

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
October 11, 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 Sorena, John Gaugel, Jennifer Spaletta

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2022

A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Watts to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular September 13, 2022 Board 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 September 30, 2022.

- b) Accounts Payable/ September 10, 2022, through October 7, 2022 — Ms. Misuraca reviewed the accounts payable report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Watts to ratify and approve payment of the accounts payable in the total amount of \$3,315,678.93. 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 September 30, 2022.

- d) Water Charge Implementation – Mr. Taylor reviewed the expected timeline for consideration and implementation of a new District water charge.

## **OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT**

- a) District Groundwater Levels – Mr. Nygren reviewed the current groundwater levels and the District’s minimum thresholds under SGMA.
- b) Operations Report – Mr. Smith reviewed current operations and noted staff has not received CVC or SDS sheets from Kern County Water Agency since June, which could result in adjustments to the supply and demand numbers that currently show an estimate of 3,000 AF projected carryover.
- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Smith reviewed maintenance projects that have taken place over the last month.

## **WATER RESOURCES REPORT**

- a) State Water Project Operations – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on current operations and reviewed the 8-station index graph and also briefed the Board on the State’s latest climate legislation.
- 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 Millwee 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 reminded the Board of the next strategic planning meeting on October 31, 2022.
- c) Consideration of Vote on ACWA Bylaw Changes – Ms. Misuraca reviewed the proposed changes to the Bylaws for the Association of California Water Agencies. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Watts to approve the proposed changes to the ACWA bylaws and designate Trent Taylor as the District’s voting delegate. The motion unanimously passed.  
AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, Millwee and Watts  
NOES: None  
ABSTAINED: None
- d) Consideration of Contribution to ET Study – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the latest ET study efforts. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Selvidge to approve the purchase and installation of one additional weather station from LandIQ to be located in the Wes Selvidge Recharge Area with a budget not to exceed \$28,000. The motion unanimously passed.  
AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, Millwee and Watts  
NOES: None  
ABSTAINED: None

- e) Health Benefit Renewal Quotes – Ms. Misuraca briefed the Board on proposal received for employee benefit coverages. A motion was made by Director Watts and seconded by Director Millwee to move forward with the current employee benefit renewal through ACWA JPIA without change. 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 Lease Termination and Declaration of Surplus Properties – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on properties owned by the District in Kern River Valley. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Unruh direct staff to terminate month to month leases on the Onyx Store and Hunters Cabin, to provide notice to the tenants, and to declare the Onyx Store property, Hunters Cabin property, and APNs 321-181-01, 321-040-04, 321-030-11, 321-061-05, and 321-061-01, as surplus to needs of the District, and to market all such properties for sale subject to necessary restrictions and easements necessary to the District’s continued interests. 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 an update on the latest SCADA improvement efforts and presented a video of Houghton and McCaslin upgrades to the Board. Mr. Nygren also reported District staff received awards for the Houghton Weir at the latest ASCE event.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority – Mr. Bartel reviewed tech memo No. 1 with the Board.
- b) James Groundwater Banking Authority – Mr. Bartel briefly reviewed the comments received on the DEIR.
- c) Kern Groundwater Authority – No report.
- d) Rosedale Management Area Committee
  - i. Consideration of Publishing Notice of GSA Formation – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the steps to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency and the benefits of its formation. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Selvidge to authorize staff to publish notice that the District will consider GSA formation. The motion 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 reviewed the proposal received from GEI for the post-expansion hydraulic analysis evaluation.
- g) Pioneer Project Committee – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the Pioneer Project plan amendment efforts.
- h) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) – No report.
- i) Kern Fan Authority – No report.
- j) Joint Operating Committee (JOC) – Mr. Bartel noted October 18, 2022 is the next meeting.
- k) Committee for Delta Reliability – Mr. Taylor noted the committee will meet the afternoon of October 11, 2022.
- 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 – Mr. Taylor reported the latest EIR efforts and water right application status.
- p) Association of California Water Agencies – Mr. Taylor gave a brief report on latest activities.

**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 9:40 a.m. President Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 11:12 a.m. the Board reconvened to open session and Mr. Raytis announced there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.