

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
July 11, 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, Rachele Echeverria & Jennifer Spaletta (via telephone for closed session only).

Public – John Gaugel & Vincent Sorena

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2023
- b) Special Meeting Minutes – June 20, 2023

A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Watts to approve the Board of Directors' June 13, 2023 regular and June 20, 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 June 30, 2023.
- b) Accounts Payable/ June 10, 2023, through July 7, 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 \$3,181,882.28. 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 June 30, 2023, including budget vs. actual.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

- a) District Groundwater Levels – Mr. Nygren presented instructions on where to find groundwater levels on the District’s website. In addition, he 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 – Mr. Bartel reported that the Notice-Order procedure and temporary permit water operations ceased in June. He reported that the Kern River/California Aqueduct Intertie operations had also ceased in June.
- c) California Delta Conveyance Project – Mr. Taylor gave a brief status report on the DCP project.
- d) Consideration of a Water Banking Agreement- Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – Mr. Taylor reviewed the 2:1 water banking agreement with Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency with the Board. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Unruh to approve and authorize staff to execute the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency 2:1 water banking agreement. The motion was passed on the following vote:
 - AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, Millwee and Watts
 - NOES: None
 - ABSTAINED: None
- e) 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 #5 of the District’s adopted strategic plan ensuring that key responsibilities within the agency are sustainable and efficient.
- 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 Watts 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) Staff Professional Recognition – Mr. Bartel reported that Ms. Echeverria received her CEQA Practice Certificate from the University of San Diego. The Board congratulated Ms. Echeverria.

ENGINEERS / PROJECTS REPORT

a) Onyx Ranch

- i. Operations Report – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the status of the Onyx Ranch operations, noting the pause on the project had been lifted as of July 5, 2023 and 37cfs was flowing to Lake Isabella. Mr. Barel also reported the District applied for FEMA funding support for the costs of damage repairs from flooding on the ranch.
- ii. Ratification of Purchase and Sale Agreement- Store and Cabin – Mr. Bartel reported that an offer was received for the Onyx Store and Cabin at 23002 Highway 178. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to ratify the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Onyx Store and Cabin in the amount of \$400,000. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- iii. Consideration of Agreements Necessary to Sell Store and Cabin – Mr. Bartel reported various improvements are needed to complete the sell of the store and cabin. A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director Selvidge to authorize staff to execute necessary future agreements for improvements necessary for the completion of the Onyx store and cabin sell. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- iv. Streambed Alteration Permit Applications – Ms. Echeverria briefed the Board on the status of streambed alteration permits.
- v. Consideration of Well Equipping Proposal – Mr. Nygren reported the Onyx domestic well drilling was completed in the spring. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Watts to approve a budget not to exceed \$100,000 for the equipping of the Onyx domestic well. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- b) Improvement Projects – Mr. Nygren reported the bid opening for the McCaslin / Bowling Recovery Well Project is set for August 3, 2023.

- i. Consideration of Construction Proposal - Bowling Well Pad – Mr. Nygren reported that staff had received a proposal from Nicholas Construction to construct the earthen pad for the Bowling Well. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Watts to approve the proposal from Nicholas Construction in the amount of \$67,270 for

the construction of the earthen pad for the Bowling well, subject to confirmation the site is adequately spaced away from other well sites. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority – Mr. Bartel reported the Board will be meeting in September.
- b) James Groundwater Banking Authority – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the latest Operations Committee meeting.
- c) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
 - i. Water Charge Management Action Implementation – Mr. Taylor reported that staff is working with counsel and AECOM to develop a rate study; he also provided an update on upcoming steps in the process of developing and implementing a water charge.
 - ii. Stakeholder Meeting Report – No report.
 - iii. 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 noting revised GSPs are required by the end of 2023.
 - iv. Consideration of Temporary Associate Membership Agreement with KGA – Mr. Bartel reviewed the agreement with the Board. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Selvidge to approve and authorize staff to execute the Kern Groundwater Authority Temporary Associate Membership Agreement in substantially the same form as present. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None
- d) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – No report.
- e) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on CVC Operations.
- f) Pioneer Project Committee – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the latest activities and noted the costs for the aerial survey will be split amongst all participants.
- g) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) – No report
- h) Kern Fan Authority – No report
- i) Joint Operating Committee (JOC) – No report
- j) Committee for Delta Reliability – No report
- k) South Valley Water Resources Authority – Mr. Taylor reported changes to entities funding the Fish Friendly Diversion Project and presented a restructured funding plan for the project. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Watts to approve participation in the Fish Friendly Diversion project with a contribution in the amount of \$25,270. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTINED: None

- l) Valley Ag Water Coalition – No report
- m) Kern Integrated Regional Water Management Plan – No report
- n) Sites Reservoir Project – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the latest activities.
- o) Association of California Water Agencies – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the latest activities.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

None.

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Pierucci requested staff design a water project map for the District to be printed for the office.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CLOSED SESSION

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 9:56 a.m. President Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 11:47 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 11:50 a.m.