

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 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, Jennifer Spaletta
Public –John Gaugel, Nicole Bonna

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes – November 11, 2022
- b) Special Board Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2022

A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Selvidge to approve the meeting minutes of the November 11, 2022 Regular Board Meeting, subject to a minor revision suggested by President Pierucci, and the November 14, 2022 Special 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 November 30, 2022 with the Board.
- b) Accounts Payable/ November 5, 2022, through December 9, 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 \$531,465.41. 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 November 30, 2022 including budget vs. actual.

- d) Consideration of 2023 Budget – Ms. Misuraca and Mr. Bartel presented a detailed review of the proposed 2023 budget to the Board. A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director Millwee to approve the 2023 budget as presented. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- e) Water Charge Implementation

- i. Consideration of Proposal for Accounting Platform Upgrades – Mr. Taylor reviewed the necessary upgrades to incorporate data received from Land IQ into the accounting platform in addition to a balance due for landowners. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Watts to approve the proposal for ESA to complete the Land IQ Data Uploader and Over-Consumption Preliminary Calculation with a budget not to exceed \$32,000. 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 groundwater levels and advised the Board with respect to the District’s minimum thresholds under SGMA.
- b) Operations Report – Mr. Smith reviewed current operations and note the current estimate of 5,200 AF of 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 the 5% initial allocation with a reserve of 251,359AF for human health and safety for State Water Project participants. Mr. Taylor provided a report on current efforts to better understand the human health and safety allocation. Mr. Taylor also 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.

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 briefed the Board on the latest staff efforts and noted the final Strategic Planning meeting is scheduled for January 23rd at 8:00 AM.

ENGINEERS / PROJECTS REPORT

- a) Onyx Ranch
 - i. Operations Report – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the Onyx Ranch operations and reported staff has deferred listing the surplus properties to February 2023.
- b) Improvement Projects – Mr. Nygren gave a brief report on current SCADA improvements and the design of the McCaslin well site.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority –
 - i. Phase 1 Federal Grant Application – Mr. Bartel reviewed the final Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage grant application for Phase 1 of the Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project with the Board.
- b) James Groundwater Banking Authority – Mr. Bartel gave a brief report on latest activities.
- c) Kern Groundwater Authority – Mr. Unruh reported on the latest activities.
- d) Rosedale Management Area Committee – Mr. Bartel reported staff is working on a draft GSA Boundary update.
- e) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – Mr. Nygren reported on the latest activities.
- f) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee – Mr. Bartel reviewed sections of the operating agreement with the Board along with the proposed 2023 budget.
- 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 Technical Services for Groundwater Model Update – Mr. Bartel reviewed the technical services proposal with the Board. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Watts to approve the proposal from Tom Harder & Co. for the groundwater flow update and to prepare 2023 groundwater level projections with a budget not to exceed \$75,505. The motion unanimously passed.
AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, Millwee and Watts
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None
- k) Committee for Delta Reliability – No report.
- l) South Valley Water Resources Authority – Mr. Taylor noted the 2023 budget was approved.
- m) Valley Ag Water Coalition – No report.
- n) Kern Integrated Regional Water Management Plan – No report.
- o) Sites Reservoir Project – Mr. Taylor reported on the latest EIR efforts and water right application status.
- p) Association of California Water Agencies – Mr. Taylor gave a brief report on the fall ACWA conference.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

General Counsel Dan Raytis reported that the District’s General Election is scheduled for March 7, 2023, and that the seats in Divisions 1, 4 & 5 are up for election. He reported that a Notice of Election was published in accordance with legal requirements.

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Misuraca reported on the current banking services.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the President’s Award received from ACWA for the District’s exceptional Workers’ Compensation rating.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CLOSED SESSION

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 10:15 a.m. President Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 11:30 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 11:30 a.m.