

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 108

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Of the Board of Trustees

January 17, 2013

President Durst called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2013 at Reclamation District No. 108 headquarters, Wilkins Slough, Colusa County, California.

Trustees Present: Fritz Durst, Sean Doherty, Roger Cornwell

Trustees Absent: Mike Miller, Arnold Andreotti

Others Present: Lewis Bair, General Manager
Kathryn Chandler, Assistant Manager
Chad Navarrot, Operations Manager
Cathy Busch, Executive Secretary
Beverly Walls, Bookkeeper
Kevin O'Brien, Legal Counsel

ADMINISTRATION

Agenda – It was moved by Trustee Doherty seconded by Trustee Cornwell and unanimously approved to approve the Agenda with the addition of “El Dorado Pumping Plant Maintenance.” This item was added to the agenda based on information received by Manager Bair yesterday.

Public Participation: There were no comments from the Public at this time.

Consent Agenda – After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Cornwell, seconded by Trustee Doherty and unanimously approved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Accounts Payable

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Doherty, seconded by Trustee Cornwell and unanimously approved to approve the January Accounts Payable: Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$357,834; on-line payments to be ratified in the amount of \$10,385; payments to be

ratified in the amount of \$20,000 and Irrigation Fund in the amount of \$97,771; payments to be ratified in the amount of \$23,239.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Operations Report - Superintendent Navarrot reported on maintenance within the District. He said that staff has been installing concrete weir boxes in Tract 6. Staff is removing sediment from the pipes. By starting the irrigation year with the pipes clear of sediment, staff will be able to determine the extent of silt buildup and its impacts on water measurements. Mr. Navarrot said that in the past some water users have drained fields back through the water delivery pipes possibly aggravating the sediment accumulation. Should it be found that the silt buildup impacts the water measurement and/or maintenance the practice of draining a field back through a water delivery pipe will be problematic. It was suggested that Tract 6 tenants be asked to test this practice.

2. Water Measurement Program – As part of the Water Measurement Legislation, the District is required to submit a Water Management Plan, along with the Water Measurement Plan. The Water Management Plan is being completed on a regional level and is being reviewed by the USBR prior to submitting it to DWR after a public notice hearing has been held. After discussion the Public Hearing was set for February 15, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the District headquarters. Hearing notice will be published in the newspapers prior to Feb 1.

2A. El Dorado Bend Pumping Plant Maintenance Program – Manager Bair reported on the status of the El Dorado Pumping Plant Maintenance scheduled for 2013. He recommended completing the maintenance work in segments. There was discussion regarding construction options and if the segments should be bid separately or together. Manager Bair said that Attorney Sean Filippini would participate in this discussion via conference call at 10:30 a.m.

3. Adopt the 2013 Budgets and amend the 2012 Budgets – Manager Bair reviewed the proposed 2013 Preliminary Budgets for Maintenance and Irrigation Funds. He reported that there were changes made to the Prop 50 Groundwater Well Project and the AB303 Project based on the reimbursement timing; and Capital Outlay for the excavator purchased in December of 2012 instead of January 2013. After further discussion, it was moved by Trustee Cornwell, seconded by Trustee Doherty and unanimously approved to adopt the Maintenance

Budget with the changes to the Prop 50 and AB 303 Groundwater Projects, and Capital Outlay; and the Irrigation Budget as submitted.

The Board reviewed the 2012 Budget to actual and made the following expense amendments to the Budget:

- Phase 8/Bay Delta – increased \$3,732 – for additional legal cost of decision appeal by NRCS
- Accounting/Finance – increased \$2,500 – cost of State Single Audit requirement not budgeted
- Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance Repair – increased \$10,599 – unexpected equipment repairs
- Tract 6 – increased \$4,424 – increased KL assessment and publication of lease offering
- Capital Outlay – increased \$232,536 – early purchase of excavator scheduled for 2013
- Misc. Operating – increased \$12,724 – approved but no budget amendment to expand aquatic weed spraying permit
- Misc. Non-Operating – increased \$3,612 – employee picnic and Xmas party
- Solar Project – increased \$445,626 – unbudgeted extra loan payment during refinancing
- S. Steiner Pipeline – increased \$42,635 – power distribution at the lift pump
- NSVIRWM – increased \$66,690 – reimbursable costs for N. Sac Valley Intergrated Mgt Plan
- Water Measurement Plan – increased \$5,236 – pre-purchase of cement weir boxes
- Sac Regional Flood Control – increased \$75 - unbudgeted expense

After further discussion it was moved by Trustee Doherty, seconded by Trustee Cornwell and unanimously approved to accept the proposed amendments to the 2012 Maintenance & Project Budget.

Manager Bair reviewed the 2012 Irrigation Budget and proposed the following expense amendments:

- USBR Water Charges – increased \$54,515 – restoration cost for additional Project Water used while limiting Riggs reuse operations
- Office Supplies – increased \$185 – unbudgeted expense
- Power & Energy – increased \$40,074 – PWRPA accelerated billing for cash-flow purposes
- Water Conservation Program – increased \$8,064 – greater participation than anticipated
- Water Transfer – increased \$2,708 – reimbursed costs for local basin Project Water transfers

After further discussion, it was moved by Trustee Cornwell, seconded by Trustee Doherty and unanimously approved to accept the proposed amendments to the 2012 Irrigation Budget.

Attorney Filippini joined the Board meeting via conference call at 10:30 a.m.

2A. El Dorado Bend Pumping Plant Maintenance Program – There was discussion regarding the bidding process for the El Dorado Bend Pumping Plant Maintenance program. Because of the uniqueness of the extremely large horizontal split case pumps it is very difficult to find anyone capable of rebuilding these pumps with any sort of track record. Sutter Mutual Water Company has gone through the struggle of finding such a contractor and recently completed a similar project. Manager Bair recommended that the District work with this contractor on an agreement for the proposed work. There was further discussion of the maintenance work to be done and timeline for completion. It was the consensus of the Board to work with FlowServe and further, that staff be aggressive pursue replacement of the trash-rack for El Dorado Bend Pumping Plant prior to the start of irrigation season.

4. Consideration of Board Officers and Standing Committees – President Durst opened the meeting for nominations of Board Officers. It was moved by Trustee Doherty, seconded by Trustee Cornwell and unanimously approved to retain the current slate of officers; President-Fritz Durst; Vice President-Mike Miller; Secretary-Lewis Bair.

President Durst thanked the Board members for their time and efforts serving on the Standing Committees and recommended that the Committees remain unchanged. The Board concurred.

5. Family Water Alliance – Manager Bair reported that he received a request from the Family Water Alliance for monetary support for offering the movie “Fight for Water” at the Colusa Theater. After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that any donations toward this effort should be made by landowners since the District cannot donate public funds.

6. State Water Resources Control Board Workshops – Manager Bair gave a brief report on the Workshops and the Ducks Unlimited presentation.

INFORMATION REPORTS

NCWA’s Report

Trustee Cornwell reported that there was no NCWA meeting in December. He said that a Board of Directors meeting has been scheduled for January 30 in Richvale, Drought Preparedness Workshop on January 30 and Water Transfer conference call on January 31.

Sites Reservoir Report

President Durst reported that the Site's JPA will meet in January to discuss the General Manager position. He felt that more information on the direction of the JPA should be determined prior to hiring a manager. He asked the Board if the District should take an active or passive role in Sites and if active who pays the costs. It was the consensus of the Board that a passive role would not get the project done.

Attorney's Report

Attorney O'Brien gave an update on the OCAP appeal. The Settlement Contractors are still waiting to hear whether the 9th Circuit will grant NRDC's request for an en banc re-hearing.

Assistant Manager's Report

Assistant Manager Chandler reported that she had nothing to report at this time. Ms. Chandler was asked about the power rates for Rough & Ready Pumping Plant. She said that she would review the annual rate.

Manager's Report

Manager Bair reported that a WDC trip was planned for the week of March 11 and asked the Board to consider including the NCWA Leadership participant in the trip. It was the consensus of the Board to include the NCWA Leadership participant, Eli Voelz. It was suggested that Mr. Tom Ramos of Natomas Water District be invited on the trip as well.

Manager Bair reported that the Landowner/Water User Annual meeting was scheduled for March 6 at the Grimes Scout Cabin.

RECESS

At 12:10 p.m. the meeting recessed for lunch. Those present at the meeting were invited to join the Board for lunch. The meeting reconvened at approximately 12:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no comments from the public and no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lewis Bair". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "B".

Lewis Bair
Secretary/Manager