

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 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 – Mr. Jhaj (Landowner)

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Special Board Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2021

A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director Selvidge to approve the meeting minutes of the November 19, 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 November 30, 2021, with the Board.

- b) Accounts Payable/ November 19, 2021 through December 8, 2021 — Ms. Misuraca reviewed the accounts payable report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Unruh to ratify and approve payment of the accounts payable in the total amount of \$4,238,188.14. 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 November 30, 2021 with the Board.

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 could possibly have a minimal amount of carryover supply into 2022.
- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Smith reviewed maintenance projects that have taken place over the last month noting the completion of the new AC unit at the District headquarters.

STATE WATER PROJECT ACTIVITIES UPDATE

- a) Update on State Water Project Operations – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on current operations and reviewed the 8-station index graph with the Board. Mr. Taylor also reviewed the letter from DWR regarding a Minimum Human Health and Safety water allocation for 2022.
- b) California Delta Conveyance Project – Mr. Taylor gave a brief report on the latest activities for the Delta Conveyance Project.
- c) Consideration of Sites Reservoir Amendment No. 3 – Mr. Taylor reviewed the Sites Reservoir Amendment No. 3 with the Board noting the 2 year extension with a cost of \$200,000. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Watts to approve Amendment No. 3 to the Sites Reservoir Project agreement and authorize staff to execute. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- d) Consideration of 2022 Operational Exchange Agreement with AEWS and KDWD – Mr. Taylor reviewed the agreement with the Board. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and a second by Director Millwee to approve the 2022 Operational Exchange Agreement with AEWS and KDWD and authorize staff to execute agreement. The motion 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 reviewed the memo to the Board describing current and expected hydrologic conditions. 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

- b) Consideration of Adjustments to Compensation & Adoption of District Salary Schedules – A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Watts to adjust the District’s employees’ salaries in accordance with the recommendation of the Engineer-Manager, to adopt a 2022 salary schedule to correspond with the adjustments and to award the Engineer-Manager a performance-based payment in accordance with the Employment Agreement for the position of Engineer-Manager. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- c) Review of 2020 District Goals and Setting 2022 Goals – Staff reviewed key points in a review of the 2020 Goals and briefed the Board on 2021 items. Staff will be working with the Board to finalize the 2022 Goals.

- d) Consideration of Resolution No. 522 – Resolution of Application to LAFCO- Annexation No. 1 & Consideration of Notice of Exemption – Mr. Raytis reviewed Resolution No. 522 with the Board for the Application to LAFCO for Annexation No. 1 and Consideration of Notice of Exemption. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Watts to adopt Resolution No. 522 and authorizing staff to execute and file the corresponding Notice of Exemption, as well as other items as specified in the resolution. A roll call vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- e) Consideration of Resolution No. 523- Addendum No. 2 Stockdale Integrated Banking Project – Mr. Raytis reported this item would be tabled and no action was taken at this time.

- f) Consideration of Realignment Agreement and Related Release Agreement – Mr. Raytis reviewed the Goose Lake Channel realignment and release agreements with the Board. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Millwee to authorize staff to execute the Canal Realignment and Relocation Agreement along with the Release Agreement for the Goose Lake Channel realignment at the sole cost of the Jhaj family. 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.

- 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. 3 for WM Lyles Co. in the amount of \$395,823.96 and holding \$20,832.84 in retention. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- c) McCaslin Ponds – Mr. Nygren reported that staff received informal bids pursuant to the Board’s emergency authorization for the construction of a turnout off the Goose Lake Channel to deliver water to the future McCaslin Recharge Ponds. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Watts to authorize staff to execute a contract with Nicholas Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$199,040, to construct the McCaslin turnout. 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 reported on the latest activities with the Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority noting that staff was working on the closing of subject properties. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Watts to approve a property cash call in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the District’s share of the \$4,000,000 total cash call. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- b) James Groundwater Banking Authority – Mr. Bartel gave a brief report on the latest staff and consultant efforts on the James Groundwater Banking Project.

- i. Consideration of Facilities and Mitigation Agreement- Mr. Bartel reviewed the agreement with the Board. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Unruh to direct staff to execute the James Project Mitigation and Facilities agreement with the City of Bakersfield in substantially the form presented. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- c) Kern Groundwater Authority – No report.

- d) Rosedale Management Area Committee –

- i. Presentation of ET Estimation Evaluation – Mr. Nygren gave a presentation on the comparison of various ET Evaluation methods to the Board on specific parcels.

- 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) – 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 gave a brief report on recent activities.
- p) Association of California Water Agencies – Mr. Taylor gave a brief report.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

a) Consideration of Consulting Rate Increase – Mr. Raytis requested that the Board approval an increase in the rates charged by his firm (Belden Blaine Raytis) for legal services. A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director Millwee to approve a consulting rate increase for Belden Blaine Raytis to \$285/hour for partners and \$250/hour for associates. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Misuraca briefed the Board on the status of the Board room table.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letter of Support for Chris Kapheim to the Executive Committee for the Board of ACWA JPIA - Mr. Taylor reviewed the letter with the Board. No action was taken on this item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jhaj expressed his appreciation of the Board for the consideration and approval of the Goose Lake canal realignment.

CLOSED SESSION

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 10:13 a.m. President Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 11:50 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 11:55 a.m.