

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 08, 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, Jennifer Spaletta
Public –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 – October 11, 2022
- b) Special Board Meeting Minutes – October 31, 2022

A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Watts to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular October 11, 2022 and Special October 31, 2022 Board Meetings. 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 October 31, 2022.
- b) Accounts Payable/ October 8, 2022, through November 4, 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 \$638,156.32. 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 October 31, 2022 including budget vs. actual.
- d) Water Charge Implementation – Mr. Taylor reported staff is completing a detailed rate analysis and updating the water accounting platform with new data.

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 noting the Districts currently shows approximately 3,000 AF of projected carryover.
- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Smith reviewed maintenance projects that have taken place over the last month noting staff was working in Onyx to complete a fencing project.

WATER RESOURCES REPORT

- a) State Water Project Operations – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on current operations and reviewed the 8-station index graph
- b) California Delta Conveyance Project – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the status of the Delta Conveyance Project.

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 briefed the Board on the latest staff efforts and the Board discussed the purpose, mission, and values. Ms. Echeverria noted the next step will be a SWOT analysis.

ENGINEERS / PROJECTS REPORT

- a) Onyx Ranch
 - i. Operations Report – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the Onyx Ranch operations, improvements to Smith Ranch and reported 0 AF of project water diverted. Mr. Bartel also reported staff expects to have the surplus properties listed in January 2023.
 - ii. Consideration of Ag Leases and Tenancy in Common Agreement – Mr. Bartel reviewed the lease and tenancy in common agreements with the Board. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Selvidge to approve the agreements in substantial form for the Creighton and Hafenfeld leases through 2025 and the Smith tenancy in common agreement through 2023. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

b) Improvement Projects

- i. Consideration of West Basin Recharge Basin Structure Replacements – Mr. Nygren briefed the Board on various structure improvements completed and reported that multiple West Basin structures are in failing or near-failing condition. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Watts to approve a budget not to exceed \$40,000 for the replacement of inter-basin structures on the West Basin. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority –

- i. Phase 1 Feasibility Report – Mr. Bartel reviewed the Small Surface and Groundwater Storage Project Feasibility Study for the Kern Fan Project Phase 1.
- ii. Conveyance Alternative 5 Presentation – Mr. Bartel gave a brief presentation on the conveyance alternative 5 for the Kern Fan Project.

b) James Groundwater Banking Authority – Mr. Bartel gave a brief report on latest activities.

c) Kern Groundwater Authority – Mr. Taylor reported it will likely be end of Quarter 1 2023 before comments are received on the GSP revisions.

d) Rosedale Management Area Committee- Mr. Bartel reported on the latest Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting.

e) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – No report.

f) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee – Mr. Bartel reviewed the proposed 2023 budget with the Board.

g) Pioneer Project Committee – Mr. Bartel reviewed the proposed 2023 budget with the Board.

h) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) – No report.

i) Kern Fan Authority – No report.

j) Joint Operating Committee (JOC) –

- i. Consideration of Amendment No.3 to Project Operations Plan- Extension of Term- Mr. Bartel reviewed Amendment No. 3 with the Board. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Watts to approve and authorize staff to execute Amendment No. 3 to Project Operations Plan-Extension of Term for the Joint Operation Committee. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- ii. Groundwater Model Impact Comparison – Mr. Bartel reviewed the comparison of the Thomas Harder and Co groundwater impact model to the Wood model and noted the differences in the two.

k) Committee for Delta Reliability – Mr. Taylor reported on the 2023 dues and latest activities.

l) South Valley Water Resources Authority – Mr. Taylor reviewed the 2023 budget with Board and reported on the latest activities.

- 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 including the Region 6-7 conference.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

- a) Consideration of Employee Compensation & Adoption of District Salary Schedule – A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Watts, to adjust the District staff salaries for 2023 as recommended by the Engineer-Manager, to adopt a corresponding salary schedule for 2023, and to award the Engineer-Manager performance based pay pursuant to the Employment Agreement for the position of Engineer-Manager. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: 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 10:02 a.m. President Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 11:40 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 11:40 a.m.