

Sacramento River West Side Levee District

Minutes of the Public Hearing/Regular Meeting

Of the Board of Commissioners

February 27, 2013

President Ellis called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at Reclamation District No. 108 headquarters, Wilkins Slough, Colusa County, California.

Trustees Present: Tom Ellis, Roger Cornwell, Paul Sankey, Dan Tibbitts

Trustees Absent: Fritz Durst

Others Present: Lewis Bair, General Manager
Kathryn Chandler, Assistant Manager
Chad Navarrot, Superintendent
Cathy Busch, Executive Secretary
Beverly Walls, Bookkeeper
Haden Cornwell, RGF

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

ADMINISTRATION

Agenda – The Agenda was approved as submitted

Minutes, Financial Report and Accounts Payable – After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Cornwell, seconded by Commissioner Tibbitts and unanimously approved to approve the minutes as presented, the January Financial Reports, the February Accounts Payables in the amount of \$24,502 and payments made in January and February to be ratified in the amount of \$3,638.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- 1. Operations Report** – Superintendent Navarrot reported on current maintenance efforts. Several walnut trees have been removed from the landside levee and others will also be removed in order to have a clear view of the levees.
- 2. Elections of Officers** – President Ellis opened the meeting for nominations for the position of President. It was moved by Commissioner Tibbitts, seconded by Commissioner Sankey and unanimously approved to nominate Tom Ellis for the position of President, and cast

for a unanimous ballot. President Ellis opened the meeting for nominations for Vice-President. It was moved by Commissioner Sankey, seconded by Commissioner Tibbitts and unanimously approved to nominate Commissioner Durst to Vice-President and cast for a unanimous ballot. President Ellis opened the meeting for nominations for Secretary. It was moved by Commissioner Sankey, seconded by Commissioner Cornwell and unanimously approved to nominate Manager Bair for Secretary and cast for a unanimous ballot.

3. Budgets

Amendment of the 2012 Budget – Manager Bair reviewed the final 2012 Budget. He pointed out that the Administration is over and recommended that it be amended to the actual cost, \$81,732. This increase was due to salary increases and amounts billed to the District.

2013 Budget – Manager Bair reviewed the 2013 Budget. He said that the only change from the draft budget was the additional income from assessments due to the positive outcome of the Prop. 218 Election. There was discussion on proposed flood control efforts that the District will be able to complete with the additional assessment income. After further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Cornwell, seconded by Commissioners Tibbitts and unanimously approved to adopt the 2013 Budget as submitted.

Manager Bair reviewed the proposed five-year budget. He pointed out the new activities and special projects proposed for the next five years. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to add Missouri Bend repair to the list of new activities on the five-year budget and to direct staff to prioritize activities and special projects for the April Board meeting.

4. Flood Control Issues

Mid Sacramento Regional Flood Planning – Manager Bair reported that the District received a letter from DWR regarding funding for the Flood Control Planning in the amount of \$2.1 million. RD108 has agreed to be the lead agency for the funding.

Emergency Response Grant – The Emergency Response Grant has available funding in the amount of \$5 million State-wide. These grants will provide 100 percent funding for approved projects. The mid/upper Sac project would include a web page for flood emergencies, including maps, escape routes, locations of interests such as schools and other emergency information. In addition, the application contemplates pre-flood training, developing an incident command structure, and creating stockpiles of flood fight materials. RD108 has agreed to be the lead with Peterson Brustad, Inc. the contracting engineers. Manager Bair reported that the District is being asked to write a letter of support for the Project to be included in the funding application.

After further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Cornwell, seconded by Commissioner Tibbitts and unanimously approved to authorize President Ellis and/or Manager Bair to issue a letter of support on behalf the District for the Emergency Response Grant.

5. Central Valley Flood Protection Legislation – Manager Bair reported on SB753 legislation introduced by Senator Steinberg regarding the Central Valley Flood Protection Board’s enforcement authority on encroachments. Among some of the additional issues they are looking at is the authority to issue administrative civil penalties in addition to judicial civil penalties; and authority to remove encroachments if the owner refuses.

6. Sutter Bypass Modeling – Manager Bair reported that the Sutter Bypass Model and Report has been completed. Both President Ellis and Manager Bair have reviewed the report. He said that it will be a good tool to evaluate Bypass maintenance and improvement scenarios.

7. Family Water Alliance/Sycamore Mutual Water Company Fish Deterring Device Study – Manager Bair reported that the Family Water Alliance is seeking approval from the District to conduct the Fish Deterring Device Research Study at the Sycamore Mutual Water Company diversion, as requested by the Central Valley Flood Protection Board. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Cornwell, seconded by Commissioner Sankey and unanimously approved to authorize Manager Bair to sign the approval letter on behalf of the District.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Manager’s Report

Manager Bair reviewed the proposed Landowner meeting agenda with the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no comments from the public and no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Lewis Bair

Secretary/Manager