

# **Sacramento River West Side Levee District**

## **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**

**April 25, 2018**

President Tibbitts called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at Reclamation District No. 108 headquarters, Wilkins Slough, Colusa County, California.

**Commissioners Present:** Dan Tibbitts, Fritz Durst, Tom Ellis and Paul Sankey

**Commissioners Absent:** Roger Cornwell

**Others Present:** Meegan Nagy, Deputy Manager

**Agenda** – Commissioner Ellis moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Sankey seconded. Approved: 4 – 0.

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

### **ADMINISTRATION**

**Minutes** – It was moved by Commissioner Sankey to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 28, 2018 as presented. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Approved 3 – 0. Commissioner Durst abstained.

**Financial Report and Accounts Payable** – The Board reviewed the Financial Reports for March/April, including the April Accounts Payables totaling \$91,508. After discussion, Commissioner Durst moved to approve the April Accounts Payables. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Approved 4 – 0.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. **Operations Report** – Deputy Manager Nagy reported that Superintendent Marler had a scheduling conflict and she would be presenting his report. DWR Spring levee inspection was held on March 21 and 22 with only rodent holes and encroachments from plant and tree debris being noted. Staff cleared several fallen trees from the water side of the levee approximately one mile south of RGF. She also reported on high water in the Sacramento River due to a storm event on April 9. Staff conducted levee patrols and additional erosion was noted at the Froh and Erdman

sites. Commissioner Durst commented that the District needs to start looking at what changes the River and how we can impact those changes. He mentioned an excellent class by Mr. David Rosgen “What happens in a River”.

Deputy Manager Nagy reported that the District files a Notice of Exemption for District-wide Maintenance. She is seeking approval for the District to submit a Notice of Exemption with both Yolo and Colusa Counties. It was moved by Commissioner Durst to authorize staff to file a Notice of Exemption for District-wide Maintenance. Commissioner Sankey seconded. Approved 4 – 0.

## **2. Flood System Repair Program (FSRP) Missouri Bend**

**a. Missouri Bend Project** – Deputy Manager Nagy reported that Hultgren Tillis undertook some hand sampling within the levee while waiting for a drilling plan from USACE. It was found that the levee was comprised of fine silts. Hultgren Tillis will use this information to complete the geotechnical design. USACE completed their review of the 60% design and we are currently working on 100 percent design. KSN has staked the project foot-print so that the landowner can install a temporary irrigation system outside of the Project footprint. ICF and KSN are working on the Section 404 Permitting. Construction is scheduled to begin by early August. It looks like the District will need to obtain a cashflow loan of about \$1 million.

**b. Consideration of additional sites for Flood System Repair Gravel Sites** – Deputy Manager Nagy asked for approval to add the levee road used for the Missouri Bend Project to the FSR Grant since it will need to be restored once the Project is completed. This is at the same cost-share as the Missouri Bend Project.

**d. Amend the 2018 Budget** – Deputy Manager Nagy reported that because of the changes to the FSR sites she is looking for approval to amend the 2018 Budget as follows: Account No. 420 FSR-Missouri Bend Income would increase to \$3,683,864; Account No.460E FSR Project Income would increase to \$117,895; Account No. 560E FSR Gravel Roads would increase to \$228,000 for the additional gravel sites. It was moved by Commissioner Durst to amend the 2018 Project Budget as presented and asked Mr. Norm Newell, District Auditor, how to present the loan proceeds on the Financial Report. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Approved 4 – 0.

## **3. 2017 Flood Event**

**a. PL84-99 Rehabilitation Assistance Update** – Deputy Manager Nagy reported on the following repair sites:

- **Moon Bend Site** – Deputy Manager reported that the downstream site will be repaired in 2018. The upstream site has been added to a separate contract. USACE is still attempting to construct in 2018 but it may be delayed to 2019.

- **Cecil Lake** – The Corps of Engineers (Corps) have decided to do the levee boring. This will add more time to the Project. The Corps and staff met with the Cecil Family to discuss the drilling. The drilling should be done before October 2018 with construction beginning in 2019 at the earliest. The Corps have been comparing cost of both a slurry wall and a seepage berm and came up with a difference of \$15 million. Mr. O'Regan reviewed the Corps costs estimated and found that a significant amount of the difference was hauling cost. Staff informed the Corps that they would find a closer dump site that would reduce the hauling cost significantly. The potential cost savings for hauling and other items may reduce the overall different to \$5M. We will not know what project the Corps will decide on until after the levee boring has been completed.

- **Missouri Bend South** - This project has been pushed back to 2019 because the Corps has decided to do borings to better understand the site. This is a 160-foot wide seepage berm. We asked the Corps to evaluate a set-back levee and the Corps has completed a cost comparison. After reviewing their cost comparison, we found the difference to be only \$2.5 million to do the setback levee. The issue with the seepage berm is that the landowner would still have to deal with seepage, whereas the setback levee will alleviate seepage. This information has just been sent to the landowner. It was suggested that with a setback levee move habitat could be added along the River.

- **Faye Erosion Site Update** – The Corps has approved this site for repair under PL84-99 and it will be completed in 2019 or 2020.

**4. Adopt Resolution No. 18-04 in the matter Adopting the Yolo County Operational Area Multi Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan and SRWSLD Addendum** - The Board approved this at the February Board meeting, but FEMA came back and said that the Plan needs to be amended specifically for the District. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Durst to Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 18-04 adopting the Yolo County Operational Area Multi Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Pan and SRWSLD Addendum. Commissioner Ellis seconded. Approved 4 – 0. RESOLUTION No. 18-04 is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**5. CVFPB Calif. Emergency Response Functional Exercise** – Deputy Manager Nagy reported that she was asked if the District would be willing to participate in an Emergency Response Exercise for communications. The exercise would include the Corps, DWR, County and CVFPB. The cost to the District would be Deputy Manager Nagy's time only, with the outcome of better communications during an emergency event. It was moved by Commissioner Ellis to approve participation in an Emergency Response Functional Exercise and to support the Exercise with Deputy Manager Nagy's time. Commissioner Durst seconded. Approve 4 – 0.

**6. Annual Landowner Meeting** – The Board set an annual meeting date to the second Wednesday in November. If available, the meeting will be held at the Colusa Industrial Center at 6:30 p.m. The 2018 annual meeting will be held on November 14. Meeting notice and agenda will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

## **INFORMATION REPORTS**

**1. California Central Valley Flood Control Association (CCVFCA) Report** – Deputy Manager Nagy reported that Mr. Carter could not attend the meeting today. She said that the CCVFCA renews its memberships and he was looking to see if the District was still interested in him representing the District. The Board concurred unanimously to continue to have Mr. Carter represent SRWSLD at the CCVFCA.

**2. Deputy Manager's Report** – Deputy Manager reported that the Small Communities Grant is moving forward. They are working on the feasibility study and alternatives for Grimes, Colusa and Princeton. In response to a question regarding Grimes Water Company, Deputy Manager Nagy reported that when Grimes applied to construct a test well, the State denied the proposed site. She was unsure why it was denied.

The Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (RCIS) & Mitigation Program is moving forward. There was a short pause while issues with the guidelines were resolved. The completed draft of the RCIS should be done this summer. EDF will draft the first Mitigation Credit Agreement that will be used for many sites, potentially starting with a Feather River site since Sutter Butte has a project they would like obtain credits for.

Deputy Manager Nagy reported on the Coordinating Committee. They are currently working on defining what OMRR&R is, who is responsible for what, and ultimately who pays.

Deputy Manager Nagy reported that DWR staff have accepted our application as submitted for the Emergency Response Grant Phase III, with the deduction of application costs. The next step will move the application onto DWR leadership. The Deferred Maintenance Program is waiting to be signed.

## **Adjournment**

There being no comments from the Public and no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Meegan Nagy  
Deputy Manager