# BOARD OF TRUSTEES BOARD MEETING

January 12th, 2022

1:30 p. m.

MINUTES

Board of Trustees present Ed Hulbert, Larry Borrelli. Others present: District Manager Terry Bressler, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Barbara Sachs . Those attending via zoom Trustees Herkert and Bailey along with Deryl and Sue Phy, Jack and Audra Baber and Kurt Richter.

Absent: Trustee Mord

1:30 p.m. Chairman Hulbert opened the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting.

**Agenda:**

M/S/C (Borrelli, Herkert) approve January 12th agenda.

Vote: Unanimous

Chairman Hulbert asked to pass Resolution 2022-01 to hold a conference call/zoom meeting during the February 9th, 2022 Regular Board meeting.

M/S/C (Borrelli, Herkert) pass resolution 2022-01 to hold a conference call/zoom meeting for February 9th, 2022 Board Meeting.

Vote: Unanimous

**Minutes:**

M/S/C (Borrelli, Herkert) approve January 12th Regular Board meeting minutes.

Vote: Unanimous

**Public Comment:**

None

**Financials:**

**Treasurer’s Report:**

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

Vote: Unanimous

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

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

Vote: Unanimous

Barbara presented interim transactions in the amount of $591,320.91 to cover payroll and the last water payment to participants of the San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority transfer.

M/S/C (Borrelli, Bailey) approve interim transactions in the amount of $591,320.91.

Vote: Unanimous

Barbara presented accounts payable in the amount of $161,610.84 and $126,601.50 for payments to the Environmental transfer participants.

M/S/C (Bailey, Herkert) approve accounts payable in the amount of $161,610.84 and $126,601.50

Vote: Unanimous

Barbara presented the accounts receiveable. She advised the Board she’d received payment from Aslam and Tariq Khan for the lease deposit.

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

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

Vote: Unanimous

Barbara presented the employees sick and vacation leave balance. There were no comments.

Barbara presented new bank signature cards from LAIF, Tri Counties Bank and Umpqua Bank. Those in attendance signed and they’ll be presented during the February meeting for those who couldn’t attend this meeting.

Barbara requested a transfer from Fund 1 to Fund 3 in the amount of $10,000.00

M/S/C (Borrelli, Herkert) approve $10,000.00 transfer from Fund 1 to Fund 3.

Vote: Unanimous

Barbara requested $160,000.00 transfer from County Fund One to Umpqua Bank.

M/S/C (Borrelli, Herkert) approve $160,000.00 transfer from County Fund One to Umpqua Bank.

Vote: Unanimous.

Barbara said the accountants requested the Board to consider the $10,000 transfer from County Fund One to County Fund Three each month and decide if this was an appropriate amount to continue transferring. Chairman Hulbert said to agenize this item for the February Board meeting.

Barbara wanted to review the Bureau of Reclamation final water worksheet but was told to add it to the February agenda for further discussion.

**Chairman’s report:**

1. Chairman Hulbert advised the Board due to the old lights on the outside of the District Office going out, he approved Cross Electric to replace them with LED lights at a cost of $1,196.93.
2. Chairman Hulbert said Dustin Cooper of Minasian Law Firm and Downey Brand sent a letter to the State Water Resource Control Board regarding their efforts to lower our water allocation

advising them to follow our contract. He said the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors sent a similar letter.

**Manager’s Report:**

1. Terry said Shasta was at 32% capacity compared to 45% last year at this time.
2. Terry said he would like to send a letter to all landowners and tenants advising them we have no predictions on water allocations this year. When applying for water the office will require a 2021 or newer FSA map on each field they own in the District along with their completed RRA forms and water applications.
3. Terry said he’s delivered 50,000 acre-feet of water and 5,500 acre-feet since October 31st.
4. Terry said the Sutter Refuge team is coming back January 31st for another visit. It will take 90 days to do a study and in April the final report for funding. He said we should know in September if we have the green light to transfer water to the Sutter Wildlife Refuge for the Bureau of Reclamation.
5. Terry said he was looking for an air boat to purchase to spray vegetation.
6. Terry said he’s waiting on PG&E for the electric plant in the main canal (Hydro) costs.
7. Terry said there’s currently 794 acres of land enrolled in the Fish Food Program.
8. Terry said there won’t be a water transfer to East Bay Mud in 2022. They felt they have all the water they need
9. Terry said the bid from North State Electric and Eaton Drilling for the motor and meters is approximately $140,000 for the middle well at Princeton. PG&E will be installed in June.

Gary Bailey asked what the cost was to run all the wells in the District. Terry provided different costs to the Board however, Gary asked for a cost analysis for each well in the District to be presented at the February Board meeting. Gary said he wanted to see if its feasible to run all the wells and maybe we shouldn’t finish the Princeton well due to the costs involved. Chairman Hulbert said the Princeton well completion had already been approved by the Board prior to Gary being elected to the Board.

1. Terry said Gridley Ford pickup price is $35,000 which is lower than Hoblit Motors so he placed an order with Gridley Ford.
2. The Board directed Terry to turn off the Princeton Pumps on 1/23/22 and only deliver the water that is left in the ditch at the time of shutoff.

**Old Business:**

1. Barbara presented final worksheets on the 2021 water transfers to San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority, Orland Artois District and The Bureau of Reclamation environmental transfer.

1. Terry said we didn’t qualify for the first round of Federal and/or State Infrastructure grant money.
2. The Board discussed Terry’s request for all new pipe being placed in the District to be steel.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided to leave the requirement as is and deal with issues as they arrive and the landowner/tenant cannot receive water until the problem is fixed. This item will remain on the agenda incase further discussion is required.

1. The Board requested a list be presented to the Board from Terry at the next meeting regarding 2022 capital projects with costs.
2. The Board requested Terry to comprise a list of improvements from 2014 to current in the District along with what needs to be done and all costs associated to be prepared for negotiations with the Bureau of Reclamation when they want to discuss wheeling water through the District.

Terry said the beavers are causing a lot of problems in the District and asked if the Board was ok with hiring a trapper for abatement. The Board directed Terry to check on this and the costs involved and report back to the Board.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p. m.

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Ed Hulbert Barbara J. Sachs

Chairman of the Board Secretary to the Board of Trustees