Reclamation District No. 1004



BOARD OF TRUSTEE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES August 3rd, 2022 10:00 a.m.

Board of Trustees present Ed Hulbert, Larry Borrelli, Gary Bailey, Leanne Mord, Hans Herkert, District Manager Terry Bressler, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Barbara Sachs, Deryl Phy, and Lynda Reische.

Agenda:

M/S/C (Borrelli, Mord) approve August 3rd 2022 Agenda.

Vote: Unanimous

Minutes:

M/S/C (Borrelli, Mord) approve July 20th Minutes as revised

Vote: Unanimous

Public Comment:

Deryl Phy asked if the Bureau of Reclamation was going to award drought relief funds and if there's any stipulations or conditions attached to the money. He said he's worried that once the District receives payment, the Bureau of Reclamation would cut or take away the Districts water allocation/rights because the District sold water this year. Chairman Hulbert said no the Board would make sure there's no stipulations attached to this payment. He also said this money will not affect crop insurance payments.

Financials:

Treasurer's Report:

M/S/C (Borrelli, Herkert) approve Treasurer's report as presented.

Vote: Unanimous

Barbara requested a transfer from Fund One to Fund Three in the amount of \$10,000

M/S/C (Herkert, Borrelli) approve transfer from Fund One to Fund Three in the amount of \$10,000

Vote: Unanimous

Barbara Sachs presented the cash report and designation of financial accounts.

M/S/C (Borrelli, Herkert) approve cash report and designation of financial accounts as submitted

Vote: Unanimous

Barbara presented accounts payable in the amount of \$79,161.27

M/S/C (Mord, Herkert) approve accounts payable in the amount of \$79,161.27

Vote: Unanimous

Barbara presented the accounts receiveable.

Barbara presented the balance sheet, profit and loss, profit and loss to budget.

M/S/C (Borrelli, Mord) approve balance sheet, profit and loss, profit and loss to budget.

Vote: Unanimous

Barbara presented the employees sick and vacation leave balance.

Barbara presented costs for all ongoing litigations

Barbara presented all the current cost to run District wells (electric costs).

Deryl Phy asked if the District land lease was going out to bid. Chairman Hulbert said no, the Board approved at the last Board meeting to extend the current lease 2 years. He said the voluntary

agreement, land leveling and the new GASB98 stipulation are currently being reviewed to integrate into the extended lease. Deryl Phy asked if the lease was for the same amount and Chairman Hulbert said yes. Deryl said people had contacted him and were interested in bidding on the lease.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Hulbert said the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors budget had been spent and he's predicting an additional invoice of \$14,000, He said salmon/temperature studies have to continue to protect the District going forward. He said MBK Engineers fees were higher due to the drought studies.

Chairman Hulbert said Sacramento River Settlement Contractors asked the Bureau of Reclamation for an additional 250 c.f.s. He said the National Marine Fishery said no. He said August 16th is an important date when all the fish will be in the system along with the temperature updates.

Chairman Hulbert said the lawsuit is moving along slowly.

He said he talked with Roger Cornwell regarding Bureau of Reclamation funding and Mr. Cornwell said it looked very favorable.

He said he understands the capital projects need to go out to bid and he understands the District needs to get projects completed. He said the District is under public scrutiny and bidding takes longer but the District will have to go through the process.

Manager's Report:

Terry said he's delivered 5600 acre feet of water and has 4800 acre feet to deliver. He said 5300 acre feet was from the river and 3100 acre feet from wells. He said the ditch loss is approximately 35%.

Terry said he's cleaning Butte Creek and has cleared the Avis Pump area. Wild Goose and the White Mallard will be taking water mid-August.

He said Gary Kienlan and Paul Minasian have a difference of opinion regarding the State auditing curtailment due August 19th. He said Gary looked into it and feels the District is ok.

He said Phil Washburn was spraying weeds.

Terry said PG&E will hook up the middle well at Princeton the week of August 18th.

He said he talked with Tom Seeno regarding cleaning the Avis water channel and Tom said the wood duck boxes wouldn't be a concern if done in September-November.

He said he talked with Lewis Bair regarding their engineer. Lewis said Sacramento Engineering is who they use. He said they go out to bid and use prevailing wages but do not go out to bid on vehicles.

Terry said he wanted to hire a full time equipment operator and would come up with a job description and submit it to the Board.

He said three people had purchased excess water for \$250.00 per acre foot and wanted to raise the cost as of September to \$300 per acre foot. The different water rate is dependant on where the water went in the District.

M/S/C (Borrelli/Hulbert) approved effective September 1st, excess water fee will be raised to \$300 per acre foot. Trustee Herkert said he didn't want to make the decision based on what fields the water goes to.

Vote: Unanimous

Terry said there'll be no wheeling of water this year for the Bureau of Reclamation.

Gary Bailey arrived at 11:20 a.m.

Chairman Hulbert said there's three seats up for reelection this year on the Sacramento River Settlements Board and he recommended Trustee Herkert. Roger Cornwell may have some in mind to fill the position.

Trustee Herkert said he would accept the position if he was voted in.

SB88

Chairman Hulbert said we'd received letter regarding the SB88 compliance and asked Terry if we needed to do anything else. Terry said Bureau of Reclamation won't allow outside sources to their meters and SB88 requires 24 hour access so its really between the Bureau of Reclamation and The State and doesn't involve the District. Chairman Hulbert said for Terry to watch this and make sure there's not something the District is required to do.

Old Business:

- 1. No update on GSA
- 2. No update on Bay Delta
- 3. Trustee Herkert said he would like a written report from Gary Kienlan after Pat Neu visits on 8/19 regarding the District rights to pump water.
- 4. Terry said he met with Jeff Davis of Davis Engineering regarding the new accounting system. Jeff will have a proposal for the Board to review at the September Board meeting.
- 5. Trustee Bailey said we needed to get Fish and Game and the U S Fish and Wildlife behind us in getting a new structure in Sanborn Slough to get a correct flow reading and fine tune

the 70/30 split. Trustee Borrelli said we need to have correct readings on the Butte Creek flow.

- **6.** Barbara said the Personnel Policy revision is being worked on.
- 7. Chairman Hulbert requested Terry to research and fine tune the meters at the White Mallard Dam as a capital project and get it out to bid with automation, monitoring system and engineering specs. Trustee Herkert said he wants the District to consider operating the White Mallard Dam. The Board requested Patrick Neu from MBK Engineers take a look at it when he's here and advise the Board.

11:35 a.m. closed session

12:30 p.m open session

Chairman Hulbert reported to the following:

- a. Terry will comprise a job description and wage for a Assistant District Manager and give it to Barbara within 2 weeks.
- b. Terry will have a separate cap account of 468 hours of accrued vacation leave and Terry will be required to use his vacation balance.
- M/S/C (Borrelli, Herkert) approve Terrys separate cap account of 468 hours. Terry will be required to use his vacation balance.

Vote: Unanimous

d. Increase Steve Crawshaw's rate of pay from \$29.50 to \$32.00 per hour

M/S/C (Bailey, Borrelli) approve increase in wages for Steve Crawshaw from \$29.50 to \$32.00 per hour.

Vote: Unanimous

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p. m.

Ed Hulbert

Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Barbara J. Sachs
Secretary to the Board of Trustees