

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 108

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Of the Board of Trustees

October 22, 2013

President Durst called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at Reclamation District No. 108 headquarters, Wilkins Slough, Colusa County, California.

Trustees Present: Fritz Durst, Roger Cornwell, Sean Doherty, Jon Leonard and Mike Miller

Trustees Absent: None

Others Present:	Lewis Bair, General Manager	Blair Voelz, Landowner
	Bryan Busch, Asst. Manager	Scott Monckton, Landowner
	Chad Navarrot, Operations Manager	Shelley Murphy, CCWD
	Cathy Busch, Executive Secretary	Lee Emick, CCWD
	Beverly Walls, Bookkeeper	Hal Charter, CCWD

ADMINISTRATION

Agenda – Manager Bair reported that the Closed Session would not be needed at this meeting. It was moved by Trustee Cornwell, seconded by Trustee Miller and unanimously approved to accept the agenda as amended deleting Item 7, Closed Session.

Public Participation: There was no public participation 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 October Accounts Payable: Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$307,119; on-line payments to be ratified in the amount of \$32,568; and Irrigation Fund in the amount of \$72,267.

The Board reviewed the winter water diversions for October thru December. The District will be able to provide Water Users with water during October through the Settlement Contract but starting November 1 the District cannot guarantee water deliveries since these flows fall under the Winter License which has junior water rights.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Operations Report – Operations Manager Navarrot gave a progress report on the installation of the measurement facilities throughout the District. It is expected that the cost of the measurement facilities will come in under budget and that landowners costs will be adjusted on the third installment.

In response to a question regarding the Fish and Wildlife Service project to trap salmon in the Colusa Basin Drain, Trustee Doherty reported that the trap has been completed but there is no fish at this time.

2. Fall Flow Smoothing Project – Manager Bair reported on the River Smoothing Program. He said that because of the late hatching of the winter run salmon the Fish & Wildlife Service wanted to keep the River flows high, which eliminated the opportunity to conserve water through the River Smoothing Program. This program will come up again next year

3. Water Transfer with Colusa County Water District (CCWD) and Dunnigan Water District (DWD) – President Durst welcomed the representatives from the Colusa County Water District and opened the discussion regarding the proposed five-year water transfer proposal. Trustee Doherty excused himself from discussion since he farms in both districts. There was discussion regarding the terms of the proposed water transfer. After discussion this matter was tabled for further deliberation and action at the November Board meeting.

4. Bay-Delta Update – Manager Bair reported on the Bay-Delta issues. He described each Delta program and how they impact each other and the District. Northern California Water Agency (NCWA) is taking a lead role in responding to the BDCP. Manager Bair said that he participates in a weekly conference call led by President Durst regarding the Bay-Delta programs and how best to move forward in a way that will not impact Northern California water supplies.

6. Landowner Issue with Water Delivery Canal – President Durst reported that he received a call from Landowner Monckton expressing his concern with an adjacent landowner

who is looking to modify a water delivery canal that feeds his land. Landowner Voelz explained that the canal in question is a private canal that he maintains and should he fill in, he would gain an additional 12 acres of farmland. After discussion, Mr. Voelz said that he would be willing to share in the cost to find an alternate water source for Mr. Monckton's field. It was the consensus of the Board that Mr. Voelz work with Mr. Monckton to resolve this matter and to inform the District of any decisions prior to action. President Durst asked each landowner for permission for the Board to visit the site in question. Both landowners had no objections to allowing the Board on their lands so that they would have a better understanding of the issue.

5. El Dorado Maintenance Project Status Report – Operations Manager Navarrot gave an update on the work completed at the El Dorado Bend Pumping Plant. President Durst reported that he is working with the RGF owners on the cost-share for the maintenance work. At this time RGF has not come back with a proposal.

INFORMATION REPORTS

NCWA Report – Trustee Cornwell reported on NCWA meeting. The Annual meeting will be held on March 14, 2014 in Chico.

Sites JPA – President Durst said that he had nothing new to report at this time.

Assistant Manager's Report - Assistant Manager Busch reviewed the increases in the PWRPA power costs. There will be an increase in the PG&E distribution cost of \$0.03 per kw. Staff will look into connecting the Sycamore Solar Field from PG&E to PWRPA. The District will also look into the costs of connecting the Groundwater Well at Riggs to PWRPA and PG&E to see which would be the most cost effective.

Manager's Report - Manager Bair reported that the Nature Conservatory has a shore bird project and are asking if it would be possible for the District to provide water to participating fields earlier in the year. He explained that that was the time when the District completed needed maintenance work. It was noted that if the landowner was a host to a groundwater well, groundwater could be used for the shore bird program.

Manager Bair reported that a Letter of Intent for a SWIF was submitted to the CCVFPB. This process will allow the District additional eligibility of PL84-99 emergency funding while addressing issues in the Periodic Inspection Report. It is the intent of the Corps of Engineers to approve the SWIF before the storm season begins.

Manager Bair announced the ACWA Fall Conference held in Los Angeles December 4 through the 6, and asked if any Board Member would like to attend to let the Office Staff know.

RECESS

At 12:00 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