

**MINUTES
REDWOOD VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022**

Call to Order: 5:02 p.m.

Directors Present:

Director, Ken Todd

Director, Bree Klotter

Director, Tom Schoeneman

Director, Adam Gaska

Absent: None

Others Present:

GM Jared Walker, Office Manager Liz Patton, Board Secretary Kate Barrett, Russian River Flood Control John Reardan, Chris Watt, Beth Salomone, Public, Jeff Basili

Public Forum

None.

Consider hearing of urgent items received since the agenda was posted

Director Todd noted that he would like to cover the Hensley Creek Project. The board decided to do so under the Directors *Report*.

Agenda

Director Klotter made a motion, seconded by Director Gaska, to accept the agenda. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Minutes

Director Klotter made a motion, seconded by Director Todd, to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2022 regular board meeting. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Director Gaska made a motion, seconded by Director Todd, to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2022 special board meeting. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Financial Statements

Director Klotter made a motion, seconded by Director Gaska, to approve the financials for March 2022. The motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Staff Reports

a. General Manager

- i. GM, Walker reported that he had a meeting with the local PG&E representative regarding power rates plans that could save the district money.
- ii. GM, Walker reported that the school district reached out to him regarding the Redwood Valley school.
 1. Someone is looking at purchasing the school and is inquiring what could be built there.
 2. GM, Walker suggested that the new owner send a proposal of what he is planning to build and they can take it from there.

- iii. GM, Walker reported that he is trying to reallocate funds from one of the grants to be used for meter replacements. The County counsel has to look at it, then the Board of Supervisors.
 - 1. In the meantime, the District has meters that are 15-18 years old that need to be changed. In the next 2-3 years, there will be approximately 1000 meters that will need to be changed out.
 - 2. Staffs recommendation is to order some meters now and do what they can until staff hear back about the remainder of the money.

b. Office Manager

- i. Office Manager, Patton reported that staff is now able to charge late fees and turn customers off for nonpayment.

Old Business

a. Report on Upper Russian River Water Agency and Consolidation Efforts

- i. Director Todd reported that at the last meeting Sean White attended and talked about the consolidation efforts between URRWA and the City of Ukiah. He made it sound positive, however, Redwood Valley and Calpella would not be a part of the consolidation.
- ii. GM, Walker noted that the City is interested in Willow's and Millview's Districts. Staff's recommendation was to have the City of Ukiah make an application to join URRWA.
 - 1. GM, Walker commented that he was in a meeting with Sean White, members in Willits, the State, as well as LAFCo in regards to the Safer Act. While Sean White and GM, Walker were mentioning the potential of a consolidation, the State stepped in stating that Redwood Valley needs to be a part of the consolidation. The State asked to make that a priority.
 - 2. According to the City, if Millview and Willow consolidate with the City of Ukiah, they would not have to get extra water from the Russian River Flood Control. That way, there would be more water that is uncontracted that Redwood Valley would have available to them.

b. Drought and Water Supply Updates

- i. GM, Walker noted that within the packet, there is an excel spreadsheet that was presented to all water right holders along the Russian River; it is the voluntary water conservation agreement percentages.
- ii. The Districts are looking at conserving approximately 60% across the board.
 - 1. It puts the Districts in a better position than last year.

c. Grant Funding Updates

- i. GM, Walker reported that the PG&E Settlement Fund was for \$200,000 which the District used the money for a new VFD drive out at Lake Mendocino as well as plumbing and electrical work.
- ii. The other grant is for \$1.8million. At the last meeting, the board decided to have staff meet with a couple of candidates who would be interested in handling the project management and the financial side of things; the candidates are Ludorf & Scalmini and LACO.

New Business

a. IWPC Funding Request - \$50,000

- i. GM, Walker reported that the IWPC is requesting \$50,000 to help with consulting and legal fees.

- ii. Director Gaska made a motion, seconded by Director Todd, to approve \$25,000 and to revisit the topic in June when the budget is done. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

b. Russian River Flood Control 2021 Invoice

- i. GM, Walker reported that this is an invoice the District gets every year, and it changes based upon the amount of water that gets diverted and the operating expenses of the RRFC.
- ii. Director Gaska made a motion, seconded by Director Todd, to approve the Russian River Flood Control 2021 Invoice. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

c. Request to Refill Pond with Ag Water due to Broiler Fire and Fire Protection

- i. GM, Walker reported that Kerry Robinson, Fire Chief of the Redwood Valley-Calpella Fire Department, reached out to him in regards to a property owner, Mr. Satterwhite, whose pond was used to help fight the Broiler Fire.
- ii. Director Klotter made a motion, seconded by Director Todd, to help refill Mr. Satterwhite's pond, up to half an acre foot. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

d. Irrigation Water Service Cancellation

i. 1401 Road D

- 1. GM, Walker reported that a customer wants to turn in their 4" ag meter.
- 2. The Board directed staff to accept the request and clean up to the mainline.

Director's Report

Director Todd commented that the Hensley Creek Project is something that could be viable; it could be up to 10,000 acre feet.

- Beth Salomone, RRFC, noted that they are actively doing the required studies as well as meeting with Fish and Wildlife and the State.

Closed Session

The board did not adjourn into a closed session.

Adjournment

Director Todd made a motion, seconded by Director Klotter, to adjourn the meeting. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Tom Schoeneman - Board President

Date _____

Kate Barrett - Board Secretary

Date _____