

**MINUTES
REDWOOD VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022**

Call to Order: 5:01 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, Secretary, Ashtyn Davis, Russian River Flood Control Beth Salmone, Energea, Mike Silvestrini, Redwood Valley Rancheria, Mary Camp, Public, Monica Huett, Katrina Frey, Kate Fishman

Resolution 2022-01 - Resolution of the Redwood Valley County Water District Finding that State or Local Officials Continue to Recommend Measures to Promotes Social Distancing in Connection with Public Meetings

Director Gaska made a motion, seconded by Director Klotter, to accept Resolution 2022-01. This motion was passed with the following vote

AYES: Todd, Klotter, Gaska, Schoeneman

NOES: -0-

ABSTAIN: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

Public Forum

None.

Consider hearing of urgent items received since the agenda was posted

GM, Walker requested to move agenda item 11a) to the top of the agenda. The board agreed to have agenda item 11a) after the approval of the agenda.

Agenda

Director Gaska made a motion, seconded by Director Todd, to accept the agenda as amended. 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 July 21, 2022 regular board meeting. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Financial Statements

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

Staff Reports

a. General Manager

- i. GM, Walker reported that the backup pump and motor for the intertie arrived.
- ii. LACO has sent the completed contract to DWR.
 1. A land survey will be done in the next couple of weeks.
 2. LACO will be onsite after the survey is complete.

b. Office Manager

- i. None.

Old Business

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

- i. GM, Walker reported that he and Sean White had an Ad Hoc meeting, and they have decided to move forward with a larger workshop.
- ii. Meeting is set for September 6th at 6 p.m. Location of the meeting is undecided at this time. Members from the State will be present at this meeting to answer any questions.
- iii. Still need to determine who is going to be the Lead Agency of this operation.

b. Drought and Water Supply Updates

- i. GM, Walker reported that PG&E's variance application was approved by FERC. The flows through the Potter Valley Project and into Lake Mendocino were reduced from 75 CFS to 5 CFS.
- ii. All water rights holders that are participating in the voluntary water sharing program have now been told that the program will be suspended due to the reduction of flows.
- iii. Staff has permission from Russian River Flood Control to top off the storage reservoir at the treatment plant.

New Business

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

- i. Mike Silvestrini, Energea, reviewed Redwood Valley's PG&E rates versus Energea's proposed rates.
- ii. Director Klotter made a motion, seconded by Director Gaska, to get an updated contract and send it to legal counsel. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.
- iii. The board directed staff to bring this item back next month for updates.

b. Ag Customer Survey

- i. Director Klotter passed a copy of a re-draft of last month's survey to the Directors for their consideration. She included a question regarding if the District was able to purchase water from another source, would ag customers be willing to pay more to be turned back on.
- ii. Director Gaska made a motion, seconded by Director Todd, to send a survey out to all of the ag customers. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

c. Discussion on the Grand Jury Report

- i. Director Klotter suggested that the board keep moving forward with good faith.
- ii. Beth Salmone, RRFC, asked if the board was going to consider any of the recommendations from the Grand Jury Report.
- iii. The board discussed engaging with the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation pursuing partial or full loan forgiveness.

1. Director Schoeneman commented that they have tried to get the loan forgiven in the past, and were unsuccessful.
 2. Director Klotter commented that the last interaction the board had with the Bureau of Reclamation, she felt that legal counsel was blowing them off.
- iv. Staff recommends waiting until after the September 6 workshop and to meet with legal counsel at the September meeting.

d. Legal Counsel Consideration

- i. The board directed staff to give follow up after the September 6 workshop and have a closed session at the September meeting.

Director's Report

None.

Closed Session

The board did not adjourn into a closed session.

Adjournment

Director Todd made a motion, seconded by Director Gaska, to adjourn the meeting. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Tom Schoeneman - Board President

Date _____

Kate Barrett - Board Secretary

Date _____