

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 8, 2024
8:00 a.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Roy Pierucci, Jason Selvidge, Gary Unruh, Mitch Millwee, Barry Watts

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

District Staff / Consultants – Dan Bartel, Trent Taylor, Megan Misuraca, Dan Raytis, Markus Nygren and Rachelle Echeverria

Public – Vincent Sorena, Sonia Lemus, Justin Murray, Oscar Lopez and Ken Campbell

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Special Board Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2024
- b) Special Board Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2024

A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Watts to approve the Board of Directors' September 16, 2024, and September 17, 2024, special meeting minutes. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

FINANCIAL REPORT

- a) Treasurer's Report – Ms. Misuraca reviewed the treasurer's report as of September 30, 2024, and reported staff is preparing the 2025 proposed budget and recommended water charge level for the Board's review at the November meeting.
- b) Accounts Payable/ September 14, 2024 through October 4, 2024 — Ms. Misuraca reviewed the accounts payable report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Watts and seconded by Director Millwee to ratify and approve payment of the accounts payable in the total amount of \$950,113.45. The motion unanimously passed.
 - AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, Watts and Millwee
 - NOES: None
 - ABSTAINED: None
- c) Revenue and Expenditures Report – Ms. Misuraca reviewed the current Revenue and Expenditures Report through September 30, 2024, including the budget vs. actual.

- d) Water Charge Update – Mr. Taylor reported the 2025 water charge rate (to be collected in 2026) will be considered at the November board meeting.

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, and reviewed the list of changes in groundwater levels throughout the District.
- b) Operations Report – Mr. Taylor reported on the District’s current recharge and recovery operations.
- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Taylor reported on maintenance efforts throughout the District.
- d) Consideration of Canal Bank Erosion Pilot Project – Mr. Bartel reported on the erosion complications in the channel East of Allen Rd and reviewed the proposed pilot project to mitigate the erosion. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Selvidge to authorize the purchase of SlopeGrid product, rebar J-hooks, and earth anchors in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for the pilot project. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

WATER RESOURCES REPORT

- a) State Water Project Operations – Mr. Taylor gave a detailed report on current state water project operations, including a review of the 8-station index graph, and reservoir conditions.
- b) California Delta Conveyance Project – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the Delta Conveyance Project and upcoming 3-year commitment decision.
- c) Kern County Water Agency Board Meeting Update – Mr. Taylor gave a brief report on recent Kern County Water Agency meeting.

MANAGER’S REPORT

- a) Strategic Plan Update – Ms. Echeverria reviewed the status of Strategic Plan Goal #4 and the status on a proposed new target model.
- b) Rosedale Recap – Ms. Echeverria reported there was no Rosedale Re-Cap in September, but meeting notices were sent.
- c) Report on Isabella Dam Tour – Ms. Echeverria reviewed the photos from the Isabella Dam Tour and the Board and staff discussed the tour.

ENGINEER’S / PROJECTS REPORT

- a) Onyx Ranch
 - i. Operations Report – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the status of the Onyx Ranch operations and reported on the USGS verified flow rate. Mr. Bartel also reported the Southern California Edison completed the power connection for the well.
 - ii. FEMA Disaster Relief Application – Ms. Echeverria briefly updated the Board on the status of the FEMA funding.

- b) Improvement Projects –
 - i. Consideration of Pay Est. No. 8 for McCaslin/Bowling Recovery Project – Mr. Nygren reported on the progress of the project. There was no pay estimate for Bakersfield Well and Pump presented to the Board.
 - ii. Consideration of Pay Estimate No. 1 McCaslin/Bowling Pipeline – Mr. Nygren reported on the progress of the project and reviewed Nicholas Construction’s Pay Estimate No. 1 with the Board. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Selvidge to approve Nicholas Construction’s Pay Estimate No. 1 for \$622,176.15 with \$31,108.82 to be withheld. 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 briefed the Board on West Enos and Stockdale North project status for Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority
- b) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act / Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District Groundwater Sustainability Agency –
 - i. Update on SWRCB GSP Submission Process – Mr. Bartel reviewed a letter from the Kern County Subbasin on the intervention process and including a request for postponement of the February probation hearing. Mr. Bartel also reported on various workshops held regarding the GSP.
 - ii. Consideration of Kern Subbasin Technical Working Group and Subbasin Manager Scope of Work Adjustments – Mr. Taylor reviewed the presentation for the Technical Working Group SWRCB Staff Response and the Rincon subbasin manager revised scope of work and budget with the Board. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Selvidge to approve the scope of work and budget not to exceed \$827,736 with Rosedale’s share not to exceed \$41,300. The motion unanimously passed.
 - AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, Millwee and Watts
 - NOES: None
 - ABSTAINED: None
- c) Kern Non-Districted Lands Joint Power Authority – Mr. Watts gave a brief report on Kern Non-Districted Lands Joint Powers Authority activities.
- d) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – Mr. Nygren reported the 2021 Operations report has been completed.
- e) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee – Mr. Taylor reported on Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee activities noting the committee approved the purchase of trash racks for the CVC forebay and authorized a Request for Proposal for metal stop logs for the Pioneer Inlet.
- f) Pioneer Project Committee – Mr. Bartel reviewed reported the Kern Water Bank will contribute \$125k for the Basin 11 Turnout improvements in lieu of fees owed under the Joint Use Agreement.

- 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 on the Fish Friendly Diversion project progress
- l) Valley Ag Water Coalition – No report.
- m) Kern Integrated Regional Water Management Plan – No report.
- n) Sites Reservoir Project – Mr. Taylor reported on the latest water rights hearings.
- o) Association of California Water Agencies – No report.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

No report.

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 9:28 a.m. President Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 11:30 a.m. the Board reconvened to open session. Mr. Raytis announced there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:30 a.m. President Pierucci adjourned the meeting.