

# RAISIN CITY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## REGULAR MEETING

### MINUTES

Meeting Date:  
Tuesday, May 18, 2021  
**1:30 p.m.**

Meeting Location:

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Directors Present: Gere Gunlund  
Don Cameron  
Gagan Bath  
John Verwey

Directors Absent: Jonathon DeGroot

Others Present: Randy Hopkins, Provost & Pritchard  
Laurie Sales, Provost & Pritchard  
Rick Besecker, Provost & Pritchard  
Philip Bachand, Bachand and Associates  
Matt Hurley, MAGSA  
Jerry Rai  
Greg Berg  
Marianne Harguindeguy  
Jeanne Harguindeguy  
Christopher Firth  
Lori Daniele  
Rodger Lehman

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

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.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Gunlund)**

None noted.

**2. RECOGNITION OF ATTENDEES (Hopkins)**

Guests 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.

Ms. Harguindeguy asked that once we go back to In Person meetings that access to attend remotely still be provided.

**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. April 20, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

Director Cameron made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by John Verway and approved unanimously by those in attendance.

**6. FINANCIAL (Besecker)**

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

Mr. Besecker presented the bills for payment. Director Cameron made a motion to approve the payment of the bills. Director Verway seconded the motion approved unanimously by those in attendance.

- B. Discussion regarding 2021-22 Draft Budget

Mr. Hopkins presented the draft budget to the board for information only. The budget will be presented for approval in June and in July the assessment hearing will take place.

**7. AMEND BY-LAWS (Hopkins)**

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

Mr. Hopkins presented the resolution to move the location of the District office.

A motion to approve was made by John Verway. The motion was seconded by Director Batth and was approved unanimously by those in attendance.

**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)

Director Cameron reported they met with Bill Stretch and Adam Claes on May 6. Potential projects discussed were a joint project with the City of Fresno WWTP and the Southwest Banking Facility. They will continue to meet.

ii. Consolidated ID Committee (*DeGroot/Gunlund*)  
Still trying to set up a meeting.

iii. Grantland/Stinson (*Gunlund/Verwey*)  
Nothing to report. Mr. Hopkins has reached out to Scott Sills.

iv. James ID (*Batth/Cameron*)  
Nothing to report.

v. Annexation (*Gunlund/DeGroot*)  
The landowner group interested in annexation continues to grow.

## **9. McMULLIN RECHARGE PROJECT** (*Hopkins/Hurley*)

### A. Report on the status of the project.

Continuing to move forward. Contracts with P&P and Bachand approved at last board meeting. Tentatively there will be a public meeting in June to review the CEQA/NEPA. At that time they can notify affected landowners.

Mr. Bachand added they are working with the State Water Board on their contract.

## **10. MAGSA ACTIVITIES** (*Batth/Cameron/Hurley/Hopkins*)

### A. Report on MAGSA activities.

Mr. Hurley reported they met with Mr. Valadao (along with President Randy and Jeevan Singh). The water marketing grant has been extended. MAGSAs June meeting has been moved to June 9, due to a conflict with the State FAS meeting on June 2. Should have rules and regs for monitoring and meter incentive plan out for review. Water bank design on-going. Finalizing the document for good faith deposits to get the project moving. The budget was presented in May. The July 7 meeting will be held live at the Kerman Community Center. Mr. Hurley has already approached the center about internet and meeting technology. Director Verwey asked if there was anything we should be doing in light of the Governor's drought declaration. Mr. Hurley replied that yes, they had several "shovel ready" projects. Also, some of the Governor's programs include funds for meters.

## **11. OUTREACH** (*Hopkins*)

Discussion / possible action to approve contract with Kings River Conservation District for quarterly newsletter.

Mr. Hopkins presented the contract presented by KRCD to prepare a quarterly newsletter, billed quarterly on a time and material basis. The first newsletter would go out in July, about a month after MAGSAs. Director Cameron made a motion to approve with Randy being authorized to sign. The motion was seconded by Director Verwey and was approved unanimously by those in attendance.

## **12. CORRESPONDENCE** (*Hopkins*)

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

No correspondence. But Director Gunlund reported on their meeting with Congressman Valadao to inform him on what is needed in our area. Mr. Gunlund indicated it was positive.

**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 June 15, 2021.

June 29<sup>th</sup> requested for June's meeting.

**14. ADJOURNMENT (Gunlund)**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04