

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
May 13, 2022
8:00 a.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Roy Pierucci, Gary Unruh, Jason Selvidge and Barry Watts

DIRECTORS ABSENT

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OTHERS PRESENT

District Staff / Consultants - Dan Bartel, Trent Taylor, Megan Misuraca, Markus Nygren,
and Dan Raytis
Public – Matthew Klassen and Phil Klassen

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2022
- b) Special Board Meeting Minutes – April 28, 2022

A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Watts to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular April 12, 2022 meeting with a correction to remove Rachelle Echeverria in attendance and the Special April 28, 2022, Board of Directors' meeting. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh and Watts

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

FINANCIAL REPORT

- a) Treasurer's Report – Ms. Misuraca reviewed the treasurer's report as of April 30, 2022 and reported the Wells Fargo Bank Accounts have been closed and the remaining funds were deposited into the Tri-Counties Operations account.
- b) Accounts Payable/ April 9, 2022, through May 11, 2022 — Ms. Misuraca reviewed the accounts payable report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Watts and seconded by Director Selvidge to ratify and approve payment of the accounts payable in the total amount of \$1,181,081.35. The motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh and Watts

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- c) Revenue and Expenditures Report – Ms. Misuraca reviewed the current Revenue and Expenditures Report through April 30, 2022.

- d) Public Hearing & Consideration of Resolution No. 526 – Adopting Assessment Rates for Collection Year 2022-2023- Director Pierucci opened the Public Hearing at 8:10 a.m. and asked Mr. Raytis to provide details on the process. Mr. Raytis announced that it was the time and place for the public hearing on the District’s assessment to be collected for 2022-2023. Mr. Raytis advised the Board that the notice of the hearing was published in the Bakersfield Californian and that the proof of publication would be kept a part of the public record. Mr. Raytis stated staff would provide the Board with a presentation on anticipated revenues and expenses of the District for the ensuing tax year and would make a recommendation for the following year’s assessment level based upon certain assumptions of revenues and expenses, which would be described in Mr. Bartel’s presentation. Mr. Raytis noted that public comments would be received after the Staff’s presentation. Mr. Bartel reviewed and displayed the District’s budget model, including projections, which contained the District’s anticipated revenues and expenses for the 2022 year using assumptions that are guided by the Finance Committee’s preliminary consideration of the same. After the conclusion of Mr. Bartel’s report, discussion was had amongst the Board and Mr. Bartel regarding the assessment level. President Pierucci then asked whether any public wished to speak. Mr. Klassen (a District landowner) provided verbal comments on the proposed assessment level and the operation of the District generally. President Pierucci closed the public hearing at 8:29 a.m. Thereafter, a motion was made by Director Watts and seconded by Director Unruh to adopt Resolution No. 526 setting the District’s assessment rate at \$150 per acre for the 2022 tax year (collected 2022-2023). A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.

Ayes: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh and Watts

Noes: None

Abstained: None

DISTRICT OPERATIONS REPORT

- a) District Groundwater Levels – Mr. Nygren reviewed the current District water levels with reference to the District’s thresholds under SGMA in the various zones of the District’s management area noting that discussions of zone and threshold changes are occurring.
- b) Operations Report – Mr. Taylor reviewed current operations including projected demands for 2022.
- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Taylor 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.
- b) California Delta Conveyance Project – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the status of the Delta Conveyance Project.
- c) Consideration of a Transfer and Exchange Agreement – Westside Water Authority – Mr. Taylor reviewed the details of the agreement with the Board. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Watts authorizing staff to execute the Agreement for a Water Exchange and Transfer Between Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District and Westside Water Authority. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh 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, and the need to continue the emergency action. 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 and Watts

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- b) Strategic Planning Process – Ms. Echeverria reviewed the process for the upcoming strategic planning for Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District and was directed to continue working on scheduling.

- c) Consideration of Kern LAFCO Special District Representative Ballot – Mr. Bartel reviewed the nominees for the Kern LAFCO Special District Representative position. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Watts to cast a vote for Karen Sanders for the Kern LAFCO Special District Representative. The motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh 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.
- ii. Consideration of Piezometer Construction- Various Areas – Mr. Nygren briefed the Board on the Onyx Ranch project and the requirement for stock water wells. A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director Selvidge to approve a budget not to exceed \$51,250 for the drilling of 4 stock water wells at Onyx Ranch. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh and Watts

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- b) Improvement Projects

- i. Scada Improvements – Mr. Nygren reported staff had to repair the box at the Kern River Intake that was broken into and vandalized.
- ii. Consideration of Pay Estimate- McCaslin Ponds – Mr. Nygren briefed the Board on the status of the McCaslin Pond Construction. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Watts to approve Pay Estimate No. 2 for Gilliam and Sons in the

Amount of \$255,652.84 with \$13,455.42 retention withheld. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh and Watts

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- iii. Consideration of Piezometer Construction- Stockdale East CVC Mitigation – Mr. Nygren briefed the Board on the latest developments on the agreement with KCWA for the operation of the Stockdale East project. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to approve a budget not to exceed \$50,000 for the drilling of 8 piezometer sites and the drafting/engineering work to complete the agreement with Kern County Water Agency. The motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh and Watts

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority – Ms. Misuraca reviewed the GBJPA Fiscal Year End June 30, 2023 budget with the Board. Mr. Bartel reported on the tasks approved in the Engineering Services Agreements.
- b) James Groundwater Banking Authority – None
- c) Kern Groundwater Authority
- i. Update on DWR Incomplete Determination Response Coordination – Mr. Taylor and Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the latest activities and the KGA efforts on coordination.
- d) Rosedale Management Area Committee- No report.
- e) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – No report.
- f) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee – No report.
- g) Pioneer Project – Mr. Taylor reported on the Pioneer Project meeting held in May.
- 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 – No report.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

No report.

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Echeverria reported to the Board on her attendance of the Association of Environmental Professionals conference.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CLOSED SESSION

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 10:10 a.m. President Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 12:00 p.m. the Board reconvened to open session and Mr. Raytis announced that no reportable actions were taken in closed session. The Board took a break until 1:00 p.m., at which time it reconvened in closed session to discuss matters of potential litigation with a committee from Buena Vista Water Storage District (John Vidovich, Terry Chicca) and counsel (Isaac Saint Lawrence). President Pierucci left the meeting at 1:00 p.m. and did not return. At 2:10, the Board reconvened to open session and Mr. Raytis announced that no reportable actions were taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.