

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 13, 2023
8:00 a.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Roy Pierucci, Jason Selvidge, Gary Unruh, Barry Watts & Mitch Millwee. President Pierucci left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

District Staff / Consultants – Dan Bartel, Trent Taylor, Megan Misuraca, Markus Nygren, Dan Raytis, Zach Smith, Rachelle Echeverria & Jennifer Spaletta (via telephone for closed session only).

Public – John Gaugel

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Special Board Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2023

A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director Unruh to approve the Board of Directors' May 15, 2023 special meeting minutes. 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 May 31, 2023 and reported staff will be working through the annual audit process over the next few weeks.

- b) Accounts Payable/ May 13, 2023, through June 9, 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 \$2,672,878.25. 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 May 31, 2023, including budget vs. actual.

- d) Consideration of Budgeting Software – Ms. Misuraca reviewed the proposal from ClearGov for a budgeting solution for the District's annual budgeting process and transparency. A motion was

made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Watts to approve the execution of an agreement with ClearGov for budgeting software (Option 3 in the Board memo presented) with a budget not to exceed \$10,000 per year with a one-time setup fee of \$1,200. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

- a) District Groundwater Levels – Mr. Nygren advised the Board of current groundwater levels with reference to the District’s minimum thresholds under SGMA.
- b) Operations Report – Mr. Smith reviewed water conveyance and recharge 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 gave a detailed report on current state water project operations. Mr. Taylor also reviewed the 8-station index graph and reservoir conditions with the Board.
- b) Update on Temporary Permit – Staff reported that the permit was approved.
- c) California Delta Conveyance Project – No report.
- d) Consideration of a Water Banking Agreement- Westside Water Authority – Mr. Taylor reviewed the 2:1 water banking agreement with the Westside Districts with the Board. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to approve and authorize staff to execute the Westside Districts 2:1 water banking agreement dated June 15, 2023. The motion was passed on the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- e) Consideration of a Land Lease agreement for Groundwater Banking- Resolution No. 534 – Mr. Taylor and Mr. Raytis reviewed Resolution No. 534 Authorizing Execution of Land Lease for Groundwater Banking. Mr. Raytis explained that the Resolution contained certain requisite findings. Mr. Selvidge did not participate in the discussion. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Watts adopting Resolution No. 534 Authorizing the execution of a Land Lease for Groundwater Banking. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed on the following vote:

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts and Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: Director Selvidge

- f) Update on Landowner Banking Programs – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the latest landowner banking program updates.

MANAGER’S REPORT

- a) Strategic Plan Update – Ms. Echeverria briefed the Board on staff’s progress for Goal #4 of the District’s adopted strategic plan. Ms. Echeverria reported on the progress of the project plans under Goal # 4.
- b) Consideration of Resolution No. 531 Flood Emergency Declaration – Ms. Echeverria reported on the Governor of California’s Executive Order N-4-23 and updated conditions. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Millwee to continue the emergency action of Resolution 531 – declaring a flood emergency and to authorize procurement of equipment, services, & supplies for such emergencies without giving notice for bids to let contracts. The motion unanimously passed.
AYES: Roy Pierucci, Jason Selvidge, Gary Unruh, Barry Watts & Mitch Millwee
NOES: None.
ABSTAINED: None.
- c) Report on 2023 AEP Conference – Ms. Echeverria reported on her attendance at the 2023 AEP Conference in Lake Tahoe.

ENGINEERS / PROJECTS REPORT

- a) Onyx Ranch
 - i. Operations Report – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the status of the Onyx Ranch operations, noting staff maximized irrigation operations as discussed with the Kern River Water Master.
 - ii. Ratification of Construction Contract Septic and Water System – Mr. Smith reported that in preparation for the sale of the Onyx Store and hunter’s cabin, staff has been working on various repairs. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to ratify the execution of a construction contract for the replacement of the store’s septic tank and installation of a new water line with a budget not to exceed \$22,278. The motion unanimously passed.
AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, Millwee and Watts
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None
 - iii. Update on FEMA Action Relief – Ms. Echeverria reported on the efforts to obtain FEMA funding for flood damages to various structures on Onyx Ranch in an amount of approximately \$100,000.
- b) Improvement Projects – Mr. Nygren reported that staff has completed the shallow groundwater monitoring wells per the Cross Valley Canal requirements and reports have been submitted to Kern County Water Agency. Mr. Nygren also briefed the Board on the Grimmway recharge ponds and noted water began recharging on the ponds on May 30th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority –
 - i. Construction of West Enos Pilot Ponds – Mr. Nygren reported that an agreement was reached with the current owner of the parking lot between Goose Lake Channel and the West Enos Property for the placement of temporary pipe and the project began running water on June 5, 2023.
- b) James Groundwater Banking Authority – No report.
- c) Kern Groundwater Authority-
 - i. GSP Deficiency Resolution – Mr. Bartel and Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the efforts to update the GSP to address deficiencies per the Department of Water Resources’ letter declaring the basin plan is inadequate.
- d) Rosedale Management Area Committee-
 - i. Water Charge Management Action Implementation - Mr. Taylor reported that staff is working with AECOM to complete a study to aid in the implementation of the water charge.
 - ii. Stakeholder Meeting Report – Mr. Taylor reported that a block of water was offered at cost to undistricted land landowners and no inquiries were received.
- e) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – No report.
- f) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee – No report.
- g) Pioneer Project Committee – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the latest activities.
- h) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) – No report
- i) Kern Fan Authority – No report
- j) Joint Operating Committee (JOC) – No report
- k) Committee for Delta Reliability – No report
- l) South Valley Water Resources Authority – Mr. Taylor reported that funding was not received for the Fish Friendly Diversion project.
- 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 latest activities.
- p) Association of California Water Agencies – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the latest activities.

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 8:20 a.m. President Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 9:30 a.m. the Board reconvened to open session and Mr. Raytis announced there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.