

Sacramento River West Side Levee District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the Board of Commissioners

October 26, 2016

President Ellis called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at Reclamation District No. 108 headquarters, Wilkins Slough, Colusa County, California.

Commissioners Present: Tom Ellis, Paul Sankey and Dan Tibbitts

Commissioners Absent: Fritz Durst and Roger Cornwell

Others Present: Lewis Bair, General Manager
Gary Marler, Superintendent
Cathy Busch, Executive Secretary

Agenda – Commissioner Tibbitts moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Sankey seconded. Vote: 3 – 0.

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

ADMINISTRATION

Minutes, Financial Report and Accounts Payable – After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Sankey to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2016 as presented. Commissioner Sankey seconded. Vote: 3 – 0.

It was further moved by Commissioner Tibbitts to approve the September/October Financial Reports and the October Accounts Payables in the amount of \$56,541 and checks issued in September to be ratified totaled \$288. Commissioner Sankey seconded. Vote: 3 – 0.

Manager Bair reported that the funds have been spent for the gravel on the levee roads and that we have not received reimbursement at this time. The Ag Easement for the Westervelt (\$88,000) has not been finalized for payment yet, but the cost is now creditable to the Missouri Bend Project.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Marler reported on the ongoing maintenance within the District. District staff has graded the levee road, baited for rodent control and worked to make repairs to the levee road damaged by a Morning Star Truck. A Levee inspection was held on October 23. There were several utility crossings marked as urgent, but all but one was downgraded. One site is located behinds Gross property that needs a flap-gate added to the end of the pipe. The Landowner has assured the District that this work will be done. One site that is still rated as urgent is located on Moons Bend Road where there is erosion under the pipe. This is a private encroachment.

2. Missouri Bend Project – Manager Bair reported on the Missouri Bend Project. The funding agreement has been signed and is in the State General Services. A drilling plan has been submitted and will be completed in two phases. Phase 1 will be near the levee toe and Phase 2 will be through the levee crest, that will require approval by the Corps of Engineers through a Section 408 Permit. He stated that the District will have to borrow funds to cash flow the Project and could be completed in 2017 since it is a minor Section 408 Permit.

3. Regional Flood Plan Update – Manager Bair reported that the Central Valley Flood Protection Board is developing their administration approach for agriculture structures. The process is going well and should be ready to release in draft form. As soon as the White Paper is released it will be sent out to the Board for their review and comments.

Manager Bair reported on the Small Communities Project. DWR is providing up to \$18 million in funding to study the feasibility of potential flood risk reduction projects and up to 100 percent funding (\$500,000) for each community's feasibility study. Colusa County will submit a grant application for Grimes, Princeton and the City of Colusa. Final decisions on which communities will received funding are expected in the spring of 2017.

Manager Bair reported on the Mid & Upper Sacramento Regional Flood Management Plan Phase 2 (Project). Phase 2 includes the purchase of flood fighting supplies and equipment. Also in the plan is storage pods that can be loaded with the flood fighting supplies and equipment that can be loaded onto a lowboy and moved out to the flood site. Both the District and RD108 will receive a storage pod with the supplies and equipment. The material used from the storage pod will have to be replaced at the District's expense once the flood fighting is over.

President Ellis went to a Regional Flood Plan meeting that handed out the principals for the flood plan. He said that there was also discussions regarding the Safe Harbor program. A lot of

landowners feel that they have to participate if an adjacent landowner is participating so that they have an established baseline.

Trustee Tibbitts commented that the Flood Plan should be on the end of October. He suggested that the Board be diligent in reviewing the Plan since it is unknown what language may have been added at the last minute.

4 Conflict of Interest Code – It was moved by Commissioner Tibbitts to adopt the revised Conflict of Interest Code for the new staff positions. Commissioner Sankey seconded. Approved 3 – 0.

5 2017 Draft Financial Budget – Manager Bair reviewed the draft budget. Two Projects included in the Budget is the Missouri Bend, local cost share \$750,000, and the SWIF Project, (\$25,000). Manager Bair reported that RD108 management costs has not been covering some overhead cost, so those costs will be revised for the December Board meeting. The Board will take action on the Preliminary Budget at the December Board meeting.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Manager's Report – Manager Bair gave an update on the management staffing recommendations. He asked if Board members would like to participate in the interviews to please let him know.

Manager Bair reported that the Water Education has a water leadership group. He suggested that the Central Valley Flood Control Association be contacted about putting on a flood control day. President Ellis suggested that the NCWA leadership group may also be interested in a flood control day.

The next Board meeting was set for December 15, after the RD108 Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no comments from the public and no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lewis Bair
Secretary/Manager