# BOARD OF TRUSTEES BOARD MEETING

September 15th, 2021

1:30 p. m.

MINUTES

Board of Trustees present Ed Hulbert, Leanne Mord, Hans Herkert and Travis Laviolette. Others present: District Manager Terry Bressler, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Barbara Sachs, Vanessa Padilla and Paul Minasian with Minasian Law Firm via telephone.

Attending via zoom: Larry Borrelli, Erik Foraker, Jack & Audra Baber and Tom Orgain.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

1:30 P.M- Chairman Hulbert announced the Public Hearing for the Public Comment period on the 2017 Sacramento Valley Regional Water Management Plan was open.

With no public comments being heard, Chairman Hulbert read the resolution to adopt the 2017 Sacramento Valley Regional Water Management Plan.

M/S/C (Herkert, Laviolette) approve adopting Resolution 2021-01 for the 2017 Sacramento Valley Regional Water Management Plan.

Ayes: 5

Absent: 0

Noes: 0

Abstain:0

Secretary Sachs will sign the resolution and forward it to GCID so it can be submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation with all the other Districts resolutions.

Public Hearing was closed at 1:40 p.m.

1:42 p.m. Chairman Hulbert opened the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting.

**Agenda:**

M/S/C (Borrelli, Herkert) approve September 15th agenda.

Vote: Unanimous

**BIFURCATION QUARTERLY MEETING ( 2021 1st, 2nd and 3rd):**

Terry Bressler said a new meter and 10 feet of wiring was purchased by RD1004 to replace the ones that were stolen. He said they’re cleaning and doing normal maintenance. Erik Foraker asked Terry if he’s removing the spoils when cleaning and Terry replied yes, it’s part of the normal operating procedure.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

2:00 p.m. Chairman Hulbert announced everyone on zoom would need to log out as we were going into closed session with counsel.

Paul Minasian of Minasian Law Firm joined the Board meeting via telephone.

Report out: Direction was given to counsel.

Out of closed Session at 2:20 p.m.

2:25 p.m. Regular Board meeting resumed. Zoom was opened to those who wanted to attend.

**Minutes:**

M/S/C (Laviolette, Herkert) approve August 11th Regular Board meeting minutes as revised.

Vote: Unanimous

**Public Comment:**

None

**Financials:**

**Treasurer’s Report:**

M/S/C (Mord, Laviolette) approve Treasurer’s report as presented.

Vote: Unanimous

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

M/S/C (Herkert, Laviolette) approve cash report as submitted

Vote: Unanimous

M/S/C (Laviolette, Herkert) approve designation of financial accounts as submitted

Vote: Unanimous

**Interim transactions:**

M/S/C (Herkert, Laviolette) approve interim transaction in the amount of $42,192.44

Vote: Unanimous

M/S/C (Borrelli, Laviolette) approve interim transaction for water sale participants in the amount of $971,703.54

Vote: Unanimous

Barbara requested a transfer from Wells Fargo Bank to Colusa County Fund One in the amount of $400,000

M/S/C (Mord, Herkert) approve $400,000 transfer from Wells Fargo Bank to Colusa County Fund One

Vote: Unanimous

The Board agreed not to issue checks for the 4th water sale payment until the check was received from San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority.

**Accounts Payable:**

Barbara presented the accounts payable in the amount of $455,772.34

M/S/C (Herkert, Laviolette) approve accounts payable as presented

Vote: Unanimous

Barbara requested $10,000 transfer from Fund One to Fund Three

M/S/C (Herkert, Laviolette) approve transfer from Fund One to Fund Three

Vote: Unanimous

Barbara requested a warrant from Fund One to Umpqua Bank in the amount of $500,000

M/S/C (Herkert, Laviolette) approve warrant from Fund One to Umpqua Bank in the amount of $500,000

Vote: Unanimous

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 accounts receivable.

**Employee Sick and Vacation Leave:**

No Comment

**New Business:**

1. Hawkins property project:

Chairman Hulbert asked for an update on the project. Terry said the surveyor came out and staking of the property is forthcoming.

Trustee Laviolette said he’d spoke to Jeff Caswell who leases the Hawkins property and he and Jeff do not want the ditch (ditch involving Shelley Cadek and Hawkins Trust property). Terry said changing the ditch will better serve Field 25 and save water. Trustee Laviolette said he and Mr. Caswell want their acreage and asked the Board to pursue different options.

Chairman Hulbert said this would be discussed at future meetings.

1. Butte Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan:

Terry said there’s a meeting scheduled for September 20th.

1. East Bay Mud potential 2022 water sale:

Terry said he’d been contacted by East Bay Mud representative regarding a potential 2022 water sale. He also said Orland Artois Water District is interested in discussing with the Board full year water transfers.

1. 2021 Board of Trustee election:

Barbara reported there were 4 Official Election ballots turned in for a seat on the Board. They are Ed Hulbert, Larry Borrelli, Travis Laviolette and Gary Bailey.

She requested the Board approve Resolution 2021-02 requesting the Colusa County Board of Supervisors to appoint Audra Baber, Shelley Cadek and Mary Stone to the election board.

M/S/C (Mord, Herkert) approve Resolution 2021-02 appointing Audra Baber, Shelley Cadek and Mary Stone to the election board.

Vote: Unanimous

**Chairmans Report:**

1. Chairman Hulbert said he and Barbara had discussed for the last two years about removing the large counter in the business office, purchase a new desk and lay new flooring to make a better workspace for employees. He said Barbara had arranged for the work to start October 25th and it will take a week. Chairman Hulbert approved the cost of the project.

**Manager’s report:**

1. Terry reported Daniel Cunha had left employment with RD1004. He hired Dennis Richardson to work in the District. He said Matt Garrison was coming in as his time allows to train new employee Dennis Richardson on meters etc.

1. Terry said he’s delivered 31,854 acre feet of water and has 10,500 acre feet to deliver. He

said water users have to use their water by October 31st, 2021 or there’s no water.

He said he wanted to add “no pumping from wells into the District ditches” in the Rules

and Regulation’s manual.

1. Terry said we should know in October why we weren’t selected for the 2020 Water Smart

Program.

1. Terry said it will October 1st before the test hole at the shop will be drilled.
2. He said it would be 3 weeks before ordering a new pickup and he’ll be trading in the 2016

Ford 150 pickup.

1. Terry said Jim Fisher has a long reach excavator for sale for $95,000 and a new one

will cost $300,000. The board made the decision they weren’t going to purchase a used

excavator.

1. Terry said if the Board wants to order items for saving water in 2022, we need to order

now as the costs are going up.

**Old Business:**

1. Chairman Hulbert said all litigations are moving slowly.
2. Chairman Hulbert said in previous meetings there’d been discussion regarding the $28.00

Water fee. He said this should be on hold until the 5th water payment is received.

1. Trustee Herkert said he hadn’t mailed letters regarding the Federal and/or State funding

for water infrastructure but he would come in the office and talk with Barbara regarding

this matter.

1. Terry said the Bureau of Reclamation had rescheduled their meeting with him regarding future wheeling of water to the Sutter Wildlife Refuge to November.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p. m.

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Ed Hulbert Barbara J. Sachs

Chairman of the Board Secretary to the Board of Trustees