

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 108

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Of the Board of Trustees

February 15, 2013

President Durst called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 15, 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, via conference call
Jeff Miller, Water User

ADMINISTRATION

Agenda – It was moved by Trustee Doherty seconded by Trustee Cornwell and unanimously approved to approve the Agenda as submitted.

Public Participation: There was no public present at this time.

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

Accounts Payable

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Cornwell, seconded by Trustee Doherty and unanimously approved to approve the February Accounts Payable: Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$317,606; on-line payments to be ratified in the amount of \$29,301; payments to be ratified in the amount of \$21,589 and Irrigation Fund in the amount of \$3,279.12.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Operations Report - Superintendent Navarrot reported on maintenance within the District. He distributed a collection of pictures showing different maintenance activities. He reported that 93 cement weir boxes have been installed in Tract 6 in the past 4 weeks. He attributes the faster than anticipated progress to the good weather, the fact that the District owns the ground and terrific crew performance. District staff have completed 14 miles of ditch cleaning with the spoil being disked and ready to grade. There was discussion regarding ditches that are cleaned too deeply causing slips. Because of this, it is his intention to only spot clean ditches as needed in order to prevent slippage.

Superintendent Navarrot expressed his concern regarding aerial application of herbicides applied by Water Users that is killing the grasses on the flood control levees that prevent erosion, slips and growth of invasive weeds. . After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to remind Landowners and Water Users of the District policy for weed control in the District at the March Annual Meeting.

3. El Dorado Bend Pumping Plant – Aquamarine Contractors was the low bid for the El Dorado Bend Pumping Plant trash rack at \$34,000 and was awarded the contract. Currently the District is waiting on the insurance and bonding documentation before officially giving the notice to proceed. District staff will remove the old trash rack and prepare the site for construction. There was discussion regarding delegation of authority to the Manager to prevent project delays. It was the consensus of the Board to delegate these responsibilities on a project by project basis.

Manager Bair reviewed the decision to award the pump repairs to FlowServe. After further discussion, it was moved by Trustee Cornwell, seconded by Trustee Doherty and unanimously approved to adopt RESOLUTION No. 13-02 in the matter of Contracting with Flowserve. RESOLUTION NO. 13-02 is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Jeff Miller entered the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

2. Water Measurement Program – Manager Bair reported that he received a telephone call from Mr. William Erdman regarding the Measurement Program and if he would be required to pay for installation of a measuring facility since he has just purchased and installed a meter for his orchard. After further discussion, existing meters will be accepted into the Water Measurement Program without the capital cost if they meet a minimum set of standards. Eventual replacement of existing meters will be done by the District with an effort to standardize meters throughout the District.

Manager Bair was also approached regarding fields that are deliver water directly from the Sacramento River. After further discussion, it was moved by Trustee Doherty, seconded by Trustee Cornwell and unanimously approved to exclude landowners Hine and Faye from the Water Measurement Program at their direct River diversions since they are already measured by the Bureau and include no District owned facilities. Manager Bair was directed to send a letter with the Board's findings including conveying the understanding that the District could change this requirement should the State requirements change in the future.

4. PWRPA Power Pole Encroachment – Assistant Manager Chandler presented an encroachment Permit to move a power pole so that PWRPA power can be used at Riggs Ranch Pumping Plant. After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Doherty, seconded by Trustee Cornwell and unanimously approved to approve moving a power pole to the waterside of the levee.

5. Emergency Response Flood Grant – Manager Bair reported that the District has taken a lead role in the Regional Flood Plan. One component of the Plan is an emergency response plan that could possibly include evacuation routes, stockpile of flood fighting materials, backup power, communications and other emergency practices. The first meeting will be held Feb 20th where districts are being requested to show their commitment to this program. The Grant will cover 100 percent of the project. It was the consensus of the Board that this is a needed program and that action on this matter was deferred to the March Board meeting.

6. Water Management Plan – At approximately 10:00 a.m. President Durst opened the Public Hearing for comments on the Water Management Plan. There being no public in attendance, President Durst closed the Public Hearing at 10:08 a.m. After further discussion, it was moved by Trustee Cornwell, seconded by Trustee Doherty and unanimously approved to

adopt RESOLUTION NO. 13-03 in the matter of adopting the Water Management Plan. RESOLUTION NO. 13-03 is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

7. Project Water Transfer – Assistant Manager Chandler reported that the District received a request for a 368 acre-foot water transfer to the Yolo Land Trust to cover an overdraft in water used for 2012. This water would be sold at cost. After further discussion, it was moved by Trustee Doherty, seconded by Trustee Cornwell and unanimously approved to ratify management decision to transfer 368 acre-feet of water to the Yolo Land Trust.

8. Request from Fish Screen Technical Team to Monitor Predators – Manager Bair reported that he was contacted by Mr. Dan Mieirs, US Fish and Wildlife regarding participating in a fish predator study. After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that Manager Bair meets with Mr. Mieir and express our concerns with the study and consider alternatives in how we might cooperate on predation issues.

9. Investment Policy – Manager Bair reviewed RESOLUTION No. 13-01 in the matter of Adopting the 2013 Investment Policy. He said that there have been no changes from the 2012 Policy. After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Doherty, seconded by Trustee Cornwell and unanimously approved to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 13-01 in the matter of Adopting the 2013 Investment Policy. RESOLUTION NO. 13-01 is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Attorney's Report – Attorney O'Brien reported that the 9th Circuit Court has not made a decision yet to rehear the OCAP litigation. As soon as a decision is made he will contact Manager Bair.

NCWA's Report - Trustee Cornwell reported that the Annual NCWA Meeting will be held on March 1. Trustee Cornwell distributed copies of what NCWA goals are for Board review.

Sites Reservoir Report - President Durst reported that a General Manager has not been hired, and there is some discussions as to the need of a General Manager at this time, or if the JPA Board needs to take a more active role.

Assistant Manager's Report - Assistant Manager Chandler reviewed energy use and costs over the last few years. She pointed out that during 2012 more power was used because of the low River levels.

Assistant Manager Chandler reported that the AB303 Groundwater project has been completed and the final report should be completed next week. A Groundwater Committee will be setup to review the report and update the Groundwater Plan if needed.

Manager's Report - Manager Bair reported on the Landowner meeting scheduled for March 6 and distributed copies of the proposed agenda. Notice will be mailed to landowners and water users next week.

Manager Bair reported that the report for the Sutter Bypass Modeling program has been completed and posted on the internet.

President Durst commented on the three groundwater wells that have been constructed within the District. He said that the next step will be to determine how the wells will be operated.

RECESS

At 11:00 a.m. the meeting recessed for lunch. Those present at the meeting were invited to join the Board for lunch. The meeting reconvened at approximately 12:00 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 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Lewis Bair
Secretary/Manager