

Minutes
Upper Russian River Water Agency
Board of Directors Meeting
September 1, 2021

Director McNerlin called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

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

Absent: Ross LaRue

Approval of August 4, 2021 Minutes

Director Todd made a motion, seconded by Director Cardoza, to approve the August 4, 2021 minutes with corrections under *Appointment of Director to UVBGS*. This motion was passed with the following vote:

AYES: Todd, Bogart, McNerlin, Cardoza

NAYS: -0-

ABSTAIN: -0-

ABSENT: LaRue

Approval of the Financials

Director Cardoza made a motion, seconded by Director Todd, to approve the financials for August 2021.

This motion was passed with the following vote:

AYES: Todd, Bogart, McNerlin, Cardoza

NAYS: -0-

ABSTAIN: -0-

ABSENT: LaRue

Public Forum

None.

Update on the Potter Valley Project

- GM, Walker reported that Potter Valley Irrigation District had their point of diversion inspection.

Update on Drought Conditions & Water Conservation

- GM, Walker reported that Redwood Valley is on Human Health and Safety minimum: 55 gallons of water per person per day. The rest of the districts are on a mandatory 50% water reduction.
- Most customers are responsive to the phone calls and door hangers.
- Lake Mendocino went under 20,000 acre ft last week.
- RRFC, GM Beth Salomone noted that we should see a flattening of the curve due to cooler weather and people are learning to conserve more water.
 - It is going to take time to recover from the drought, and people need to get used to conserving and being conscious about water usage.
 - Most of the water loss staff is seeing is either due to natural causes, such as evaporation, or to unauthorized taking of water.

Consideration of Consolidation Efforts

- GM, Walker reported that the presentation from BB&K went well. It is common consensus among the districts to pursue the consolidation efforts.
- During the Calpella board meeting, Director Bogart suggested having a workshop among the districts to discuss short and long term goals, as well as concerns.
 - The board agreed to have a workshop. Dates will be set at a later date.

Contribution of \$4,000 to UVBGSA Studies

- Director Cardoza made a motion, seconded by Director Todd, to contribute \$4,000 to UVBGSA Studies from their existing funds. This motion was passed with the following vote:
 AYES: Todd, Bogart, McNerlin, Cardoza
 NAYS: -0-
 ABSTAIN: -0-
 ABSENT: LaRue

Resolution 2021-01: Resolution of the Upper Russian River Water Agency (URRWA) Appointing Representative to the Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

- Director Cardoza made a motion, seconded by Director Todd, to appoint Director LaRue to be the new representative for UVBGSA. This motion was passed with the following roll call vote:
 AYES: Todd, Bogart, McNerlin, Cardoza
 NAYS: -0-
 ABSTAIN: -0-
 ABSENT: LaRue

Director’s Report

- Director Bogart reported that Calpella is mandating a 50% reduction in water usage, and Calpella is still meeting via Zoom due to the potential exposure to Covid.
- Director Cardoza noted that Millview is in need of a new director soon.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:43pm.

Theresa McNerlin - Board President
Upper Russian River Water Agency

Date _____

Attest: _____
Kate Barrett - Board Secretary

Date _____