

RAISIN CITY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Meeting Date:
Tuesday, April 20, 2021
1:30 p.m.

Meeting Location:

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In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order (N-29-20) and the declared State of Emergency, including social distancing directives as a result of the threat of the COVID-19 virus, the Board of Directors of the Raisin City Water District will be participating in this meeting remotely. There will not be a physical location for this meeting. Members of the public may participate in the meeting via Microsoft Teams.

Directors Present: Gere Gunlund
Don Cameron
Gagan Batth
Jonathon DeGroot
John Verwey

Others Present: Randy Hopkins, Provost & Pritchard
Laurie Sales, Provost & Pritchard
Rick Besecker, Provost & Pritchard
Keitasha Royal, Bachand and Associates
Matt Hurley, MAGSA
Kenny Alles
Jerry Rai
Marjorie Bookout
Matt Abercrombie
Lori Denali
Martin Britz

The Meeting was called to order at: 1:32pm

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** (*Gunlund*)
We will table Item 7 until May's meeting
2. **RECOGNITION OF ATTENDEES** (*Hopkins*)
Attendees were introduced.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (*Gunlund*)

The first fifteen minutes of this portion of the meeting are reserved for members of the public to address the Board of Directors. Speakers shall be limited to three minutes. Speakers will be asked to identify themselves and state the subject of their comment. The Board is prohibited by law from taking any action on matters discussed that are not on the Agenda, and no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Board does not respond to public comment at this time.

No public comments.

4. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (*Gunlund*)

Any Board Member who has a potential conflict of interest may now identify the item and recuse themselves from discussing and voting on the matter. [FPPC §87105]

None noted.

5. MINUTES (*Hopkins*)

A. Discussion / possible action to approve minutes for:

i. March 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

Mr. DeGroot made a motion to approve the minutes; The motion was seconded by Mr. Verwey. The motion passed unanimously.

6. FINANCIAL (*Besecker*)

A. Discussion / possible action to approve the financial report and District bills.

Mr. Besecker presented the warrants for payment.

Mr. Cameron made a motion to approve the warrants, the motion was seconded by Mr. Bath. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Besecker then reviewed the budget.

7. AMEND BY-LAWS (*Hopkins*)

A. Discussion / possible action to amend by-laws to reflect the new address of the District Office.

This item is tabled.

8. AD-HOC COMMITTEES

A. The Board of Directors will hear reports and possible action from the following Ad-Hoc Committees:

i. Fresno ID Committee (*Cameron/DeGroot*)

Mr. Cameron reported they met with Bill Stretch and Adam Claes last week. Discussed a lot of topics and cooperation for the future. FID would rather deal directly with water districts rather than individual growers. Mr. DeGroot added that they talked about the MOA for the McMullin Recharge project. They also discussed Consolidated ID. Mr. DeGroot stated that he informed them about the McMullin project and informed them that information about the alignment can be seen on the MAGSA website. Mr. Bath asked if they had asked FID if they would sell the District water. Mr. DeGroot stated he felt they were open to it.

ii. Consolidated ID Committee (*DeGroot/Gunlund*)

Mr. Gunlund reported that they had a meeting scheduled with Mr. Desatoff, but on pause until after the FAS meeting. The understanding is they are in the same position of FID, they would prefer to deal with Districts rather than individuals. Mr. Desatoff would like a meet and greet with the new board members.

iii. Grantland/Stinson (*Gunlund/Verwey*)

Mr. Hopkins reported he reached out to Mr. Sills with maps about the Grantland project.

iv. James ID (*Bath/Cameron*)

Nothing to report

v. Annexation (Gunlund/DeGroot)

Mr. DeGroot said no specific meetings, other than running across individuals out in public and answering questions. Mr. Hopkins had provided the board with a map of the owners that have requested annexation. Mr. DeGroot says it comes up frequently in conversation. He feels we need to respond back to the owners that have reached out. The map is current based on letters received, many from grower meetings. Mr. DeGroot asked if the annexation requests specified which district, Mid-Valley or Raisin City, they were wanted to join. Mr. Abercrombie (Mid Valley WD) said he has reached out to growers in the white area to organize.

9. McMULLIN RECHARGE PROJECT (Hopkins/Hurley)

A. Report on the status of the project.

Mr. Hurley reported they have contracted with Tetra Tech to expand the scope of the project to include all phases for their environmental review complete before the end of the calendar year to satisfy the grant. They were also able to finalize their budget. The Provost & Pritchard and Bachand contracts will be closed out with Raisin City and picked up by MAGSA. Scheduled to meet with the NRCS group in early May to review that grant. Construction should begin late spring, early summer 2022. Once the project is a little further along, reimbursement to the Raisin City WD will begin. Mr. DeGroot asked if discussions with landowners along the route have been completed. They are on-going. He wanted to know when the route would be finalized. Mr. Hurley indicated that would probably have to wait on the completed environmental review. Mr. Bath asked in negotiations with Terra Nova for reimbursement have taken place. Mr. Hurley indicated while he discusses the project with Mr. Cameron, no negotiations for reimbursement have taken place and would be much later.

10. MAGSA ACTIVITIES (Bath/Cameron/Hurley/Hopkins)

A. Report on MAGSA activities.

Mr. Hurley reported that he met with the new James ID general manager, as well as several board members. He noted that there appears to be more willingness to work together on shared concerns and issues.

The water marketing grant is coming to a conclusion. They expect to have a final workshop in May to get the final report out in June/July.

MAGSA has been successful in getting grants, but the Bureau of Reclamation did not select MAGSA for the Water Smart grant. They still hope to get meters on the MAGSA wells soon.

The project feasibility study has been completed for the water bank.

The FAS hearings are coming up. The first phase will determine if there are additional phases. MAGSA continues to be a party in the action and will present testimony. In favor of the Kings Subbasin and not Semitropic.

11. OUTREACH (Hopkins)

Discussion / possible action regarding a quarterly outreach program for the district stakeholders. Mr. Hopkins spoke with Cristel at KRCD. She will present a proposal.

12. CORRESPONDENCE (Hopkins)

A. Correspondence since the previous Board of Directors meeting may be presented.

Mr. Rai sent a letter regarding the FAS hearing. Also, received a notice from ACWA/JPIA will no longer insure if you do not have employees or infrastructure.

13. NEXT REGULAR MEETING (Hopkins)

- A. Discussion / possible action regarding the date of the scheduled regular meeting of the Board of Directors, currently scheduled for May 18, 2021.

No issues.

Mr. Hurley reported that the MAGSA's first in person board meeting will be July 7 at the Kerman Community Center. Mr. Hopkins added that the May meeting will still be remote, but there is a possibility to meet in person at the Provost & Pritchard office beginning in June. He will contact the school to inquire about meeting in person.

14. ADJOURNMENT (*Gunlund*)

The meeting adjourned at 1:26