

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
September 13, 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, Zach Smith, Rachelle Echeverria

Public – Phil Klassen, Matt Klassen, Vincent Solena, John Gaugel

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes – August 9, 2022

A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director Unruh to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular August 9, 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 August 31, 2022.

- b) Accounts Payable/ August 6, 2022, through September 9, 2022 — Ms. Misuraca reviewed the accounts payable report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Selvidge to ratify and approve payment of the accounts payable in the total amount of \$929,519.36. 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 August 31, 2022.

- d) Consideration of Fiscal Year End December 31, 2021 Audit and Financials – Ms. Misuraca reviewed key details from the audit and discussed the presentation by BHK Accountancy to the finance committee. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Watts to accept and approve the Fiscal Year End December 31, 2022 Financial Statements as presented. The motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, Millwee and Watts  
NOES: None  
ABSTAINED: None

- e) Water Charge Implementation- Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the process and timeline for consideration and implementation of a District water charge.

**OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT**

- a) District Groundwater Levels – Mr. Nygren reviewed the current District water levels noted that staff is monitoring the update on the District’s minimum thresholds being updated on the Data Management System.
- b) Operations Report – Mr. Smith updated on current operation and briefed the Board on the District’s balances in the Pioneer project.
- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Smith reviewed maintenance projects that have taken place over the last month.
- d) Consideration of 2022 Pond Seeding Plan – Mr. Smith presented the plans for seeding of 300 acres of recharge basins within the District. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Watts to approve a budget not to exceed \$35,000 for the planting of a cover crop in late 2022 or early 2023 for the McCaslin and Enns basins totaling 300 acres. The motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, Millwee and Watts  
NOES: None  
ABSTAINED: None

- e) Ratification of Pickup Purchase - Mr. Smith briefed the Board on the urgency to place an order for a pickup truck to replace the District’s obsolete 2013 Ford F-150. A motion was made by Director Watts and seconded by Director Millwee to approve the purchase and trade-in of the 2013 vehicle and ratify a budget not to exceed \$45,000 for the replacement vehicle. The motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, Millwee and Watts  
NOES: None  
ABSTAINED: None

**WATER RESOURCES REPORT**

- a) State Water Project Operations – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on current operations including an update on contract extension negotiations.
- b) California Delta Conveyance Project – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the status of the Delta Conveyance Project and noted staff is reviewing the DEIR.

**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 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) Strategic Planning Effort – Ms. Echeverria updated the Board on latest scheduling efforts.
- c) Consideration of 2021 Operations Report – Mr. Bartel reviewed the draft 2021 Operations Report and noted the report can be found on the District’s website. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Millwee to approve the Rosedale Rio Bravo Water Storage District 2021 Operations Report. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- d) Consideration of Pioneer Project Amendment – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the Pioneer Recharge Plan Amendment process and suggested certain improvements could be made to accommodate the James Water Bank Authority and Kern Water Bank Authority requested turnouts. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Selvidge to authorize staff to work with the Recharge Participants to develop an amendment to the Pioneer Recharge plan for reviewed by the Recovery Participants and the Kern County Water Agency, as required by the Pioneer Participation Agreement. 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 briefed the Board on the Onyx Ranch operations and reported 0 AF of project water diverted.
- ii. Consideration of NOE for Smith Ditch Maintenance – Ms. Echeverria reviewed the Smith Ditch routine maintenance process and requirements for the permit to complete the work. A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director Unruh to authorize staff to execute the Notice of Exemption for the Smith Ditch routine maintenance. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- iii. Store and Hunter’s Cabin Well Replacement – Mr. Smith reported on staff’s efforts on the maintenance of the well on Onyx Ranch Store property.

b) Improvement Projects

- i. General Facility Improvements – Mr. Nygren gave a brief report on the latest SCADA system improvements development for the District.
- ii. Consideration of Pay Estimate - McCaslin Ponds and Change order #1 – Mr. Nygren briefed the Board on the status of the McCaslin Pond Construction. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Selvidge to approve Gilliam and Sons Pay

Estimate No. 5 for \$154,246.28 holding \$8,118.22 in retention and Change Order No. 1 for \$6,547.53 to haul scrap pipe. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- iii. Consideration of Notice of Completion-McCaslin Ponds – A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Watts to approve and authorize staff to execute the Notice of Completion of the McCaslin Recharge Ponds Project and the release of \$49,083.35 in retention to Gilliam and Sons after the statutory period. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- iv. Consideration of SCADA Development Budget – Mr. Nygren briefed the Board on the status of the planning for SCADA improvements. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Millwee to approve a budget not to exceed \$15,000 to cover time, materials and master planning for SCADA implementation via radio towers throughout the District and a data logging station at the District headquarters. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- v. Consideration of McCaslin Well Pipeline Connection – Mr. Nygren briefed the Board on the conveyance of the existing McCaslin Agriculture Well. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Watts to approve a budget not to exceed \$75,000 to construct the conveyance for the McCaslin Agricultural Well to the Rosedale 1 Channel. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- vi. Consideration of Technical Services Agreement – Mr. Bartel reported on the design efforts for the McCaslin well. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to enter into an agreement with Thomas Harder & Co for the development of technical plans and specifications for McCaslin and Bowling extraction wells in an amount not to exceed \$8,800. 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 noted the scheduled 9/19/2022 Special Board Meeting.

- b) James Groundwater Banking Authority – Mr. Bartel reported that comments are being received on the DEIR, and noted that the FEIR is scheduled to be considered for certification in early 2023.
- c) Kern Groundwater Authority – Mr. Bartel reported on latest Kern Groundwater Authority activities.
- d) Rosedale Management Area Committee
  - i. Consideration of Technical Services Agreement for GSA Formation Mapping – Mr. Bartel reviewed GEIs proposal to develop a GSA Boundary Map. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Watts to authorize staff to enter into an agreement with GEI Consultants for the Development of a GSA Boundary Map for Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District with a budget not to exceed \$5,500. The motion unanimously passed.
    - AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, Millwee and Watts
    - NOES: None
    - ABSTAINED: None
  - ii. 2021 Annual Report – No report.
- e) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – No report.
- f) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the upcoming meeting and presentation.
- g) Pioneer Project – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the latest activities.
- h) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) – Mr. Smith reported the 2023 budget was approved at the last meeting.
- 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 – Mr. Taylor reported on the 2023 budget discussion Fish Friendly Diversion project request for grant funds.
- m) Valley Ag Water Coalition – Mr. Taylor reported that AB 2201 failed in votes and has been delayed.
- n) Kern Integrated Regional Water Management Plan – None.
- o) Sites Reservoir Project – Mr. Taylor reported that finance discussions are taking place.
- p) Association of California Water Agencies – No 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 10:08 a.m. President Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 11:58 a.m. the Board reconvened to open session and Mr. Raytis announced there were no actions to report during closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.