Reclamation District No. 1004



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING January 8th, 2020 1:30 p. m. MINUTES

Board of Trustees present: Ed Hulbert, Roger Borrell, Larry Borrelli, Leanne Mord and Hans Herkert. Others present: District Manager Terry Bressler, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Barbara Sachs and Travis LaViolette.

Chairman Hulbert called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

Agenda:

M/S/C (Borrell, Borrelli) approve January 8th agenda.

Vote: Unanimous

Minutes:

M/S/C (Herkert, Mord) approve December 11th minutes as revised

Vote: Ayes 4

Trustee Borrelli abstained as he was absent.

Trustee Borrell suggested selecting the position of Chairman and Vice Chairman for the upcoming year.

After discussion M/S/C (Borrelli, Herkert) approve Ed Hulbert as Chairman of the Board and Roger Borrell as Vice Chairman.

Vote: Unanimous with Chairman Hulbert and Trustee Borrell abstaining.

Public Comments:

None

Treasurer's Report:

Barbara Sachs presented the Treasurer's Report.

M/S/C (Borrell, Borrelli) approve Treasurer's Report as submitted.

Vote: Unanimous

Barbara Sachs presented the following financial reports.

Interim transactions:

M/S/C (Borrell, Borrelli) approve interim transactions in the amount of \$46,081.83

Vote: Unanimous

Accounts Payable:

Barbara presented the accounts payable in the amount of \$87,009.90

M/S/C (Herkert, Borrell) approve accounts payable in the amount of \$87,009.90

Vote: Unanimous

Barbara reported that the interest rate on the Caterpillar D4 was 4%. The District is currently earning 1.7% interest on their cash and therefore the Board felt it best to pay off this obligation.

Barbara presented the payoff for the Caterpillar D4 in the amount of \$112,514.09.

M/S/C (Herbert, Mord) approve payoff of the Caterpillar D4 in the amount of \$112,514.09

Vote: Unanimous

Chairman Hulbert said the accountant's fee increased 5%. This is a higher percentage than in previous years. The Board agreed to have Barbara call Robert Johnson and inquire as to the reason for the increase. She will advise him the Board agreed to pay \$7,350.00 and see if he's agreeable.

M/S/C (Hulbert, Borrell) approve Chairman Hulbert signing the letter approving \$7,350.00 for the 2019 audit fee if Robert Johnson is agreeable.

Ayes: Unanimous

Barbara said Tri-Counties Bank, Umpqua Bank and Wells Fargo Bank had expressed interest in giving a presentation of their services. The Board agreed they are happy with the current status and felt no need for a presentation. Barbara will relay the information to the Bank managers.

Barbara presented the Accounts Receivable, Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss, Profit and Loss to Budget.

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

M/S/C (Herkert, Borrelli) approve transfer of \$10,000 from Fund One to Fund Three

Vote: Unanimous

Barbara requested a transfer of \$250,000 from LAIF to Umpqua Bank

M/S/C (Borrelli, Mord) transfer \$250,000 from LAIF to Umpqua Bank

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. Budget:

The Board reviewed the 2020 potential budget. The Board discussed administration, engineering and legal fees for service area landowners. Terry presented a one sheet report relating to Rancho Caleta and Butte Creek Farms percentages/shares. This item will be discussed at the February Board meeting.

2. Proposition 218:

Trustee Borrell said before setting the water toll, he would speak with Dustin Cooper regarding the procedures. He said the District would be required to write a Prop 218 letter to the landowners and if the majority votes were to not raise the rates, the rates would stay the same.

If the District raises the annual fee, he feels an engineer's report may be required and the last time he investigated the fee for the engineer's report the fee was something like \$10,000.

3. NRDC vs Bernhardt:

Trustee Borrell said he talked with Andy Hitchings. Andy said there'll be more attorney fees because the complexion of the case has changed.

4. ACWA JPIA:

Barbara said she received the application and information on the \$10,000 grant through ACWA JPIA. Terry said he was going to use the grant for the monitoring system at the Bifurcation/White Mallard Dam.

5. FSA maps:

Barbara said she wanted to request all landowners to submit new FSA maps so the District Map could be updated and new maps drawn. The Board agreed.

6. Potential water transfer:

The Board agreed they're interested in water sales. Terry will advise Dustin Cooper.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Hulbert said the draft Voluntary Settlement Agreement in its overall status is not encouraging.

He said 2020 SRSC membership fees were invoiced. There was no increase this year.

Manager's Report:

1. **GSA**:

Terry reported he has delivered 24,000 acre-feet of winter water.

He delivered 2,230 acre-feet to Fish and Wildlife Refuge in the month of December.

Terry said he ordered a box pipe for under the Avis Canal. He also pulled the Brooks Walker pump for repairs.

Terry said shut off for winter water will be Friday January 31st.

Terry requested the Board review the acre-feet of water allocated to each landowner who hasn't taken recent water on a parcel of ground.

Closed Session:

The Board went into closed session at 4:12 p.m.

The Board resumed open session at 4:48 p.m.

Chairman Hulbert reported all Board members present agreed all eligible employees will be given a 1% increase in their retirement fund contribution (currently 5% to increase to 6%)

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Secretary to the Board of Trustees