

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES

MAY 19, 2020

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Orders N-29-20 this meeting was conducted by teleconference. The meeting was accessible via telephone conference call.

DIRECTOR MEMBERS PRESENT

 X Mike Vereschagin

 X Ernie Pieper

 X John Erickson

 X Jim Jones

 X Chuck Schonauer

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

 X Emil Cavagnolo, Manager

 X Andrea Jones, Administrative Assistant

 X Karen Osborn, Office Secretary

 X Marty Bailey, Assessor/Treasurer/Tax Collector

 X Brant Smith, Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co. LLC

 X Josh Horowitz, Attorney (Bartkiewicz, Kronick & Shanahan)

CALL TO ORDER

President of the Board Mike Vereschagin called the meeting to order at 1:33p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll was taken and is indicated above.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes of the April 21st Board meeting were reviewed. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/Erickson) to approve the minutes by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: AYE
Ernie Pieper: AYE
John Erickson: AYE
Jim Jones: AYE
Chuck Schonauer: AYE

PUBLIC FORUM:

Brant Smith, Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co. LLC, was present by phone to give an update to the Board a presentation on Agenda Item #E under “General Business. Attorney Horowitz was also present by phone.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:

The Directors reviewed the financial transaction summary for April. Manager Cavagnolo answered any questions the Board had regarding the financials. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson/Pieper) to approve the April Financial Report by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: AYE
Ernie Pieper: AYE
John Erickson: AYE
Jim Jones: AYE
Chuck Schonauer: AYE

APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECKS:

The Board reviewed the check register. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Jones) to approve checks #12338 thru #12391 by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: AYE
Ernie Pieper: AYE
John Erickson: AYE
Jim Jones: AYE
Chuck Schonauer: AYE

WATER SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

The Board reviewed the Water Superintendent’s report, which was included in the Board Packet. The report updated the Board on District Operations, Water Use, Deep Wells, Vehicles, and Water Quality.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Manager Cavagnolo reviewed with the Board his Manager's Report, which was included in the Board packet, and answered any questions the Board had.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. **The Board to receive an update on the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority Activities.**

Director Jones updated the Board on the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority activities and the meetings he participated in on 5/06/2020.

- B. **The Board to receive an update on the Glenn Groundwater Authority.**

Director Schonauer updated the Board on the Glenn Groundwater Authority activities and meetings he participated in on 5/11/2020.

- C. **The Board to receive an update on current annexations.**

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the status of the current annexations.

- D. **The Board to consider Resolution 2020-05, adopting the Five-Year Water Management Plan in compliance with the requirements of the Central Valley Project Interim Water Service Contract.**

Manager Cavagnolo reviewed with the Board Resolution 2020-05, which was included in the Board packet. After Board discussion it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Erickson) to approve Resolution 2020-05, adopting of the District's 2020 Five Year Water Management Plan. The vote was as follows:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: AYE

Ernie Pieper: AYE

John Erickson: AYE

Jim Jones: AYE

Chuck Schonauer: AYE

- E. **The Board to receive an update for WIIN Act Loan Conversion.**

Josh Horowitz joined by phone at 2 p.m.

Brant Smith from Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC updated the Board on the refinancing of the District's loans with Reclamation. Brant prepared a document detailing a breakdown of various loan amounts and rates, and this document was given to each Board member. It was asked for the Board to give a not to exceed amount per acre to serve as a guideline for finalizing the information needed for 20 year loan amounts and proposed Prop 218 process.

After a lengthy Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Jones) to establish a not to exceed amount of \$60 per acre for a land-based assessment for consideration of the proposed conversions to 20-year bank loans. The vote was as follows:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: AYE

Ernie Pieper: AYE

John Erickson: AYE

Jim Jones: AYE

Chuck Schonauer: AYE

The Board then discussed public outreach and a timeline for future meetings for the Prop 218 process. Discussion led to a possibility of noticing in Mid-July, and holding a public hearing 45 days later in the beginning of September. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to give direction to continue working on a timeline for the Prop 218 noticing and meeting process.

Josh Horowitz departed the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

F. **Drought Planning for Water Year 2020.**

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on drought planning for Water Year 2020. With the water commitment numbers from water users, the District will need to look at obtaining an additional 1000 AF from Clear Creek Water District. There is one water user utilizing Warren Act Transfers, and there should be enough water supply from the District contracts and transfers to provide frost protection if need be.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being there was no further business, President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Emil Cavagnolo
Manager

Approved at the 06/16/2020 Board of Directors Meeting