REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

Thursday, December 9, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call – The Regular Board Meeting for Alta Irrigation District was called to order at 9:36 a.m. by President Jack Brandt. Members present were Daniel Astiasuain, Domenic Fino, Jerry Halford, John Kalendar, Tom Marshall, and Larry Tout. Others present were General Manager Chad Wegley, Operations Manager Marc Limas, Engineer Jim Wegley, and Attorney Douglas B. Jensen.

1.2. Potential Conflict(s) of Interest – Director Fino declared a financial conflict of interest on item 11.5 and will leave the room for that item.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

3. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM AGENDA – None.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

4.1. County of Fresno Registrar of Voters Notice. (Insert 4.1)

4.2. City of Dinuba 60-Day Notice Preparation of 2020 Update to the City of Dinuba Urban Water Management Plan. (Insert 4.2)

5. CONSENT CALENDAR – It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Halford, seconded by Director Fino, that consent calendar items be approved as presented.

5.1. Board Meeting Minutes for Regular Board Meeting November 12, 2021.

5.2. Collector's Report for November 2021. (Insert 5.2)

5.3. Approve Payment of the November 2021 Warrants. (Insert 5.3)

5.4. Approve 2022 Meeting Calendar. (Insert 5.4)

6. ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL

6.1. Treasurer's Report. As of November 30, 2021, the cash balance is $2,722,155.71. Accounts Receivable and Inventory total approximately $1,722,109. Current year revenue and expenses are approximately $2,528,073 and $449,847 respectively, resulting in a net cash flow of about $2,078,371 (Insert 6.1). It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Vice President Marshall, seconded by Director Astiasuain to accept the November 30, 2021, Treasurer's Report.

6.2. Board Officer Reorganization. It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Astiasuain, seconded by Director Kalendar that calendar year 2021 officers remain in office for calendar year 2022.

6.3. Operating Line Renewal. It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Halford, seconded by Director Kalendar to renew operating line with Mechanics Bank or Valley Strong Credit Union, name President Jack Brandt and Secretary Chad Wegley, as signers on the loan docs, also authorize Treasurer Marc Limas to make advances and payments on operating line.

7. CURRENT PROJECTS – Information Items Only; No Action Will be Taken

7.1. Avenue 416 Widening (Tulare County – Caesar 9922). No update.

7.2. Dinuba High School (Dinuba Unified School District – Dinuba Town 9932). General Manager Wegley reported that the school district's consultant requested a meeting to discuss the possibility of a variance to District standards on pipe material.

7.3. City of Reedley Well #12 (City of Reedley – East Reedley 10082001). General Manager Wegley reported that the city desires to dispose of backwash water from the granular activated carbon filters into the East Reedley Ditch.

7.4. Bridge Crossing (M&G Farms Inc – Tout 10101901). No update.

7.5. Alternate Turnout (M&G Farms Inc. – Lovell 10102001). No update.

7.6. Avenue 376 Bridge (Tulare County – Traver 10131901). No update.

7.7. Century Homes Community (Century Homes 10251901). No update.

7.8. Bridge Crossing (James & Betty Spitze – Mt. Campbell 10402002). No update.

7.9. Bridge Crossing (Smith Mountain Estates, LLC – Smith Mountain 10502001). General Manager Wegley reported that the District provided comments on drawing of a proposed crossing and will be issuing an agreement for installation of a temporary crossing.

7.10. Encroachment (PG&E – Traver Canal 10322002). No update.

7.11. Encroachment (PG&E – Wilson & Dinuba Town 10322102). No update.

7.12. Encroachment (PG&E – Traver Canal 10322103). No update.

7.13. Parlier Avenue Bridge (Fresno County – Traver 10532101). No update.

7.14. Englehart Bridge (Fresno County – Reedley Main 10532102). No update.

7.15. Alta Avenue Bridge (Fresno County – Traver 10532103). No update.

7.16. Manning Avenue Bridge (Fresno County – Traver 10532104). No update.

7.17. Lincoln Avenue Bridge (Fresno County – Traver 10532105). No update.

7.18. Alternate Turnout (Creekside Farms – Banks Ditch 10542101). No update.

7.19. Alternate Turnout (Wonderful Citrus – Wilson Ditch 10562101). No update.

7.20. Encroachment (ALG North Valley – California Vineyard Ditch 10572101). No update.

7.21. Alternate Turnout (Cardenas Farms – California Vineyard Ditch 10582101). No update.

7.22. Encroachment (CalBioGas North Visalia, LLC – Banks Ditch 10612101). General Manager Wegley reported the District reached a resolution with CalBioGas' consultant regarding an illegal encroachment.

8. WATER MANAGEMENT – Review and take action as appropriate.

8.1. Water Run Update. General Manager explained that late October and early November rainfall generated about 9,500 acre-feet of entitlement, which nearly equaled the total entitlement during WY 2021; water run report was added as an addendum to the minutes. (Insert 8.1)

9. NEW BUSINESS – Review and take action as appropriate.

9.1. Flo Analytics Contract. It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Director Kalendar, seconded by Director Astiasuain to approve contract with Flo Analytics for redistricting services. (Insert 9.1)

9.2. City of Reedley Well #12 (City of Reedley – East Reedley 10082001). It was M/S/C unanimously on motion by Vice President Marshall, seconded by Director Kalendar to approve a single agreement for six (6) encroachments and to allow for a one-time variance to District requirements for crossing a pipeline.

10. OLD BUSINESS

10.1. Manager's Report. General Manager Wegley explained impacts to canal system operations and finances because saplings were not removed from canal banks or O&M roads, and highlighted steps being taken to address deferred maintenance of structures; manager's report was added as an addendum to the minutes. (Insert 10.1)

10.2. Attorney's Report. No update.

President Brandt called a recess at 11:32 a.m. President Brandt reconvened the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

11. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – President Brandt adjourned to closed session at 11:40 a.m. and conferred with counsel on items listed below. Director Fino declared a financial conflict of interest on Item 11.5 and left the meeting at approximately 12:15 p.m.

11.1. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Labor Negotiations, Government Code §54957.6(a). Board of Directors will confer with counsel for possible action regarding Local 39 labor negotiations.

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 unauthorized encroachment(s) into District canal. (2 cases)

11.3. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Existing Litigation, Government Code §54956.9(d)(1). Board of Directors will confer with counsel for possible action regarding *Jesse Alvarado v. Alta Irrigation District Case # ADJ9776072*.

11.4. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Existing Litigation, Government Code §54956.9(d)(1). Board of Directors will confer with counsel for possible action regarding *James Irrigation District v. Kings River Water Association (Fresno Co. Case #19CECG00769).*

11.5. 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. (2 cases)

12. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION** – The Board reconvened into open session at 12:48 p.m. Mr. Jensen announced that during the closed session discussion of *Jesse Alvarado v. Alta Irrigation District* (Fresno County Case No. CEG00769), the Board took action to settle the case without admitting any liability in the matter, but paying the plaintiff the cash sum of $15,000.00 on condition that he fully release the District form any and all liability or claims with respect to the matter.

13. **ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, President Brandt adjourned the meeting at 12:48 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting on January 13, 2022.

Sincerely,

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Chad B. Wegley, Secretary

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