Reclamation District No. 1004



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING February 19th, 2020 1:30 p. m. MINUTES

Board of Trustees present: Ed Hulbert, Larry Borrelli, Leanne Mord and Hans Herkert. Others present: District Manager Terry Bressler, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Barbara Sachs, Shelley Cadek, Cindy Caswell, Jack Baber and Travis LaViolette.

Chairman Hulbert called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Agenda:

M/S/C (Hulbert, Mord) approve February 12th agenda.

Vote: Unanimous

Chairman Hulbert announced the passing of Trustee Roger Borrell the day before the meeting. He said Roger was very dedicated to the District and he would be greatly missed.

Minutes:

M/S/C (Borrelli. Herkert) approve January 8th minutes as modified

Vote: Unanimous

Public Comments:

Jack Baber said Shasta Dam is 78% full. He felt the District should push for a fish hatchery so Shasta water level could be taken down to normal in heavy rain years. Chairman Hulbert asked for suggestions on how to obtain a fish hatchery. Terry Bressler suggested talking with the Sacramento

River Settlement Contractors. Chairman Hulbert said he'll present it at the next SRSC meeting. He also said he would talk with David Guy of NCWA and asked Jack Baber to do the same.

Jack Baber said he and Glen Wellborn had proved the District water rights on Drumheller Slough and has documentation to prove it. He said the value to the District is Term 91. If the District was given a Term 91 notice they wouldn't have to shut down delivering water as Drumheller Slough is aligned for riparian rights.

Treasurer's Report:

Barbara Sachs presented the Treasurer's Report.

M/S/C (Herkert, Mord) approve Treasurer's Report as submitted.

Vote: Unanimous

Barbara Sachs presented the following financial reports.

Barbara said Trustee Borrell had asked her to obtain new certificate of deposit interest rates. She reported the rates were between .15% and 1.91%. She said LAIF and the County interest rates were 1.91% where the District is largely invested. The Board agreed to leave the investments where they are currently invested.

Interim transactions:

M/S/C (Borrelli, Herkert) approve interim transactions in the amount of \$11,099.44 Vote: Unanimous

Accounts Payable:

Barbara presented the accounts payable in the amount of \$70,950.72

M/S/C (Mord, Borrelli) approve accounts payable in the amount of \$70,950.72

Vote: Unanimous

Barbara presented the winter water refunds in the amount of \$73,325.12

M/S/C (Borrelli, Herkert) approved winter water refunds in the amount of \$73,325.12

Vote: Unanimous

Barbara presented the Accounts Receivable, Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss

Barbara requested a transfer of \$40,000 (November, December, January and February) from Fund One to Fund Three.

M/S/C (Borrelli, Herkert) approve transfer of \$40,000 from Fund One to Fund Three

Vote: Unanimous

Employee Sick and Vacation Leave:

No Comment

Cash report:

M/S/C (Mord, Borrelli) approve cash report as presented.

Vote: Unanimous

M/S/C (Mord, Borrelli) approve Designation of Financial Accounts.

Vote: Unanimous

New Business:

1. FSA Map:

Barbara said she's requesting Landowner's to include an FSA map with their RRA form filing. Barbara said the Bureau of Reclamation called and asked if the Board was considering paying off the \$1.6 million debt for building the Shasta Dam. The Board agreed they were not interested in paying off the debt. Barbara will notify Angela Munson at the Bureau of Reclamation of the Boards decision.

2. Vendors list:

The 2020 vendors list was presented to the Board for approval.

M/S/C (Herkert, Borrelli) approved 2020 vendors list.

Votes: Unanimous

3. Custom rates:

Barbara presented the 2020 custom rates to the Board.

M/S/C (Borelli, Mord) approved 2020 custom rates.

Vote: Unanimous

4. Growing hemp in District:

Chairman Hulbert said the County approved 3,000 acres of hemp to be grown (applications were limited to 20).

5. Water allocation:

The Board agreed to leave the allocation for non-rice crops and habitat water at 2.5 acre-feet. Summer water will remain at 5.0 acre-feet.

6. Allocation of annual fees for non-district landowners:

A lengthy discussion was had regarding the fee charged to non-district landowners. The Board agreed to lower the administration fee from \$7.88 to \$5.00 per acre.

M/S/C (Herkert, Mord) approved \$5.00 administration fee for non-district landowners.

Deryl Phy said he would like it noted that he doesn't agree with lowering the administration fee for non-district landowners.

7. 2020 water toll:

The Board discussed the 2020 water toll.

M/S/C (Herkert, Borrelli) approved \$19.50 water toll.

The water toll will be reviewed for the 2021 budget. Terry will talk with Dustin Cooper regarding Prop 218 and report back to the Board.

8. Trustee stipend:

The Board agreed to leave the Trustee stipend as is.

9. Drought water allocation:

Terry said he feels drought water allocation should be based on a five year average. Terry said he would talk with Dustin Cooper regarding this matter and report back to the Board.

10. White Mallard domestic wells:

Terry said the White Mallard wants to replace two domestic wells on the edge of RD1004 flood levee. Terry said he feels the Board should approve the replacement of the two domestic wells.

M/S/C (Borrelli, Mord) approve White Mallard replacing two domestic wells on the edge of the Districts flood levee.

Votes: Unanimous

11. 2020 Budget:

M/S/C (Borrelli, Herkert) approve 2020 budget.

Vote: Unanimous

Chairman's Report:

1. Voluntary agreement:

Chairman Hulbert said all Districts were contributing water so the State Water Resource Control Board won't take all Districts water. He said the governor signed onto it and said the State Water Resource Control Board wants more than the original amount of water.

2. Road maintenance:

David Barale talked with Chairman Hulbert regarding the road to their property (Barale Ranch). Chairman Hulbert said it was Jack Babers road. David Barale purchased two loads of rock for the District. The District installed the rock on the road.

3. NRDC:

Chairman Hulbert said Andy Hitchings reported the judge did not rule for the Districts. He said the trial could go on for another 3-5 years. He said he will discuss this matter with Dustin Cooper.

4. SB88:

Terry said the Districts if fully metered.

Manager's Report:

Terry reported 26,199 acre feet of winter water was delivered.

Terry reported he finished wheeling water to the Bureau of Reclamation February 2nd.

He said two pumps were pulled at the Brooks Walker and will cost approximately \$40,000 to be rebuilt.

He said the 2015 Chevy pickup will be sold at Bid Cal February 26th.

Terry said Matt Garrison was driving the backhoe and as he was turning onto Putnam Road a car tried to pass him and hit the backhoe. Damage was done to the backhoe and car. There were no injuries. CHP filed a report and ACWA JPIA was notified.

Terry said he hired a new employee Daniel Cunha at \$16.00 per hour. He said he also re-hired Wayne Montz for a short time to train Daniel and Matt on the meters. He'll be paid \$21.00 per hour.

He said the concrete ditch will be repaired March 6th - March 10th.

He said the outlook program to monitor the two scada systems will be replaced at a cost of approximately \$17,000. It will be all cellular.

Terry said the District website is up. The address is www.reclamationdistrict1004.us

He reported he's still working on the croftsets with Bureau of Reclamation.

Terry said the Colusa CCA and Butte GSA boundary has not been resolved yet.

Terry said he'll discuss the 2020 water transfer with Dustin Cooper.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Ed Hulbert Ba

Chairman of the Board Secretary to the Board of Trustees