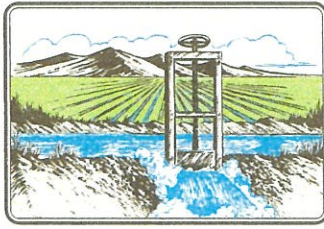


Reclamation District No. 1004



BOARD OF TRUSTEE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 30th, 2023
9:50 a.m.

Board of Trustees present: Ed Hulbert, Larry Borrelli, Gary Bailey, Hans Herkert, Leanne Mord, District Manager Terry Bressler.

Open session present Nicole Gorafalo, Daryl Phy and Hayden Harter.

Call the meeting to order at 9:55 am.

Approve agenda M/S Borrelli, Mord, vote: unanimous approve.

10:00 a.m. Closed Session:

- Public employee appointment/employment
Direction was given to labor negotiator regarding position of office manager.

1:15 p.m. Open Session:

Chairman Hulbert appointed Trustee Herkert Labor Negotiator regarding position of office manager and direction.

Conference call number available and several landowners on call.

New Business

- 1) Chairman Hulbert reported Bureau of Reclamation has reported 2023 to be a noncritical year and a 100% water allocation. Discussion on SRSC meetings and current info from Bureau and DWR. RD 1004 will proceed with rate setting and budget based on this information.

- 2) Water unit duty rice = 5.0 acft/ac. Some discussion on historical unit duty from 6.0 to 5.5 to current 5.0. Continue 2023 5.0 acft/ac unit duty. RD 1004 will issue refund for any unused water.

- 3) Duck/habitat unit duty proposed by Trustee Bailey and District Manager Terry Bressler at 3.0 acft/ac. They feel 2.0 acft is too low. Also, there will be one season for habitat water. If you use more than 3.0 acft, you will need to purchase additional water. RD 1004 will issue refunds for any unused water as per current policy.
Motion by Trustee Bailey to adopt proposed unit duty for duck/habitat at 3.0 acft/ac.
Second by Trustee Borrelli
Vote: Unanimously approved.

- 4) Stand-by charges. Chairman Hulbert proposed leaving standby the same as 2022 at \$22.50/ac. Discussion on breakdown of admin benefit/standby and budget analysis. Factors include short timeline with 100% water announcement and interest income which will offset some standby cost. The Board recognized we will complete detail analysis of standby fee with current cost structure in 2023.
Motion by Trustee Herkert to approve standby fee of \$22.50/ac for 2023.
Second by Trustee Mord
Vote: Unanimously approved

- 5) Water Toll 2023 – Chairman Hulbert reviewed recent 3-year budget history and water toll. Budget estimate reviewed by District Manager Terry Bressler with potential delivery acre feet. Attempt to set toll with a breakeven budget still producing capital for projects. Factors include likely reduced well pumping, river levels up, Butte Creek flows up, ditch loss should decrease, labor increases with addition of Assistant manager.

Chairman Hulbert thoughts to leave toll at \$28.00. If we deliver full water to growers and have a positive financial outcome, we could reduce the toll as we did in 2021. Trustee Bailey pitched a 25% reduction from 2022 to \$21.00 moved discussion closer to \$28.00.

In an effort to control toll but keep District financially strong, the discussion went to a \$26.00 toll. Trustee Borrelli was concerned about dropping toll and not adjust standby fee. His position is that, since every landowner in the District pays standby fees, and not everyone pays toll, if relief is given to fees it should be the standby fee that gets reduced. He was not willing to agree to a relief that only benefits certain landowners, whereby, reducing the standby fee in lieu of the water toll fee would benefit all landowners.

Motion by Trustee Herkert for a \$26.00/acft water toll for rice and duce/habitat for 2023 season.

Second by Trustee Bailey

Vote: Chairman Hulbert – Yes

Trustee Mord – Yes

Trustee Borrelli – No

Motion carries 4-1

District Manager Terry Bressler will send 2023-unit duty, standby fee and water toll to all growers and landowners tomorrow.

3:15 p.m. Closed session:

Public employee appointment/employment Office Manager (CA Gov. Code Sec. 54957).
Conference with Labor Committee regarding position of Office Manager RD 1004.

4:15 p.m. Open Session:

Direction given to Trustee Herkert to propose offer for position of Office Manager.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30p.m.



Ed Hulbert

Chairman of the Board of Trustees



Terry Bressler

District Manager