

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 11, 2022
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 - December 14, 2021

A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director Selvidge to approve the meeting minutes of the December 14, 2021, Regular 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 December 31, 2021, with the Board. She also provided the Board with an explanation for the number of transfers made in the month due to new Valley Republic banking information not being populated as requested for the funds transferred to cover the GBJPA property acquisition cash call. Funds initially were deposited into the Wells Fargo Operations account and subsequently transferred to the Valley Republic bank account.
- b) Accounts Payable/ December 9, 2021, through January 7, 2022 — 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 \$14,183,036.06 of which \$6,700,000 was transferring of funds within District bank accounts. 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 December 31, 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 2022 and reported projections still show the District could 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.

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 reported that he expects an increase in the SWP allocation after the DWR water operations analysis is completed.
- b) California Delta Conveyance Project – Mr. Taylor gave a brief report on the latest activities for the Delta Conveyance Project.
- c) Consideration of Resolution No. 523- Acquisition of Water from the Federal Government – Mr. Taylor reviewed resolution No. 523 to authorize the purchase of Section 215 water. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to adopt Resolution No. 523. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- d) Consideration of Acquisition of 4% Water (2018-2019) – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the availability of 4% Water that the Kern Water Bank notified the District of from 2018 and 2019. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and a second by Director Unruh to ratify the purchase of 132 AF of 2018 4% reserve water in the amount of \$11,292.60 and authorize staff to acquire up to 4,375 AF of the 2019 4% reserve water for an amount not to exceed \$374,281.25. 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 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. 524 Addendum No. 2 Stockdale Integrated Banking Project – Ms. Echeverria reviewed the details of Resolution No. 524 adopting Addendum No. 2 to the Stockdale Integrated Banking Project with the Board. She explained that the Kern County Water Agency had submitted a comment letter. She also explained that the Agency’s comments were addressed in the final document by making some clarifying changes to the addendum with respect to (a) the calculation of the amount of water available for a fallow-transfer program, and (b) to clarify that other banking project operations were included in the modelling to support the location of the new wells. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Selvidge to adopt Resolution 524 for the adoption of Addendum No. 2 to the Stockdale Integrated Banking Project. A roll call vote was taken, and 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 Watts with a second by Director Millwee to approve Pay Estimate No. 4 for WM Lyles Co. in the amount of \$101,847.12 and holding \$5,360.38 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 latest NEPA developments and noted the contract documents are under way for the turnout project along with the front-end documents for the pond construction have been assembled.

- c) Consideration of Technical Services Agreement for Routine Services – Mr. Bartel reviewed the consulting agreements with AECOM and GEI for general technical and assessment assistance. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Watts to authorize staff to execute agreements with AECOM and GEI for as-needed services in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 each. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- d) Consideration of Resolution No. 525- Grant Application Drought Relief Project – Mr. Nygren and Ms. Echeverria reviewed Resolution No. 525 with the Board. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Selvidge to adopt Resolution No. 525 for the 2021 Urban and Multi-benefit Drought Relief Funding Application. 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 reported on the latest activities.
- b) James Groundwater Banking Authority – Mr. Bartel gave a brief report on the latest activities.
- c) Kern Groundwater Authority – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the latest activities and upcoming meetings.
- d) Rosedale Management Area Committee – No report.
- e) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – Mr. Nygren gave a brief report on activities.
- 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) –
- i. Consideration of Groundwater Modeling Services – Mr. Bartel reviewed the proposal from Thomas Harder & Co. to update the Groundwater Flow Model and prepare the 2022 Groundwater Level Projections. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to authorize staff to execute an agreement with Thomas Harder and Co. to update the groundwater model and prepare the 2022 groundwater level projections in an amount to exceed \$49,535. The motion unanimously passed.
- AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, Millwee and Watts
- NOES: None
- ABSTAINED: None
- k) Committee for Delta Reliability – No report.
- l) South Valley Water Resources Authority – Mr. Taylor gave a brief report on activities.
- m) Valley Ag Water Coalition – No report.
- n) Kern Integrated Regional Water Management Plan – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on latest activities.
- 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

No report.

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 9:23 a.m. President Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 10:47 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 10:48 a.m.