

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 108

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Of the Board of Trustees

May 16, 2013

President Durst called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 8:34 a.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2013 at Reclamation District No. 108 headquarters, Wilkins Slough, Colusa County, California.

Trustees Present: Mike Miller, Sean Doherty and Roger Cornwell

Trustees Absent: Arnold Andreotti and Fritz Durst

Others Present:

Lewis Bair, General Manager	Shelley Murphy, CCWD
Chad Navarrot, Operations Manager	Don Peart, CCWD
Cathy Busch, Executive Secretary	Jim Charter, CCWD
Beverly Walls, Bookkeeper	

ADMINISTRATION

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

Public Participation – Manager Bair reported that the District received a letter from Colusa County Water District (CCWD) seeking a water transfer of 5,000 to 10,000 acre-feet for 2013. CCWD is offering up to \$20 per acre-foot above the cost of water. This water transfer would reduce the need to pump groundwater in CCWD and help maintain our groundwater basin. Ms. Murphy, General Manager, reported that because of the increase in orchards in CCWD there will be a need for additional water in future years. It was the consensus of the Board to work with CCWD to facilitate a water transfer for 2013.

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 May Accounts Payable: Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$292,004; on-line and payments issued during April/May to be ratified in the amount of \$65,006 and Irrigation Fund in the amount of \$53,474. It was further moved by Trustee Cornwell, seconded by Trustee Doherty and unanimously approved to authorize payment of \$250 to Water Education Foundation for sponsorship of their 2013 Sacramento Valley Flood tour..

BUSINESS ITEMS

- 1. Operations Report** – Superintendent Navarrot reported on District-wide maintenance. He reported that when he went through the startup of the El Dorado Pumping Plant they had to have outside help to prime the motors. The District has hired two new employees to help with the SBX7-7 project and the increase maintenance of the District and SRWSLD. At the June or July Board meeting the budget will have to be modified for the new employees along with the additional maintenance costs. Manager Bair recommended that the Finance Committee meet in June to do a mid-year budget review and to make any recommendations regarding Budget amendments at the July Board meeting.
- 2. Groundwater Management Plan** – Manager Bair announced that since Assistant Manager Chandler was out on Maternity Leave so this matter would be held over for the June Board meeting.
- 3. Measurement Program SBX7** – Manager Bair reported that District staff has tested flows through the water measurement facility on six fields. The test was run with one, two and three boards in the slot. Boards one and two showed very little impact on flows, while the third board showed a decrease in flows of 20 to 25 percent. There was discussion regarding fields with reduction of flows more than the estimated 25 percent. Superintendent Navarrot was directed to check various fields in the District that seem to be taking more than twice the time to flood using the measurement structure. Manager Bair reported that there are about 7 private laterals that will need a more costly measurement facility then used in fields measurements. After discussion, he said that he would check with Attorney Schofield regarding who would be responsible for any additional costs above the \$2,900 per measurement facility.

4. El Dorado Pumping Plant Maintenance – Manager Bair reported that staff has been working with Laugenour & Meikle on the bid package for the pipe portion of the maintenance project. It was found that the water side gates would have to be replaced and it was unclear if the inside gate would also need to be replaced. Once it is determined what gates will have to be ordered, a Special Meeting would be setup for Board approval of the purchase. The Board concurred.

Manager Bair reviewed the Memo dated April 16, 2013 regarding the Cost Share Agreement with River Garden Farms for the maintenance work to El Dorado Pumping Plant. It was Manager's Bair recommendation that River Garden Farms (RGF) cost share in the pump and motor maintenance (\$765,000) in the amount of the 10-year average of water delivered to the Fair Ranch from 2003 to 2012, or 15.6 percent (\$119,340). It was the consensus of the Board to defer action on this matter until a legal review can be made of the historic documents.

5. Consultant Larry Mandelberg – Manager Bair reviewed Consultant Mandelberg's scope of work, estimated cost and timeline with the Board.

INFORMATION REPORTS

NCWA's Report - Trustee Cornwell distributed copies of NCWA's Bay-Delta Policy regarding the proposed Bay-Delta Conservation Plan and Delta Conveyance Proposals for Board review. It was the consensus of the Board to invite Attorney O'Brien to the June Board meeting to give an update of the Bay Delta and his role in the process.

Sites Reservoir Report - President Durst gave an update on the Sites JPA.

Assistant Manager's Report – Manager Bair gave a status report on the Prop. 50 Groundwater Well Project.

Manager's Report - Manager Bair reported that he is currently trying to setup a meeting with Andy Geyer, AlSCO Geyer, to review Landowner Kaelin's water delivery and measurement issues. Manager Bair reported that the Flood Response Grant has been approved. Our Project was rated the highest out of nine.

Manager Bair reported that he received a call from a District landowner regarding a rice field that was sprayed accidentally a second application of bolero. The landowner was requesting an early dump of the chemical water from their field into a District drain. Since there was no way that the District would guarantee no other lands would be impacted by the draining of the field, the District could not accommodate the landowner.

RECESS

At 12:30 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 1:00 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 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Lewis Bair

Secretary/Manager