

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES

289 North L Street, Dinuba, CA (559) 591-0800

Thursday, December 13, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call – The Regular Board Meeting for Alta Irrigation District was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by President Jack Brandt. Members present were Daniel Astiasuain, Jerry Halford, John Kalendar, Tom Marshall, Larry Tout, and Norman Waldner. Others present were General Manager Chad Wegley, Controller Marc Limas, Engineer Jim Wegley, and Attorneys Doug B. Jensen and Lauren D. Layne.

1.2. Potential Conflict(s) of Interest – None.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

3. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA – None.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

4.1. District received a written notice, dated November 14, 2018, from the city of Dinuba to abate weeds and rubbish on the Dinuba town canal; notice was distributed to the Board. This was not the District's first abatement notice for this area.

5. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

5.1. Kings River Water Association (KRWA) Executive Committee – No update.

5.2. Other Organizations and Items of Interest – None.

6. WATER MANAGEMENT

6.1. Pine Flat Storage Report & Precipitation Summary – General Manager Wegley reported that storage behind Pine Flat is about 270,500 acre-feet, which leaves approximately 372,300 acre-feet of flood control space. Alta Irrigation District's storage increased about 6,000 acre feet in November to 19,700 acre-feet. Total precipitation for November was approximately 1.8". (Insert 6.1)

6.2. Water Run Update – None.

6.3. Monthly Water Banking Report – The Monthly Banking report was reviewed and included as an addendum to the minutes. No change since the end of water run. (Insert 6.3)

7. ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL

- 7.1. Board Meeting Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of November 8, 2018. It was M/S/C unanimously by Halford/Astiasuain to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of November 8, 2018.
- 7.2. Warrants. It was M/S/C unanimously by Marshall/Astiasuain to approve the November 2018 warrants in the amount of \$110,603.01. (Insert 7.2)
- 7.3. Collector's Report. It was M/S/C unanimously by Halford/Kalendar to accept the November 2018 Collector's Report as presented. (Insert 7.3)
- 7.4. Treasurer's Report. As of November 30, 2018, the cash balance is \$1,149,809.90 and of that \$1,116,526.24 is deposited in LAIF earning an interest rate of 2.19%. Accounts Receivable and Inventory total approximately \$2,188,264. Current year revenue and expenses are approximately \$2,512,227 and \$525,657, respectively, resulting in net cash flow of about \$1,986,673. (Insert 7.4) It was M/S/C unanimously by Astiasuain/Kalendar to accept the November 30, 2018 Treasurer's Report.
- 7.5. Board Officer Reorganization. President Brandt handed control of the meeting to General Manager Wegley. Vice-President Marshall nominated Jack Brandt for President, with no further nominations received, General Manager Wegley polled the Board; voting for Brandt were Directors Kalendar, Astiasuain, Tout, Halford, Marshall, and Waldner. Director Brandt abstained. General Manager Wegley handed control of the meeting back to President Brandt. Director Astiasuain nominated Tom Marshall for Vice-President, with no further nominations received, President Brandt polled the Board; voting for Marshall were Directors Kalendar, Astiasuain, Brandt, Tout, Halford, and Waldner. Director Marshall abstained. It was M/S/C unanimously by Halford/Marshall to name Chad Wegley Secretary. It was M/S/C unanimously by Halford/Kalendar to name Marc Limas Treasurer.
- 7.6. Committee Reorganization (Primary and Alternate). It was M/S/C unanimously by Marshall/Astiasuain to appoint Director Halford as primary and General Manager Wegley as alternate to the KRWA Executive Committee. It was M/S/C unanimously by Halford/Marshall to appoint Director Kalendar as primary and General Manager Wegley as alternate to SSVWOC. It was M/S/C unanimously by Marshall/Halford to appoint Director Kalendar as primary and Controller Limas as alternate to ACWA/JPIA.

8. CURRENT PROJECTS – Informational Items Only; No Action Will Be Taken

- 8.1. Avenue 416 Widening (Tulare Co – Caesar/AB Clark 9922 & 9923). General Manager Wegley reported that staff completed the concrete slope protection on the west bank of the Traver Canal. Poorly compacted backfill around the outlet of the McBriar into the Traver Canal is creating a washout the District will need to fix in order to protect the headwall.

District will fix the drainage issues and install a turnout, removed as part of the roadway project, for Mike Jackson.

- 8.2. City of Reedley Floral and Reed Avenue (Reedley Pond; 9917). No update.
- 8.3. Caltrans Hwy 180 (Mt. Campbell; 7025). General Manager Wegley reported Caltrans has assigned a new team to the project. Caltrans pressure tested the pipeline last week, but this testing does not satisfy the District's requirement. A subsequent is required once all District facilities are in place.
- 8.4. Fresno County Parlier Avenue Bridge (Traver; 9928). No update.
- 8.5. Fresno County Lincoln Avenue Bridge (Traver; 9929). No update.
- 8.6. Fresno County Englehart Avenue Bridge (Reedley Main; 9930). No update.
- 8.7. City of Dinuba Randle Avenue (Nuss, 9937). General Manager Wegley reported that Randle Avenue was paved, and the District completed its review of all project submittal. A precast, concrete flow distribution box is the only unfinished District improvement.
- 8.8. Tulare County Nebraska Bridge (Traver, 9936). General Manager Wegley reported Tulare County is working on 65% plans to submit to the District. The District agreed to a lower bridge deck, about two (2) inches, as long as the County's design does not require a center pier.
- 8.9. Fresno County Frankwood Avenue Bridge (Alta Main; 9931). No update.
- 8.10. DUSD Alta-Kamm High School (Dinuba Town, Burum; 9932). General Manager Wegley reported that the School District has not been awarded any State funding. To address a hazardous crossing condition at the intersection of Kamm and Alta Avenues, the city of Dinuba and School District are considering installation of a roundabout.
- 8.11. Fresno County Manning Avenue Bridge (Traver; 9933). No update.
- 8.12. KCUSD Pipeline Replacement @ Reedley College (West Reedley Main; 9941). No update.
- 8.13. Yettlem-Seville Water Distribution System Improvements (Button & Sontag; 9940). General Manager Wegley reported the project should be starting construction and that State caused delays will require construction in wet conditions and not dry, which will make the project costlier. This project has three (3) encroachments.
- 8.14. Cutler-Orosi Joint USD Sports Complex (Orosi School House; 7030). No update.
- 8.15. Tulare County Bridge (Traver; 9943/7029). No update.

- 8.16. Trinitas Farms Encroachment (Smith Mountain; 9953). General Manager Wegley reported the District is working on an agreement for the permanent crossing, which will replace the temporary crossing.
- 8.17. City of Dinuba Encroachment (Horsman; 9948). No update.
- 8.18. City of Dinuba Avenue 416 Widening (Traver Bridge; 9914). No update.
- 8.19. City of Reedley Encroachment (East Reedley; 9949). General Manager Wegley reported, the City of Reedley completed potholing, locating two (2) pipelines, and will be incorporating this information into updated plans.
- 8.20. City of Dinuba Stormwater Drain (Horsman; 9945). General Manager Wegley reported that this project is on hold until the City provides the District with a pump curve for new pump station.
- 8.21. Soto Bridge Crossing (Button; 9956). No update.
- 8.22. Vast Networks CVIN, LLC/KCUSD Encroachments (District Wide; 9958). General Manager Wegley reported agreements are ready to be executed by the District.
- 8.23. Dopkins Funeral Home (West Reedley, 10041801). General Manager Wegley reported that all fees have been paid by Dopkins. The District is waiting on updated plans from Dopkins before proceeding with its review.
- 8.24. Mullholland Farms (Nicoles-Cann Pipeline, 10051801). General Manager Wegley reported that all fees have been paid by Mullholland. The District will schedule a field meeting to go over plans to replace the damaged pipeline.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 2019 Alta Irrigation District Meeting Calendar. It was M/S/C unanimously by Halford/Astiasuain to adopt the 2019 Alta Irrigation District meeting calendar. (Insert 9.1)
- 9.2 Claim filed by Alexis Mariah Diaz and Crystal Diaz. It was M/S/C unanimously by Kalendar/Marshall to reject a claim filed by Alexis Mariah Diaz and Crystal Diaz, to send a letter stating the same, and to submit the claim to ACWA JPIA.

10. OLD BUSINESS

- 10.1 McGee Pipeline Tree Removal. General Manager Wegley reported the District has identified and marked the corridor of trees that are encroaching District facilities and need to be removed.

- 10.2 Kings River East GSA. General Manager Wegley reported that the annual overdraft for the GSA is about 11,000 acre-feet, which includes pumping from neighboring subbasin(s). It was also reported that the GSA collected about seventy-six (76) percent of the 2018 bills.
- 10.3 Nitrate Study. General Manager Wegley reported the second round of testing has been completed; KRCD is currently working on compiling the report.
- 10.4 Legislative.
 - 10.4.1.1 ACWA Legislative Committee. Attorney Layne reported the committee met in October. The committee is working on legislation to establish a trust fund instead of the proposed water tax.
 - 10.4.1.2 Valley Ag Water Coalition. Attorney Layne reported the committee met at ACWA, also discussed was the Engineer appointed to the State Water Board by Governor Brown.
 - 10.4.1.3 KRWA Legislative Committee. No update.
- 10.5 Federal Legislation Regarding Waters of the United States (WOTUS). The EPA released a revised WOTUS regulation that is out for a 60-day public comment period.
- 10.6 Engineer's Report and Proposition 218 Process. General Manager Wegley reported the District is currently classifying facilities most in need of deferred maintenance and ranking the facilities by severity, if failure occurred.
- 10.7 Manager's Report General Manager Wegley discussed canal cleaning and maintenance. General Manager Wegley as discussed San Joaquin Valley Air Board PM 2.5 and the potential impacts to the District once implemented.

11. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION President Brandt adjourned to Closed Session at 11:45 a.m. to confer with counsel and the following items. Attorneys Doug Jensen and Lauren Layne left this meeting for item 11.3 and subsequent discussions. Attorney Nick Jacobs joined the meeting via conference call to discuss item 11.3.

- 11.1. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Pending Litigation, Government Code 54956.9(d)(1). Board of Directors will confer with counsel for possible action regarding *Kings River Water Association, et al. v. James Verboon, et al.*
- 11.2. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Anticipated Litigation, Government Code 54956.9(d)(2). Board of Directors will confer with counsel for possible action on potential litigation arising out of claims by third parties to water rights on the Kings River. (1 case)

- 11.3. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Pending Litigation, Government Code 54956.9(d)(1). Board of Directors will meet in closed session to confer with counsel regarding *Kings River Water Association v. R.D. #761, et al.*
- 11.4. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Anticipated Litigation, Government Code 54956.9(d)(2). Board of Directors will confer with counsel for possible action on potential litigation arising out of unauthorized encroachment(s) into District canal. (1 case)

12. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – The Board reconvened into open session at 12:30 p.m. with no reportable action taken in closed session.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S) - None

14. ADJOURNMENT There being no further items to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting on January 10, 2019.

Sincerely,

Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

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