

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 108

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Of the Board of Trustees

July 17, 2014

President Durst called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 17, 2014 at Reclamation District No. 108 headquarters, Wilkins Slough, Colusa County, California.

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

Trustees Absent: None

Others Present:	Lewis Bair, General Manager	Don Huff, Landowner
	Bryan Busch, Assistant Manager	Starr West, Landowner
	Chad Navarrot, Operations Manager	John Miller, Landowner
	Cathy Busch, Executive Secretary	Scott Monckton, Landowner
	Beverly Wall, Bookkeeper	David Alves, Poundstone Bros.
	Kevin O'Brien, Legal Counsel	Rob Myers, Erdman Family
	Cameron Kaelin, Landowner	Derrick Strain, Landowner

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

OPEN FORUM

President Durst opened the Public Forum. Manager Bair reviewed the current District water diversions, including surface and groundwater. The District has maximized reuse of drainage water to reduce diversions. He reported that the Settlement Contractors filed a petition for writ of certiorari to the Supreme Court to hear the case regarding the water contracts. The District should know if the Supreme Court will hear the case within the next three months. If the Supreme Court does not take the case, then the Settlement Contractors case will be sent to the lower court for remedy proceedings.

Manager Bair asked landowners what their needs were regarding pre and/or post irrigations for the remainder of 2014. He said that the Board will be discussing that later in the meeting and the Board would benefit from their input if they were able to stay that long.

The Public Forum was opened for questions.

ADMINISTRATION

Public Participation: There was no further public participation at this time.

Consent Agenda – After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Cornwell, seconded by Trustee Miller and unanimously approved to approve the consent agenda with minor editorial changes to the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 7, 2014.

Accounts Payable

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Cornwell, seconded by Trustee Leonard and unanimously approved to approve the July Accounts Payable: Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$363,999, payment issued in June/July to be ratified totaled \$224,024 and on-line payments to be ratified in the amount of \$82,818; and Irrigation Fund in the amount of \$588,998 and online payments totaling \$80,548.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. **Operations Report** – Operations Manager Navarrot reported that a woman disappeared while fishing in the Wilkins Slough Canal and it is assumed that she fell into the canal and drowned. A search and rescue was attempted but the woman was not found. When asked how the watermen were doing with the Measurement Program, Operations Manager Navarrot replied that he was very happy with the efforts put forth by the watermen.

2. **Water Transfer Updates and Potential Changes** – Assistant Manager Busch distributed a table showing 2013 and 2014 water diversions projected through the end of the irrigation season. The groundwater wells have pumped about 5,000 acre-feet since May 2. It is now estimated that the District will be able to meet all of the local water needs and still have a bit more for transfer to Colusa County Water District/Dunnigan Water District. Manager Bair reported that he received a call from Mr. David Alves, on behalf of the Zumwalt family, asking if Field 121L could be added to the water transfer program. Due to a misunderstanding, the field did not get planted since the tenant was told it was part of the transfer. It was Manager Bair's recommendation that this additional water be offered for transfer with the landowner paying all costs for the processing of the late transfer. President Durst stated that should the District allow this additional water to be added to the water transfer program the program would have to be opened to all landowners. It was pointed out the since crops have already been planted there would not be any additional interest. After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Doherty, seconded by Trustee Cornwell and unanimously approved to allow the Zumwalt Family to participate with the water transfer program, with landowner paying costs.

The District operations have utilized less water than projected making it possible to provide additional Project water available for transfer. After further discussion, it was moved by Trustee Cornwell, seconded by Trustee Doherty and unanimously approved to offer Colusa County Water District and Dunnigan Water District an additional 2,500 acre-feet of Project water. It was further moved by Trustee Cornwell, seconded by Trustee Leonard and unanimously approved to transfer the additional water made available by the Zumwalt Family south of the Delta with landowner paying all expense.

3. Determination of Pre and Post Irrigations - The Board discussed a possible priority or allocation program for pre and post irrigations in September and October. Because of our junior water rights for winter water, Term 91 will be called so there will likely be restrictions on diversions after November 1. After further discussion, this matter was moved to the August Board meeting since it will be a bit clearer how much water was still available for post harvest use.

4. Water Supply Issues – Manager Bair distributed a memo regarding alternative water supplies. The purpose of the memo is to improve the understanding of the District’s water supply and offer possible options for additional water, including groundwater. Attached to the memo was a table showing when additional water was needed, based on a 75% water year. Attorney O’Brien advised confidentiality when discussing this issue.

Manager Bair reviewed the draft groundwater wheeling agreement and asked the Board to provide comments. The wheeling agreement would allow a District landowner with access to groundwater in part of the District to move that water within the District. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward drafting a wheeling agreement for Board approval in August.

5. KSN Contract for Regional Flood Plan Emergency Response Grant – After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Cornwell, seconded by Trustee Miller and unanimously approved to authorize Manager Bair to enter into a contract with KSN for the Regional Flood Plan Emergency Response Grant.

6. Defined Benefit Retirement Program as Approved by IRS - After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Doherty, seconded by Trustee Cornwell and unanimously approved to adopt the First Amendment to the Defined Benefit Retirement Program as approved by IRS.

7. Resolution NO. 14-07 Recognizing Trustee Erdman – It was moved by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Leonard and unanimously approved, RESOLUTION NO. 14-07 was adopted in the matter of Memorializing the Life and Service of Trustee Erdman, who served on

the Board from November 2003 until November 2011, having made valuable contributions of his time and counsel to the District.

INFORMATION REPORTS

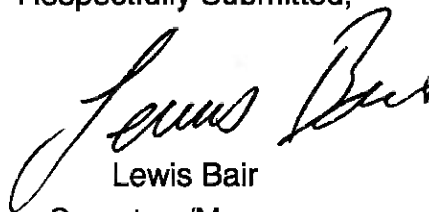
1. **Attorney's Report** – Attorney O'Brien gave an update on the North State Water Alliance, Water Transfer litigation, the draft State Groundwater Legislation.
2. **NCWA Report** - Trustee Cornwell gave a report of the NCWA Manager's meeting that he attended. He said that Senator Neilson stopped by to discuss the Water Bond. President Durst gave a presentation on Site Reservoir Project that was followed up with a lot of discussion.
3. **Sites Report** – President Durst reported on the Sites JPA. He said that the project is moving forward, but that a meeting facilitator has been brought in to keep the meetings on topic.
4. **Manager's Report** – Manager Bair reported he was contacted by the Nature Conservancy regarding a Fall Shore Bird Project. There was concern regarding the Shore Bird damage. It was suggested that the District invite representatives from The Nature Conservancy to see impacts from the project. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with the Shore Bird Project for the Fall of 2014. Staff will contact landowners to see who has an interest in participating.

Manager Bair gave an update on the El Dorado Pumping Plant maintenance project. The Board opened discussion on the cost-share of the project with River Garden Farms. Trustee Cornwell and Attorney O'Brien left the meeting prior to the start of this discussion. It was suggested that the District contact River Garden Farms to seek their agreement on the use of a facilitator to continue with these discussions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no comments from the public and no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lewis Bair
Secretary/Manager