

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 108

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Of the Board of Trustees

June 20, 2013

President Durst called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 8:35 a.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2013 at Reclamation District No. 108 headquarters, Wilkins Slough, Colusa County, California.

Trustees Present: Fritz Durst, Sean Doherty and Mike Miller

Trustees Absent: Arnold Andreotti and Roger Cornwell

Others Present: Lewis Bair, General Manager
Chad Navarrot, Operations Manager
Cathy Busch, Executive Secretary
Beverly Walls, Bookkeeper
Bill Geer Sr, Landowner
Bill Geer Jr, Landowner

ADMINISTRATION

Agenda – It was moved by Trustee Doherty seconded by Trustee Miller 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 Miller, 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 Miller and unanimously approved to approve the June Accounts Payable: Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$220,879; on-line payments to be ratified in the amount of \$33,953; payments to be ratified in the amount of \$24,415 and Irrigation Fund in the amount of \$585,036.

BUSINESS ITEMS

2. El Dorado Bend Pumping Plant – Manager Bair reviewed the timeline for the maintenance work to be performed by Byron Jackson. He said that the pumps will not be removed unless the maintenance work is on schedule.

Manager Bair reported that the bid documents have been sent out to five contractors, with a bid walk set for next Friday. Project bids are due July 8 and the Board will consider award at their July 18 Board meeting.

Manager Bair reviewed the cost-share memo with River Garden Farms for the maintenance work at El Dorado Pumping Plant. After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Doherty, seconded by Trustee Miller and unanimously approved to invoice River Garden Farms 15.6 percent of the full capital cost of the Maintenance at El Dorado (\$1.8 million). Trustee Cornwell was not present for this discussion.

1. Geer Easement Request – Manager Bair reported that he was contacted by Mr. Tom Chandler regarding access to Landowner Geer fields 56A – D. Mr. Geer is looking for an easement for access to his lands along the west side of the main drain through lands held by the District. After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Doherty, seconded by Trustee Miller and unanimously approved to direct Manager Bair to pursue an easement with Landowner Geer along the west side of the main Drain through District lands based on appraised value and a roadway maintenance agreement.

3. Prop 50 Groundwater Well Equipment Award – Manager Bair reported on the status of the Prop 50 Groundwater Well motors and pumps bid. After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Doherty, seconded on Trustee Miller and unanimously approved to award the Prop 50 Well pump and motor installation to the lowest responsive bidder, Alsco Geyer for a total bid amount of \$237,930.

4. Letter of Intent to re-attain PL84-99 Eligibility – Manager Bair reported that because of the findings of the Corps periodic inspection the District lost eligibility for PL84-99 funding (post disaster funds to replace damaged federal flood control project levees/structures). To give the District an additional two year period to comply with the periodic inspection and retain the PL84-99 funding eligibility it was recommended that the District submit to the Corps a Letter of Intent to prepare a System Wide Improvement Framework Plan (SWIF). After further discussion, it

was moved by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Doherty and unanimously approved to direct Manager Bair to issue a letter to the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) requesting they submit a request for a SWIF from the US Corps of Engineers on behalf of the District.

5. SBX7-7 Measurement Project - Superintendent Navarrot reported that 200 weir boxes have been installed. As irrigations allow, staff will begin to install additional boxes. It is planned to begin testing the measurement program in Irrigation Systems C and D during the 2014 irrigation season while continuing the installations in Systems A and B. During 2014 the collected data will be used to establish quality control procedures as well as provide sample data that can be used by the Board and landowners to develop a rate structure in late 2014 and early 2015.

There was discussion regarding the existing meters currently used within the District not meeting the standards to be accepted by the District. The goal will be to have uniform meters throughout the District installed per manufactures specifications. The Board also discussed lateral measurement options where private canals prevented turnout access.

6. Landowner Huff Request for Alternative Water Delivery – Manager Bair reported that he received a request from Landowner Huff for an encroachment permit that would allow an alternative water supply for his fields. After discussion, Manager Bair was directed to work with Landowner Huff on reviewing the design and potential impacts of proposed project.

7. Adopt Resolution No. 13-06 Calling for an all-Mail In Ballot and Election Date – Assistant Manager reported that 2013 was an election year and that two seats are open for election, President Durst and Trustee Miller. There was also discussion regarding the health of Trustee Andreotti and if he plans to continue to hold his seat on the Board. After further discussion, it was moved by Trustee Doherty, seconded by Trustee Miller and unanimously approved to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 13-06 calling for an all-mail ballot and setting an election date for November 8 and authorizing Manager Bair to determine if two or three seats will be open for election based on his communications with Trustee Andreotti.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Sites Reservoir Report - President Durst reported that the Sites Project is making some progress. A consultant has been contracted to complete the work started by the Bureau of Reclamation. Grant funding has covered all costs to date.

Manager's Report - Manager Bair reported on the following issues:

Assistant Manager – Interviews are set for tomorrow, Friday June 19.

Regional Flood Planning Grant – The District should receive the Grant Funding Agreement by June 20. The first fund request has been completed and submitted for approval.

Water Transfer – Colusa County Water District has declined the water transfer for 2013 at \$40 over cost. They are still interested in discussing a possible long-term water transfer with the District.

Westervelt Project –Westervelt is working with Landowner Ellis to purchase his land on the River side of the Levee for a mitigation bank. They have offered a partnership with the District to participate as a pass through for the Project since the State cannot contract with a private entity. Manager Bair said that he would report further on this Project should he get a serious proposal.

Bay Delta – Manager Bair reported that the 9th Circuit Court has delayed hearing the appeal due to unanticipated health concerns for lead Attorney Stuart Somach.

NCWA Sustainability Plan – Manager Bair reported on a potential project to smooth Sacramento River flows in the fall when rice decomposition. water is being diverted from the River. By trying to control the River flows the participating districts could save considerable water and salmon “reds”. During a critical year such as 2013 cooperating in such a program could be very important to California water supplies. This issue will be on the Agenda for the July Board meeting.

2012 Financial Audit Report

Marilee Smith reviewed the 2012 Financial Audit with the Board. She said that the District received an unqualified report and is in good financial condition. After further discussion, it was moved by Trustee Doherty, seconded by Trustee Miller and unanimously approved to accept the 2012 Financial Audit Report. President Durst commended Beverly Walls on her good work.

RECESS

At 12:15 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 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lewis Bair". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lewis Bair
Secretary/Manager