

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
September 26, 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, and Monique Roberts (AECOM).

Public –Brad Debranch-Bolthouse, Matt Vickery- Grimmway, Bryan Bone-Sage Creek, Jerret McCaslin-BJ Farms, Maddie Reyes- Illume, Ken Campbell-Driver Road Water Well Assn., Kameron Steward- Steward Legacy Farming Co., Carole Fornoff- Westchester Group, Mark Romanini- Romanini Brothers, Marie Millan- Affentranger Ranches, Hudson Bos-ASB Ranch, Alan B.- Westchester Group, Travis Millwee-Pacific Ag Resources, John Gaugel- Wonderful Orchards, John Zimmerer- BWP

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NONE

FINANCIAL REPORT

- a) Review of Proposed Water Charge Policies – Mr. Taylor reviewed the proposed Water Charge Policies in detail with the Board.
- b) Presentation of Water Charge Study – Ms. Roberts gave a detailed presentation on the water charge study that was completed to analyze and develop the proposed Water Charge rate.
- c) Consideration of Resolution No. 535- Proposed Water Charge- Procedures for a Majority Protest Hearing – Setting Date and Time of Public Hearing – Mr. Raytis reviewed Resolution No. 535 in detail with the Board and explained to the Board and the public the procedures for a protest hearing on the implementation of a water charge. Mr. Raytis further explained the notice and example calculation that would be sent to all affected landowners. He explained that the water charge was not being adopted at the meeting; there would be a public hearing on November 14, 2023 at 8:30 that any member of the public could attend and provide comments and/or protests. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Selvidge to adopt

Resolution No. 535 Fixing Procedures for a Proposition 218 Majority Protest Hearing Regarding the Water Charge. A roll call vote was taken and 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 advised the Board and public of current groundwater levels with reference to the District’s minimum thresholds under SGMA.

WATER RESOURCES REPORT

- a) 3rd Party Recharge and Storage Program – Mr. Taylor reviewed the 3rd party Recharge and Storage program with the Board.

MANAGER’S REPORT

No report.

ENGINEERS / PROJECTS REPORT

- a) Onyx Ranch
 - i. Operations Report – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the status of the Onyx Ranch operations.
 - 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority – Mr. Bartel reported a 30% plan for Stockdale West has been completed.
- b) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
 - i. GSA Formation and Withdrawal from KGA – Mr. Bartel reported that the Temporary Associate Membership Agreement with the Kern Groundwater Authority is awaiting execution by the Kern Groundwater Authority.
 - ii. GSP Deficiency Resolution – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the latest Coordination Committee efforts.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

None.

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Vickery provided comments to the Board on the Grimmway's recharge project on Stockdale Highway. He said that he'd continued to work with the District's staff to ensure that the project is used.

CLOSED SESSION

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.