

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 12, 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

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Special Board Meeting Minutes – August 11, 2023
- b) Special Board Meeting Minutes – August 31, 2023

A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director Unruh to approve the Board of Directors special meeting minutes of August 11, 2023 and the special meeting minutes of August 31, 2023. 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 August 31, 2023.
- b) Accounts Payable/ August 10, 2023, through September 8, 2023 — 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 \$559,365.24. 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 August 31, 2023, including budget vs. actual.
- d) Consideration of Fiscal Year End December 31, 2022 Audit and Financial Statements – Ms. Misuraca reviewed the audit completed by BHK Accountancy and financial reports and 10 year

net position with the Board. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Watts to accept and approve the Fiscal Year End December 31, 2022 audit and financial reports. The motion unanimously passed.

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

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) California Delta Conveyance Project – Mr. Taylor gave a brief status report on the DCP project.
- c) 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 #2 of the District’s adopted strategic plan to acquire water supplies.
- 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 Selvidge to continue the emergency action of Resolution 531 – declaring a flood emergency and to authorize procurement of equipment, services and supplies for such emergencies without giving notice for bids to let contracts. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ENGINEERS / PROJECTS REPORT

- a) Onyx Ranch
 - i. Operations Report – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the status of the Onyx Ranch operations. He also reported that escrow closed on the Onyx Store and various fence repairs are being completed.

- ii. FEMA Disaster Relief Application – Ms. Echeverria briefed the Board on the process and current status to receive funds from FEMA for the repairs required from the flooding at Onyx Ranch.
- b) Improvement Projects – Mr. Nygren reported staff is awaiting the completion of NEPA to break ground on the Bowling/McCaslin recovery well project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the GBJPA September 7, 2023 Board meeting.
- b) James Groundwater Banking Authority –No report.
- c) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
 - i. Water Charge Management Action Implementation – Mr. Taylor reported that staff is continuing to work with counsel and AECOM to finalize the water charge rate study and proposed policies for the Board’s consideration.
 - ii. GSP Deficiency Resolution – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the latest Coordination Committee efforts.
 - iii. Temporary Associate Membership KGA – Mr. Bartel updated the Board on the status of the Temporary Associate Membership Agreement with the Kern Groundwater Authority.
- d) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – No report.
- e) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee – No report.
- f) Pioneer Project Committee – No report.
- g) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) – Mr. Smith reported the member acreage assessment rate for Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority will be \$3/ACRE.
- h) Kern Fan Authority – Mr. Bartel reported on the Kern Fan Authority August 23, 2023 meeting.
- i) Joint Operating Committee (JOC) – Mr. Barel gave a brief update on the JOC claim received.
- j) Committee for Delta Reliability – No report.
- k) South Valley Water Resources Authority – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the Fish Friendly Diversion project.
- l) Valley Ag Water Coalition – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the latest bills and measures.
- 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 – No report.

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 10:01 a.m. President Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 11:13 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 11:13 a.m.