

Minutes
Upper Russian River Water Agency
Board of Directors Meeting
August 4, 2021

Director McNerlin called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

Present: Directors, Ken Todd, Steve Bogart, Theresa McNerlin, Jerry Cardoza, Ross LaRue, Willow GM, Jared Walker, Board Secretary, Kate Barrett, Russian River Flood Control GM, Beth Salomone, RRFC, Chris Watt, Al White

Absent: None

Approval of July 7, 2021 Minutes

Director Todd made a motion, seconded by Director LaRue, to approve the July 7, 2021 minutes. This motion was passed with the following vote:

AYES: Todd, Bogart, McNerlin, LaRue

NAYS: -0-

ABSTAIN: Cardoza

ABSENT: -0-

Approval of the Financials

Director Bogart made a motion, seconded by Director Cardoza, to approve the financials for July 2021. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Public Forum

None.

Update on the Potter Valley Project

- None.

Update on Drought Conditions & Water Conservation

- GM, Walker reported that sometime before the end of the month, Lake Mendocino is going to hit the 20,000 acre feet threshold.
- Staff are constantly on the phones trying to reach out to customers and asking them to conserve.
- Fort Bragg and Mendocino have reached out to the County of Mendocino and have asked for help in getting potable water hauled over to them. Unfortunately, the SWRCB has not given any exception to do so under our water rights.

Consideration of Consolidation Efforts

- GM, Walker reported that Josh Nelson from BB&K is going to give a presentation about the options the districts have for consolidation.

BB&K Consolidation Presentation

- There are several different paths the districts could pursue.
 - i.e. each district can keep specific zones and have one board consisting of 5 to 11 people.

- The legal team believes that URRWA is a viable candidate for consolidation.
- To complete the consolidation, it would cost approximately \$20-30,000.

UVBGSA Funding

- For the first year, URRWA contribution will be \$55,000 and this will be split among the individual districts.
- There is a possibility to get grant funding, but it would not be available this first year.

Appointment of Director to UVBGSA

- Director LaRue volunteered to be the new director for the UVBGSA.
- Director Cardoza made a motion, seconded by Director Todd, to appoint Director LaRue to be the new director for the UVBGSA. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Director's Report

- Director Bogart reported that Calpella's water conservation efforts have been going well.
- Director Cardoza noted that there are agencies that do consolidations that are funded by the State Water Resources Board.

Adjournment

Director Bogart made a motion, seconded by Director Todd, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:07pm.

Theresa McNerlin - Board President
Upper Russian River Water Agency

Date _____

Attest: _____
Kate Barrett - Board Secretary

Date _____