

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

**Call to Order: 5:08 p.m.**

Directors Present:

Director, Ken Todd

Director, Bree Klotter

Director, Tom Schoeneman

Absent: Adam Gaska

Others Present:

GM Jared Walker, Office Manager Liz Patton, Board Secretary Kate Barrett, Russian River Flood Control John Reardan, LACO Jordan Blough, Rod Wilburn, Energea, Mike Silvestrini, Public, Monica Huett

**Public Forum**

None.

**Consider hearing of urgent items received since the agenda was posted**

Director Klotter commented that she would like to add two things to the agenda under New Business:

1. Consideration of having Zoom participation for Director's
2. Poll of Ag customers who have ponds on their property

These items will be added to the agenda under 10e) and 10f).

**Agenda**

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

**Minutes**

Director Todd made a motion, seconded by Director Klotter, to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2022 regular board meeting. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

**Financial Statements**

Director Klotter made a motion, seconded by Director Todd, to approve the financials for May 2022 and June 2022. The motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

**Staff Reports**

**a. General Manager**

- i. GM, Walker reported that he spoke with Jim Nelson from Performance Pumps and the new VFD drives arrived earlier that day.
- ii. August 12 is the deadline to go to the County to sign up to re-run for office for the November elections.
- iii. Included in the packet is a copy of the Grand Jury report.
  1. It has a great insight into the history of the Redwood Valley County Water District.
  2. Within the report, there are several recommendations made by the Grand Jury.

- a. The board directed staff to bring this item back to next month's agenda.

**b. Office Manager**

- i. Office Manager, Patton reported that on July 1, 2022 the second stage of rate increases are scheduled to go into effect.
  1. There will be an increase of 6%
  2. There are approximately 10 ag customers who have threatened to not pay or are not paying their ag water bill due to not receiving any water.

**Old Business**

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

- i. GM, Walker reported that he has had ongoing meetings with Sean White, City of Ukiah, and Michelle Frederick, the State, about funding for consolidation. The program that was being looked at before has a cap of \$20million, and both Sean White and GM, Walker agree that the districts will need around \$50million for infrastructure improvements to have the regionalized water system operate efficiently.
- ii. During Calpella's meeting, the board discussed hiring a consolidation consultant to assist with the consolidation. Whether or not they would share the same consultant as the City of Ukiah has not been discussed.

**b. Drought and Water Supply Updates**

- i. GM, Walker reported that he has signed Redwood Valley, as well as the other districts, up for the Voluntary Water Conservation Agreement.
- ii. FERC has yet to approve PG&E's variance. The longer FERC takes to approve PG&E's variance, the better it is for the districts and will leave more water in Lake Mendocino.

**New Business**

**a. Consideration of Proposal from Energea on Solar Program at Redwood Valley CWD Water Treatment Plant**

- i. Mike Silvestrini, Energea, gave a presentation about their Solar Program and the benefits Redwood Valley would receive.
  1. RVCWD would have cheaper and cleaner energy costing \$0.12/kWh. The district could save approximately \$120,000.
    - a. There would be a 20 year commitment.
- ii. The board directed staff to get more information and get back to Energea.

**b. Consideration of Engineering Service Agreement with LACO Associates**

- i. Included in the packet was a proposed agreement between LACO and RVCWD regarding the DWR Grant Funding Agreement.
- ii. Jordan Blough, LACO, discussed the proposed agreement and what was to be expected.
- iii. Director Klotter made a motion, seconded by Director Todd, to sign the proposed agreement with LACO and DWR. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

**c. Report on Request for Water from Russian River Flood Control**

- i. GM, Walker reported that back in May, the district was told to make a formal request if they wanted excess water from RRFC. The District made a formal request to RRFC and was denied.

**d. Consideration of FY 2022-23 Budget**

- i. Director Klotter made a motion, seconded by Director Todd, to approve the FY 2022-23 Budget. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

**e. Consideration of Having Zoom Participation for Director’s**

- i. GM, Walker reported that staff is currently trying to figure out a way to make it possible for Director’s to have the option of being in person or via *Zoom*.
- ii. Next month, staff will bring back a resolution to reinstate the Zoom hybrid.

**f. Poll of Ag Customers who have Ponds on their Property**

- i. Director Klotter wants to know how many of the Ag customers have ponds on their property, how much water they hold, and how much would they be willing to pay for water if RVCWD was able to purchase water from somewhere else.
  - 1. Director Klotter commented that she would like to send out a poll via mail.
- ii. Director Gaska (attending via Zoom) commented that he would try to reach out to Potter Valley and inquire about purchasing water.
- iii. Staff recommended talking to Potter Valley before sending out a questionnaire.
- iv. Director Todd and Director Gaska will reach out to their contacts in Potter Valley.
- v. This item will be brought back next month.

**Director’s Report**

None.

**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 7:36 p.m.

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**Tom Schoeneman - Board President**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Kate Barrett - Board Secretary**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_