

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 10, 2023
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, Phil Klassen, Matt Klassen, Ken Bonesteel, Ryan Parlier

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director Selvidge to approve the meeting minutes of the December 13, 2022 Regular 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 December 31, 2022 with the Board.

- b) Accounts Payable/ December 10, 2022, through January 6, 2023 — 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 \$7,096,245.84. 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 December 31, 2022 including budget vs. actual.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

- a) District Groundwater Levels – Mr. Nygren reviewed the current groundwater levels and advised the Board of current groundwater levels with reference to the District’s minimum thresholds under SGMA.
- b) Operations Report – Mr. Smith reviewed water operations and estimated balances with the Board.
- 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 noted the Department of Water Resources would reevaluate the State Water Project allocation in late January -February. 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.
- c) Consider of Resolution No. 528 – Acquisition of Water from the Federal Government – Mr. Taylor reviewed Resolution No. 528 with the Board. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Watts to adopt Resolution No. 528 Consenting to Signing a Contract for Temporary Water Service with the United States. A roll call vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- d) Ratification of Acquisition of 4% Water from 2019 Groundwater Banking Operations – Mr. Taylor reported that the Board previously authorized the purchase of 2019 4% reserve water with a budget not to exceed \$374,281.25. Staff was notified in December 2022 that 4,354 acre feet of reserve water was allocated at the 2022 SWP Delta Water Rate of \$101.50/AF. A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director Selvidge ratifying a \$67,649.75 increase for 2019 4% reserve water resulting in a total amount of \$441,931. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- e) Consideration of 2023 Water Sale Agreements – Mr. Taylor presented the Board with a draft of a water sale agreement for 2023 with Westside Water Authority and Wheeler Ridge – Maricopa Waster Storage District. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Watts to authorize staff to execute an agreement for the sale of 10,000 AF of water to Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water District/Westside Water Authority. 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 Watts 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 reported on staff's efforts and briefly reviewed the draft strategic plan with the Board.
- c) Consideration of Contribution to the Mobile Irrigation Lab – Mr. Bartel reviewed the request from Mobile Irrigation Lab. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Millwee to approve a contribution of \$2,000 to the Mobile Irrigation Lab. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- d) Consideration of Lease Agreement- Rosedale Kern Properties, LLC – Mr. Taylor reviewed the lease agreement with the Board. A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director Millwee to approve the 1 year lease agreement with Rosedale Kern Properties in substantial form for the amount of \$61,200 per year in addition to Rosedale reimbursing the landowner for the District's portion of the property tax assessment. 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 project flows to the Board.
 - ii. Water Supply Update – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the current water supply to the project.
 - iii. Conservation Easements – Mr. Taylor reported that staff is considering conservation easements on various properties.
- b) Improvement Projects – Mr. Nygren gave a brief report on current SCADA improvements and reported that West Basin inter basin structure repairs could be pushed back dependent upon water conditions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority –
 - i. USBR Approval of Feasibility Study – Mr. Bartel reported that the United States Bureau of Reclamation approved the Feasibility Study for the Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project.
- b) James Groundwater Banking Authority –
 - i. Draft 2023 Budget- Mr. Bartel reviewed the draft 2023 James Water Bank Authority budget with the Board and noted that no cash call is expected for 2023.
- c) Kern Groundwater Authority – Mr. Taylor reviewed the Kern Groundwater Authority budget for 2023 and reported Rosedale’s share is \$40,000.
- d) Rosedale Management Area Committee
 - i. Draft 2023 SGMA Budget – Ms. Echeverria reviewed the draft 2023 budget for the District’s expected SGMA costs.
 - ii. GSA Boundary Preparation – Mr. Taylor reported staff is working with GEI to update the Rosedale Management Area boundary map for consideration of forming a GSA.
- e) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – No report.
- f) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee-
 - i. Plant B Water Fluctuation Assessment Physical Model Study – Mr. Bartel reviewed the CVC Hydraulic Facilities Improvements Project Plant B Water Fluctuation Assessment Physical Model Study by NHC.
 - ii. Pioneer Inlet Replacement – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the Pioneer Inlet Replacement Project.
- g) Pioneer Project Committee-
 - i. KCWA Staff Review of Recharge Plan – Mr. Bartel reviewed the draft revised Pioneer Project Groundwater Recharge Plan.
- h) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) – Mr. Smith gave an update on latest activities.
- i) Kern Fan Authority – No report.
- j) Joint Operating Committee (JOC) –
 - i. Processing of Claim – Mr. Bartel reported that the JOC had received a claim.
- k) Committee for Delta Reliability – Mr. Taylor reported that we would attend the meeting after the Board meeting.
- l) South Valley Water Resources Authority – Mr. Taylor reviewed South Valley Resources Authority projects with the Board.
- m) Valley Ag Water Coalition – No report.
- n) Kern Integrated Regional Water Management Plan – No report.
- o) Sites Reservoir Project – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the Sites Reservoir Project.
- p) Association of California Water Agencies – No report.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

- a) Consideration of Resolution No. 529 – Ordering Election Not be Held and Requesting Appointment of Directors to Divisions 1, 4, and 5 of the District – Mr. Raytis reported on

nominations for Board seats that would expire in April 2023. Since only one person was nominated for each division, Mr. Raytis recommended the Board adopt Resolution No. 529. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Millwee to Adopt Resolution No. 529 ordering that no election be held and requests that the Board of Supervisors appoint Directors Barry Watts to Division 1, Jason Selvidge to Division 4 and Roy Pierucci to Division 5. A roll call vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

b) Board Officers- Mr. Raytis reported board officers will be discussed in April 2023.

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter received from Belluomini Farms was distributed to the Board during public comment. The Board advised the Belluomini Farms representative that the letter would be considered and a response would be made.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Klassen presented the letter from Belluomini Farms to the Board.

Mr. Parlier from Countryside (on behalf of Rick Jhaj) requested that the Board evaluate a modification to the canal easement on the Gooselake Slough. The Board advised Mr. Parlier that it would respond at a future time.

CLOSED SESSION

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 9:37 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 the following actions were taken during closed session:

A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Unruh to authorize staff to execute a legal services agreement with special counsel for the development of a water charge. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.