# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CLOSED SESSION BOARD MEETING

March 9th, 2022

12:00 p.m.

on

Board of Trustees present Ed Hulbert, Larry Borrelli, Leanne Mord, Gary Bailey, Hans Herkert. Also in attendance, Paul Minasian Attorney at Law, District Manager Terry Bressler, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Barbara Sachs.

Chairman Hulbert announced the Board was going into closed session with legal counsel.

12:10 p.m. Closed session

1:30 p.m. Open Session

Chairman Hulbert said the Board gave direction to Paul Minasian Attorney at Law.

1:32 p.m. Meeting was adjourned

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 9th, 2022

1:30 p.m

Board of Trustees present Ed Hulbert, Gary Bailey, Leanne Mord, Larry Borrelli and Hans Herkert, District Manager Terry Bressler, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Barbara Sachs, Assistant Office Manager Lynda Reische, Kurt Richter, Nicole Garafalo, Hayden Harter and Deryl and Suzanne Phy.

Board meeting called to order at 1:36 p. m

**Agenda:**

M/S/C (Borrelli, Herkert) approve March 9th agenda.

Vote: Unanimous

**Minutes:**

M/S/C (Herkert, Mord) approved February 9th minutes as amended.

Vote: Unanimous

M/S/C (Borrelli, Mord) approved February 23rd 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 accounts payable in the amount of $121,096.48.

M/S/C (Herkert, Mord) approve accounts payable in the amount of $121,096.48

Vote: Unanimous

Barbara presented the 2021 water refunds in the amount of $62,197.32.

M/S/C (Mord, Herkert) approve water refunds in the amount of $62,197.32 subject to Barbara and Terry confirming California Farms refund and verify amount.

Barbara requested approval of interim transactions in the amount of $47,859.29

M/S/C (Borrelli, Herkert) approve interim transactions in the amount of $47,859.29

Vote: Unanimous

Barbara presented the accounts receiveable.

Barbara requested a transfer from Fund One to Fund Three in the amount of $10,000.

M/S/C (Herkert, Mord) approve $10,000 transfer from Fund One to Fund Three.

Vote Unanimous

Barbara requested a transfer from LAIF to Umpqua Bank in the amount of $150,000

M/S/C (Borrelli, Herkert) approve transfer from LAIF to Umpqua Bank in the amount of $150,000

Vote: Unanimous

Barbara presented the balance sheet.

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

**New Business:**

1. Terry said PG&E approved installation for the Hydro Project in the amount of $35,000. He said the savings is $44,000 over 5 years. He said maintenance will be very low. Trustee Herkert said he didn’t know if the Board should approve the project this year. Trustee Bailey said he agreed with Trustee Herkert. This item will be carried over to the next meeting.

1. Terry reported there’s 71% of District ground planted in rice, 26% is Habitat and 3% is other crops.

**Chairman’s Report:**

Chairman Hulbert reported Shasta Dam is below 4 million acre-feet at this time. He said they’re looking at a constant minimum outflow of 3,250 c.f.s. all summer. He said he isn’t optimistic regarding the water opportunity off Butte Creek.

Chairman Hulbert said there’s been no water allocation to date. Trustee Bailey requested a new analysis on running wells with increased costs before a new allocation is given out.

Hayden Harter asked if the Board would consider purchasing well water from landowners if the District is short of water. The board said it could be a good option.

**Manager’s Report:**

1. Terry said he applied for a 75% grant for up to $200,000 for the 2021 water smart program. He said for 2022 the program is a 50% match up to $200,000 and he’s submitting an application.
2. He said Reclamation District 108 will be issuing checks next week for payment regarding the 2021 Fish Food program.
3. Terry said currently field staff is working on cleaning ditches.

**Old Business:**

1. Terry reported San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority water sale for 2022 is on hold pending water allocation. He said he would talk with Shelly Murphy of Colusa County Water District as they were also interested in purchasing water.
2. Terry said the Board needed to approve the annual report on the GSA/SGMA-Groundwater sustainability agreement. Terry said he’s seen the report and approved of it.

M/S/C (Borrelli, Herkert) approve annual report on the GSA/SGMA-Groundwater

Sustainability agreement.

1. Trustee Borrelli said at the outfall gates, the water should be maintained at the 39 foot level.

Terry said he could release water but it will depend how much water the landowners take in between the District and the outfall gates as to if the 39 foot level can be maintained.

1. Chairman Hulbert said the 2022 budget will be on hold until the water allocation is announced. However, he said it is a good time to catch up on spraying and cleaning canals in the District.
2. Barbara said she’s been in contact with Angela Bezzone of MBK Engineers regarding the language used in the notice of violation from DWR. To date she hasn’t received a response.
3. Trustee Herkert asked if Orland Artois water sell could be presented with costs at the next Board meeting.
4. Kurt Richter asked if there’s been any dialogue regarding riparian flows. Chairman Hulbert said not to date but he feels it will be limited.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p. m.

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Ed Hulbert Barbara J. Sachs

Chairman of the Board Secretary to the Board of Trustees