

RAISIN CITY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes

Meeting Date:
Thursday, April 27, 2023
1:00 PM

Meeting Location:
455 W Fir Ave
Clovis, CA 93611

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Directors Present: Gere Gunlund
Gagan Batth – arrived at 1:08
Don Cameron
Jonathon DeGroot
John Verwey

Other Attendees: Randy Hopkins, Provost & Pritchard
Laurie Sales, Provost & Pritchard
Rick Besecker, Provost & Pritchard
Lynn Moeller, Provost & Pritchard
John Kinsey, Legal Counsel - Wanger Jones Helsley PC

Matt Hurley - MAGSA
Cristel Tufenkian -
MAGSA
Marjorie Bookout
Ken Alles
Matt Abercrombie
Manny Amorelli–
James ID

Jeanne Harguindequy
Marianne Harguindeguy
Jerry Rai
Lori Daniele
Michael Naito
Jerry Radinoff
Marvin Scheidt
Vincent Ricchiuti

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Gunlund)

Director Gunlund called the meeting to order at 1:02

2. RECOGNITION OF ATTENDEES *(Hopkins)*

The attendees were introduced.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT *(Gunlund)*

The first fifteen minutes of this portion of the meeting are reserved for members of the public to address the Board of Directors. Speakers shall be limited to three minutes. Speakers will be asked to identify themselves and state the subject of their comment. The Board is prohibited by law from taking any action on matters discussed that are not on the Agenda, and no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Board does not respond to public comment at this time.

None.

4. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST *(Gunlund)*

Any Board Member who has a potential conflict of interest may now identify the item and recuse themselves from discussing and voting on the matter. [FPPC §87105]

None

5. MINUTES *(Hopkins)*

A. Discussion / possible action to approve minutes for:

i. March 20, 2023, Special Board Meeting

Director Cameron made the motion to approve the minutes; Director DeGroot seconded the motion; which Passed unanimously (prior to Director Bath's arrival).

6. FINANCIAL *(Besecker)*

A. Discussion / possible action to approve the financial report and District bills.

Director Cameron made the motion to approve the bills to be paid. Director DeGroot seconded the motion; which passed unanimously.

Mr. Besecker presented the treasurer's report. He noted that the Board would need to meet in July to adopt the 2023-24 budget and to have the 2023-24 assessment hearing.

The board asked the treasurer about higher-interest accounts. Mr. Besecker will research options.

7. ANNEXATION *(DeGroot/Gunlund/Hopkins/Kinsey)*

A. Discussion /possible action to consider annexation requests and initiate annexation process.
(take out of order pending legal counsel)

Mr. Hopkins reported that he, Mr. Kinsey, and the ad hoc committee met with LAFCO in March. The process is that RCWD must submit a Municipal Services Review along with applications to amend the Sphere of Influence (SOI) and for annexation. Mid-Valley WD's SOI amendment would be submitted at the same time. If more than 25% of either the registered voters living in the proposed annexation, or 25% of the acreage in the proposed annexation object to the annexation an election will be needed.

Items for future board consideration may include:

1. Board representation.
2. Agreement with the annexation proponents to cover costs through voluntary assessment. Mr. Hopkins expects the cost to be approximately \$100,000 – including P&P fees, legal expenses and LAFCO fees.
3. Zones of annexation to allow for flexibility during the annexation process.

Mr. Kinsey hopes to have the reimbursement agreement ready by next month's meeting. If less than 25 % of residents protest (those being annexed) then it processes with an action for LAFCO to take. If it goes over that, then a vote is required.

Based on this meeting P&P prepared a task order for the work that needs to be done.

Director DeGroot made a motion to approve the task order and proceed with the actions contingent on the approval of the voluntary assessment and have staff proceed with filing the application with LAFCO. Seconded by Director Cameron. The vote was 4 to 1 (Bath against).

Mr. Abercrombie asked that a member of the white area be invited to future LAFCO meetings.

8. AD-HOC COMMITTEES

A. The Board of Directors will hear reports and possible action from the following Ad-Hoc Committees:

i. Fresno ID Committee (*Cameron/DeGroot*)

Mr. Hopkins indicated that the group plans to get together in June/July. FID and RCWD indicated want to keep the door open for future talks. Under the current flood conditions, FID indicated they would like to continue to work with MAGSA to provide water this year. Mr. Hurley indicated MAGSA was unwilling to accept the conditions set but that communications with FID will continue.

9. McMULLIN EXPANSION PROJECT (*Hopkins/Hurley*)

A. Report on the status of the project.

Ms. Moeller reported they have submitted the 90% plans and specifications to NCRS. She received a call from them and was informed they have a few comments they should have back by next week. The project may still be able to move forward pending the federal environmental review (NEPA), but construction may be very limited until it is complete. The NEPA document may take approximately 4 months to receive approval. P&P and MAGSA will look at ways to start construction while waiting for the pending NEPA approval to be finalized

10. MAGSA ACTIVITIES (*Cameron/DeGroot/Hurley/Hopkins*)

A. Report on MAGSA activities.

Mr. Hurley reported on the following topics:

Water Bank. The cultural survey has been completed with no significant findings. The joint federal and state environmental document is close to being submitted for review.

Prop 218 – renewal of the \$19 per acre with no increase. The hearing notice is June 7. Unless more objections are received totaling more than 50%, plus 1 they will proceed with current assessment of up-to \$19 per acre.

2.8 million dollars from USBR for meters. They will work with those that have purchased their meters. He anticipates being able to rebate 50% to landowners for their purchases. He anticipates the district will be 100% metered.

GSPs we received our recommendation for approval, but we have not received it yet. Hopefully, by mid-May we will have their comments for our 2025 update.

11. CORRESPONDENCE (*Hopkins*)

A. Correspondence since the previous Board of Directors meeting may be presented.

Mr. Rai was provided an opportunity to comment. He indicated there is a white area in CID with no county representation. He said taking liability off the county should cost the county. How are they going to protect the existing landowners? Incoming water would have to be divided into more pieces. He will write up his questions and present for Mr. Kinsey.

Mr. Rai asked what the cost of pumping was for the McMullin Recharge Project.

The Country reached out to the District to update the Conflict of Interest code. Mr. Kinsey will review.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING (Hopkins)

- A. Discussion / possible action regarding the date of the scheduled regular meeting of the Board of Directors, currently scheduled for May 16, 2023.

13. UPCOMING EVENTS (Hopkins)

- A. ACWA Spring 2023 – May 9 – 11, 2023 in Monterey, CA
- B. ACWA Fall 2023 – November 28 – 30 in Indian Wells, CA
- C. Panel discussion through the farm bureau “is the drought really over?”

14. ADJOURNMENT (Gunlund)

Adjourned at 2:20pm.

APPROVED:



Randy Hopkins, Secretary