

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 9, 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 – Ken Bonesteel, Vincent Sorena, John Gaugel

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2022

A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Selvidge to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular July 12, 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 July 31, 2022.

- b) Accounts Payable/ July 9, 2022, through August 5, 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 \$724,933.27. 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 July 31, 2022.

- d) Consideration of Transfer of Funds to AMG Investment – Ms. Misuraca reported that the return on investment with AMG Financial is projected to exceed the county fund by 1-2% and with successful grant applications combined with the delay in property acquisition and capital expenditures, it would be in the best interest of the District to move the investment to AMG. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Unruh to ratify and approve

the transfer of \$20,000,000 to AMG for Investment for up to 9 months. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

- a) District Groundwater Levels – Mr. Nygren reviewed the current District water levels with reference to the District’s thresholds under SGMA.
- b) Operations Report – Mr. Smith reviewed current operations noting the repairs being completed on SREX 7 and Enns #3 wells.
- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Smith reviewed maintenance projects that have taken place over the last month.
- d) Consideration of Purchase of Bobcat Implement – Mr. Smith received a proposal for a skid steer razor sickle bar mower to trim vegetation on the slopes of the irrigation ditches and basin areas. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Watts to approve a budget not to exceed \$14,000 for the purchase of a skid steer razor sickle bar mower and replacement teeth. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

WATER RESOURCES REPORT

- 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 has been released for public comment.
- c) Consideration of Agreement to Fund Kern County Water Agency Participation in the Independent Audit Association of the State Water Project – Mr. Taylor reviewed the agreement to fund the Independent Audit of the State Water Project for a 5 year term. A motion was made by Director Watts and seconded by Director Millwee to approve and authorize staff to execute the 5-year Agreement to Fund the Independent Audit Association’s Audit of the State Water Project with the Kern County Water Agency. 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 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) Consideration of Proposal for Strategic Planning Effort – Ms. Echeverria reviewed the proposal and expected process for the 5-year Update to the District's Strategic Plan. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Watts to approve LeaderGov's scope of work with a budget not to exceed \$14,000 to facilitate the 5-year strategic planning process for the District. 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.
- ii. Consideration of Onyx Lease Amendment – Mr. Bartel reviewed the Creighton's lease agreement including the requested adjustment to the Mack Front 2 rate. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Selvidge to approve the amendment to the Creighton's lease rate on the Mack Front 2 to \$0 for both irrigated and non-irrigated pastures. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- b) Improvement Projects

- i. General Facility Improvements – Mr. Nygren gave a brief report on the status of facility improvements throughout the District.
- ii. Consideration of Pay Estimate - McCaslin Ponds – Mr. Nygren briefed the Board on the status of the McCaslin Pond Construction. There is no pay estimate at this time.
- iii. 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 Unruh 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

- iv. Consideration of Technical Services Agreement for 3 Wells – Mr. Bartel reported on the design efforts for the 3 recovery wells to be constructed on McCaslin and Bowling basins that are included in Drought Resiliency Grant that the District was awarded. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to authorize staff to execute an agreement with Zeider’s Consulting for the design efforts on the 3 recovery wells on McCaslin/Bowling basins with a budget not to exceed \$150,000. 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 briefed the Board on design efforts on the West Enos property.
- b) James Groundwater Banking Authority – Mr. Bartel reported the DEIR has been circulated for public review and comment.
- c) Kern Groundwater Authority – Mr. Bartel reported that the revised GSP has been submitted and he reviewed the executive summary with the Board.
- d) Rosedale Management Area Committee
 - i. Water Charge Implementation Update – Mr. Taylor reported staff is working to migrate the water accounting platform to utilize ET data from Land IQ as this will be the data source used by the Kern Groundwater Authority. Mr. Taylor also briefed the Board on the general overview of the Water Charge status.
- 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 briefed the Board on the latest activities.
- h) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) – None.
- i) Kern Fan Authority – None.
- j) Joint Operating Committee (JOC) – Mr. Bartel reported the technical committee met and reviewed the GW model and impacts.
- k) Committee for Delta Reliability – None.
- 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.
- n) Kern Integrated Regional Water Management Plan – None.
- o) Sites Reservoir Project – Mr. Taylor gave a brief report on activities.
- p) Association of California Water Agencies – No report.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

None.

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CLOSED SESSION

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 9:39 a.m. President Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 11:05 a.m. the Board reconvened to open session and Mr. Raytis announced the following action was taken in closed session:

A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to authorize execution of a Settlement Agreement and Release of Claims with the City of Bakersfield, which would fully and finally resolve *City of Bakersfield vs. Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority, et al.* (Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 21CECG03341). The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.