

RAISIN CITY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

Meeting Date:
Tuesday, July 18, 2023
1:30 PM

Meeting Location:
455 W Fir Ave
Clovis, CA 93611

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Directors Present: Gere Gunlund
Don Cameron
Jonathon DeGroot
John Verwey

Directors Absent Gagan Batth

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
Marjorie Bookout
Matt Abercrombie
Manny Amorelli-
James ID
Jeanne Harguindeguy
Yvonne Haeguindéguy
Marianne Harguindeguy
Lori Daniele
Michael Naito

Jerry Radinoff
Marvin Scheidt
Paul Toste
Daniel Babshoff
Tom Chaney
Gerald Kinnunen -
RD1606
Micah Combs – James
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1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (*Gunlund*)

1:37 pm called to order. No changes.

2. RECOGNITION OF ATTENDEES (*Hopkins*)

In person visitors were encouraged to sign in.

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.

A James ID board member, Mike Combs introduced himself and indicted he was just visiting.

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. April 27, 2023, Special Board Meeting

Director Cameron made a motion to approve the April 27 Special Board Meeting minutes, the moiton was seconded by Director Degroot and passed unanimously by those present.

6. FINANCIAL (*Besecker*)

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

Mr. Besecker presented the treasurer's report. Director Verwey made a motion to approve the payment of District bills. Director Cameron seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by those present.

The board asked Mr. Besecker about the timing of county payments. He reported that the county sends out disbursements in February and June, with a possible third check to cover if delinquencies are collected (usually because of a sale or refinance).

B. Discussion / possible action to adopt 2023-24 Budget

Mr. Besecker presented the budget. Mr. Hopkins explained that they kept Prop 218 and Infrastructure Planning on the budget.

Director Cameron made a motion to approve the budget. Director DeGroot seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by those present.

7. BENEFIT ASSESSMENT HEARING (*Besecker*)

A. The Board will hear a report, convene as the District's Board of Equalization to conduct a hearing, be asked to adopt benefit assessments for 2023/24 (**Resolution No. 2023-01**) and authorize a notice to be submitted to Fresno County.

Director Gunlund moved to open the Board of Equalization meeting for discussion at 1:45pm.. Mr. Besecker indicated the record book is available. All land is equally assessed. There was no public comment.

The BOE was closed, and the Board returned to the regular meeting. The assessed value is \$0.75/acre with a minimum assessment of \$2 per parcel.. Director De Groot made a motion to adopt the benefit assessment, approving Resolution No. 2023-01. Director Cameron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE (Hopkins)

- A. Discussion / possible action to approve updated Conflict of Interest Code required by Gov. Code Sec. 81000, et seq. and CCR Sec. 18370. (**Resolution No. 2023-02**)

Mr. Hopkins reported that the County requires an updated Conflict of Interest Code.

Director Cameron made a motion to approve the COI and Resolution No. 2023-02. The motion was seconded by Director DeGroot. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

9. ANNEXATION (DeGroot/Gunlund/Hopkins/Kinsey)

- A. Report on status of annexation process

Mr. Hopkins presented the status of the annexation process. The agreement discusses how those wishing to annex into the district need to fund the process. These funds would be accounted for separately. Any unused funds would be refunded on a prorated basis.

In the event there is a cost increase, those who have contributed would have the option to pay more or stop the process.

Mr. Kinsey reported that they met with some of the members of the white area. One thing they had asked for was in the event the process isn't completed, they are entitled to keep the work product.

- B. Discussion / possible action to authorize Annexation Funding Agreement.

Jerry Radinoff first expressed appreciation that they are being offered an opportunity to annex into the district. He does feel that there is a lack of commitment from the Raisin City WD board on what the board will provide. That would assure them that they will not be in some subordinate position on the board. And they'd like to know if there would be any additional charges other than the annexation costs.

Mr. Kinsey responded that Raisin City is an at-large election district. Those members of the annexed area would have the same voting rights as those already in the district. The District is hesitant to divide up the district into zones.

Staff hopes, and expectation is to be conservative in the costs for the annexation. In the event of a protest, there could be significantly higher costs. They would have the option of adding more funds or dropping the annexation.

Mr. Kinsey indicated a clause could be added to state that those annexing into the district would have the same rights and privileges as the existing landowners.

Director DeGroot made a motion to approve including a provision to clarify the application and annexation that the new landowners would enter the district with the same rights, privileges, and obligations as the existing landowners. And authorize staff to make clarifying edits. Any substantial

edits would need to be brought back to the board for approval. The motion was seconded by Director Verwey and passed unanimously by those present.

Mr. Hopkins clarified that if less than 25% of the acreage or residents protest, then it proceeds without an election. There may be areas identified during the process to exclude areas that aren't interested in annexation.

10. AD-HOC COMMITTEES

- A. The Board of Directors will hear reports from the following Ad-Hoc Committees:
 - i. Fresno ID Committee (*Cameron/DeGroot*)

Nothing to report.

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

- A. Report on the status of the project.

Ms. Moeller is still working on getting agreements and easements in place with the landowners. We are moving forward with getting the legal descriptions done. Still moving forward to going out to bid in the fall, with construction starting at the beginning of the year. Mr. Hurley indicated that he feels they are close to getting approval by NCRS.

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

- A. Report on MAGSA activities.

Mr. Hurley reported meeting is scheduled for August 2. In July, they adopted their budget for the next five years. Don Cameron was elected as the current chairman. Matt Abercrombie is vice-chairman. The Prop 218 election renewed the \$19/acre charge for the next five years. The coordination group has not yet received a recommendation from DWR about the GSP update. MAGSA is just 18 months out from the 2025 update.

The EQIP contracts have been awarded. Mr. Hurley suggested reaching out to the district as they have preferential pricing that can save some money.

2.8 million WaterSmart to install meters and reading. He said they may need to delay installation to be included in the rebate.

13. CORRESPONDENCE (*Hopkins*)

- A. Correspondence since the previous Board of Directors meeting may be presented. If you were approved,

We did receive a letter from Downey Brand on behalf of Semitropic WSD requesting notification for any CEQA documents where Raisin City Water District is the lead agency and Kings River water is involved.

14. NEXT REGULAR MEETING (*Hopkins*)

- A. Discussion / possible action regarding the date of the scheduled regular meeting of the Board of Directors, currently scheduled for August 15, 2023.

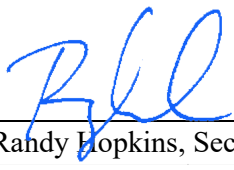
15. UPCOMING EVENTS (*Hopkins*)

- A. ACWA Fall 2023 – November 28 – 30 in Indian Wells, CA

16. ADJOURNMENT (*Gunlund*)

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm

APPROVED:



Randy Hopkins, Secretary