Consideration of 2020 Operations Report – Mr. Bartel reviewed the District 2020 Operations report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Watts to approve the District 2020 Operations Report as presented. 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 noted an expectant 0% allocation for 2022.
- b) California Delta Conveyance Project – Mr. Taylor reported on the latest activities for the Delta Conveyance Project.
- c) Consideration of Addendum to the Water Banking and Storage Agreement – Mr. Taylor reviewed the Addendum to the Grimmway Enterprises, Inc. Water Recharge and Storage Agreement with the Board. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Selvidge to approve the Addendum and execution of the agreement. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

- a) Consideration of Continuing Emergency Action - Public Contract Code §22050(c)(1) – Res. No.519 – Ms. Echeverria presented a memo to the Board describing current and expected hydrologic conditions. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Watts 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
- b) Consideration of Resolution No. 522 - Resolution of Application to LAFCO - Annexation No. 1 & Consideration of Notice of Exemption – This item was tabled at the request of counsel.
- c) DRAFT 2022 District Goals – Ms. Echeverria reviewed the results of the Director ranked Goals for 2022. Mr. Bartel stated staff will provide a review of the 2020-2021 goals status at the December Board meeting.

## **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 tenants have been notified of the proposed project start of January 1, 2022.
- 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 Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to approve Pay Estimate No. 2 for WM Lyles Co. in the amount of \$516,556.52 and holding \$27,187.19 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.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority – No report.
- b) James Groundwater Banking Authority – Mr. Bartel gave a brief report on the latest staff and consultant efforts on the James Groundwater Banking Project.
- c) Kern Groundwater Authority – Mr. Taylor gave a brief report on a subsidence monitoring proposal.
- d) Rosedale Management Area Committee – Mr. Bartel gave a brief report on the November meeting.
- e) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – No report.
- f) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee – Mr. Bartel gave a brief report on activities and the proposed budget for 2022; Mr. Bartel noted that a letter had been sent to the CVCAC and the KCWA Board disagreeing with certain items that were included within the budget.
- g) Pioneer Project – Mr. Bartel reviewed the Pioneer budget and recommended approval.

- 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 – No report.
- p) Association of California Water Agencies – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on staff's meeting with Dave Eggerton the Executive Director of ACWA.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

None.

**OLD OR NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Misuraca briefed the Board on a letter received from Kern County Auditor-Controller regarding a parcel in the District that has been acquired by a public entity that will result in a 100% tax exemption.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CLOSED SESSION**

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 9:52 a.m. President Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. Ms. Spaletta joined the closed session at 10:00 a.m and left at 10:20 a.m. Trent Taylor left the closed session at 11:20 a.m. At 11:33 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 11:33 a.m.