

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
July 12, 2022
8:00 a.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Roy Pierucci, Jason Selvidge, Gary Unruh, Barry Watts & Mitch Millwee

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

District Staff / Consultants – Dan Bartel, Trent Taylor, Megan Misuraca, Markus Nygren, Dan Raytis and Jennifer Spaletta (via telephone during closed session).

Public – Justin Murray, John Gaugel, Maryse Suppiger

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2022

A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Millwee to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular June 14, 2022. 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 June 30, 2022.

- b) Accounts Payable/ June 11, 2022, through July 8, 2022 — Ms. Misuraca reviewed the accounts payable report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Millwee to ratify and approve payment of the accounts payable in the total amount of \$2,436,028.82. 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 June 30, 2022.

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 the adoption of the revised RMA SGMA plan includes changes to zones and thresholds.

- b) Operations Report – Mr. Taylor reviewed current operations including projected demands and possible carryover for 2022.
- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Nygren 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 and noted the DEIR is expected to be released mid-July for public review.
- c) Consideration of a Fallow Transfer Program Agreement- 7th standard Annex – This item was tabled and no action was taken.

MANAGER’S REPORT

- a) Consideration of Continuing Emergency Action - Public Contract Code §22050(c)(1) – Res. No. 519 – Ms. Echeverria reviewed the memo with 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 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) Report on Tour With Cal Poly BRAE Students – Ms. Echeverria reported on the tour with Cal Poly graduate students.
- c) Consideration of Pilot “Miscellaneous Water” Agreement with the City of Bakersfield – Discussion of this item was deferred.

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 noting flows were not substantial enough to provide for project water.
- b) Improvement Projects
 - i. General Facility Improvements – Mr. Nygren reported staff is suggesting working away from cellular transmitted data for SCADA and utilizing a radio tower to receive data and logging at the District headquarters. Staff will report back with details and a proposal.
 - 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 Millwee with a second by Director Selvidge to approve Pay Estimate No. 4 for Gilliam and Sons in the Amount of \$152,244.28 with \$8,012.86 retention withheld. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority – No report.
- b) James Groundwater Banking Authority – Mr. Bartel reported the screen check of the DEIR has been completed.
- c) Kern Groundwater Authority
 - i. Update on Water Well Permitting Process – Mr. Raytis reported on the process for obtaining a well permit under the Governor’s Executive Order and also provided an update on AB2201.
- d) Rosedale Management Area Committee
 - i. Consideration of Revised 2020 RRBMA GSP Chapter – Mr. Bartel reviewed in detail the revisions to the 2020 RRBMA GSP Chapter that were made in response to DWR’s determination that the Kern Subbasin GSP was incomplete. The Board also asked the public present if anyone had comments on the GSP. No public comments were made. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Selvidge authorizing staff to submit the revised RRBMA Chapter to the KGA in substantially form as presented, for consideration at a public hearing regarding the KGA’s GSP. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- e) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – No report.
- f) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the latest activities and discussions surrounding the pre-expansion flow calculation studies.
- g) Pioneer Project – Mr. Taylor noted the committee is scheduled to meet Thursday July 14, 2022.
- h) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) – No report.
- i) Kern Fan Authority – No report.
- j) Joint Operating Committee (JOC) – Mr. Bartel reported the committee will be meeting to review the GW model and impacts.
- k) Committee for Delta Reliability – Mr. Taylor reported the committee would be meeting July 12, 2022.
- l) South Valley Water Resources Authority – Mr. Taylor gave a brief report on activities.
- m) Valley Ag Water Coalition – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on Assembly Bill 2201 and Senate Bill 1219 and noted staff is monitoring.
- n) Kern Integrated Regional Water Management Plan – Mr. Taylor reported on potential grant funding through the plan.
- o) Sites Reservoir Project – Mr. Taylor gave a brief report on activities.
- p) Association of California Water Agencies – No report.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

- a) Consideration of Amendment of Conflict of Interest- Resolution No. 527 - Mr. Raytis reviewed a proposed Amendment to the District’s Conflict of Interest Code to reflect new positions and make other non-substantive changes. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Watts to adopt Resolution No. 527 – Amending the District’s Conflict of Interest Code. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

No report.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CLOSED SESSION

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 9:21 a.m. President Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 10:50 a.m. the Board reconvened to open session and Mr. Raytis announced no reportable actions were taken during closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.