

REDWOOD VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
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MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Thursday, March 17, 2011

Directors Present: Donald E. Butow, Jeanette Hallman, Granville Pool, Merle D. Reuser,
Hal Voege via phone

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: General Manager William L. Koehler

Others Present: Will Carson-Millview CWD

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL.

Granville Pool, Vice-President
Jeanette Hallman, Director
Merle Reuser, Director
Hal Voege, Director (via phone)
Donald Butow, President

2. HEARING OF COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE ATTENDING PUBLIC.

None

3. CONSIDER HEARING OF URGENT ITEMS RECEIVED SINCE THE AGENDA WAS POSTED.

GM Koehler stated Ross Mayfield has asked for the Board of Directors to release the final payment for his services now that the District has received the confirmation letter from FEMA.

MOTION: Discuss payment to Recovery Operations Specialty Services.

Pool/Reuser Discussion CARRIED

AYES: Pool, Reuser, Butow, Hallman, Voege

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

GM Koehler informed the Directors that FEMA has agreed to the outstanding amount of \$128,000.00. The total amount of unpaid invoices to R.O.S.S., going back to March 2010 and extending through February 2011, is \$6,399.70, and it is possible we could receive another invoice.

Director Hallman said to go ahead and give him his money. GM Koehler commented that potentially, it could be 60 days before we actually receive the money.

MOTION: Pay Recovery Operations Specialty Services for the invoices received.

Reuser/Hallman Discussion CARRIED

Director Butow will agree with the condition that this is the final bill or else if another bill is received in the future, he will not approve any more than two additional hours.

AYES: Reuser, Hallman, Butow, Voegel, Pool

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR.

- a. Financial Statement
- b.-1. Bills Paid since those approved at last Meeting.
- b.-2. Bills Paid as approved at previous Meeting.
- c. Bills Payable.
- d. District Activity.

Director Voegel asked about the progress with the GIS report. GM Koehler stated the bulk of the work is done; they are working on importing data into GIS from the utility billing program. GM Koehler said he will get back to Shane.

MOTION: Approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Pool/Reuser Discussion CARRIED

AYES: Pool, Reuser, Butow, Hallman, Voegel

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

None presented.

6. DIRECTOR AND STAFF REPORTS AND DISCUSSION OF NON-ACTION TOPICS.

None

7. DIRECTOR AND STAFF REPORTS OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED IN GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT. ACTION ITEMS.

b. Leak Forgiveness Proposal.

GM Koehler asked if the Board wanted a mandatory audit for leaks. Director Reuser and Director Hallman don't agree with the mandatory inspection. Director Voegel suggested we offer the audit at no cost and not to be mandatory. GM Koehler suggested that water leaks be at least three times the usual bill for the same month averaged over three years.

c. Resolution No. 2011-1, Establishing a Bank Money Market Account for Specific Funds.

Director Butow stated this account is created to hold monies owed to either the SCWA or RRFCD for water purchases.

GM Koehler said we owe either or both agencies combined, approximately \$80,000.00 for 2010-to-date. He suggested a language change in the first paragraph of the resolution, to: for the purpose of setting aside funds for the payment of water purchases prior to receipt of the invoices.

There was discussion about the Savings Bank wording on the signature cards. Linda will talk to the Savings Bank staff about modifying the wording to indicate two (2) signatures required. The Board decided the account will be named Water Payment Account and that something in excess of \$80,000.00 will be

deposited so that when the \$80M is written, the account will still hold a minimum balance to comply with the bank requirement.

MOTION: Approve Resolution 2011-1 per revisions stated.

Reuser/Pool Discussion CARRIED

AYES: Reuser, Pool, Butow, Hallman, Voege

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

- d. Resolution 2011-2, Nomination to the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee.

MOTION: Pass Resolution 2011-2, Concurring in Nomination of David T. Hodgin to the Executive Committee of the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA).

Voege/Reuser Discussion CARRIED

AYES: Voege, Reuser, Butow, Hallman, Pool

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

- e. Reassign Board ACWA/JPIA designated Director.

The Board agreed that the ACWA/JPIA Delegate is Granville Pool (District Director) and the Alternate is Bill Koehler (General Manager).

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND ACTION ITEMS.

District Operations.

- a. GM Koehler stated we are continuing to monitor the Road B customer who thinks there is a leak related to the District system. He noted, the area looks the same as several roads in Redwood Valley, but we'll be able to determine something when the ground is dry.

9. FINANCIAL REPORT.

The financial report was discussed. Director Butow noted that in spite of everything, we are doing ok.

MOTION: Approve the financial report as presented.

Pool/Reuser Discussion CARRIED

AYES: Pool, Reuser, Butow, Hallman, Voege

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

10. LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY – LAFCO.

Nothing to Report.

11. INLAND WATER & POWER COMMISSION.

- a. Report of attendance at IW&PC Meetings.

Director Butow reported that COE Engineer Dillabough and the Lake Manager stated they found some money to apply to the feasibility study and it won't require the IW&PC to contribute any more at the

present time. Will Carson reported that an email on Friday stated that the COE had committed funds to those studies.

Director Butow said the Commission is going forward with Directors Voegel's project to initiate the 'PR' campaign.

Director Voegel and Supervisor Carre Brown will continue to work on the project.

b. Feasibility Study.

GM Koehler stated he needs to review the contract. There is a clause that says if you're out of the Feasibility Study for a year, you may buy-back in, for the amount of the unpaid share plus the interest it would have earned through LAIF. If you're out for two years you have to pay 10% simple interest plus the catch up money. The amount that RVCWD currently owes is \$54,200.

Director Voegel wants to hold off on jumping back in, until we find out if there are any deal breakers.

Will Carson stated Mr. Dillabough was saying the process that IW&PC is going through may set the standard as to how they want to approach these projects in the future. The Board will continue to monitor the actions and GM Koehler will review the Contract to learn if there is more detailed information the Board should consider.

GM Koehler mentioned an e-mail where Candace was asking if everyone approved shifting the \$30,000.00 into a bank account that the Corps has access to. He questioned her as to whether RVCWD had the right to vote on it and she responded that other members had approved it and she is going ahead with it.

GM Koehler mentioned a meeting he attended and that Lake County Supervisor Rushing was also there. He suggested to her that she attend the Potter Valley Project Tour and she asked, what would be in it for Lake County? So he told her about the Friends of the Eel and how they are hell-bent on turning Lake Pillsbury into a mudflat. Director Butow asked Director Voegel to contact Supervisor Carre Brown and have her invite Supervisor Rushing to attend the tour.

12. MENDOCINO COUNTY RUSSIAN RIVER FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.

- a. Director Butow and Director Pool attended the meeting. It was reported the FCD is still arguing about their maps; and also, they had some meetings in Sacramento. They are still fighting to get approval to go to license on their 8,000 a-f.

Director Pool mentioned they were excited about not having to pay any additional money for the Corps of Engineers study. They talked about the meters they are putting in and how they will work it.

GM Koehler stated Sean's estimate is about \$300,000.00 for purchasing and installing the meters.

Will Carson said the Flood Control District is trying to get grant money to pay for some of it. He added, Everyone buying water from the Flood Control District will be paying for these meters.

GM Koehler stated, We don't pay for capital projects that don't benefit us.

Director Butow mentioned the discussion involving Millview County Water District and getting additional water.

Will Carson said he is not sure if the 750 acre-feet is enough to satisfy the deficiencies that brought them into the moratorium. The plant has been upgraded over the years and in theory it is capable of processing the amount of water necessary. Now we need 'x' amount of water and then we have both things necessary to get us out of the moratorium, but the 750 acre-feet might not be enough.

13. REPORT OF ATTENDANCE AT AGENCY MEETINGS, I.E. CITY OF UKIAH, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, OTHER SPECIAL DISTRICT'S, COUNTY OF MENDOCINO PLANNING TEAM/HOUSING ELEMENT, AND OTHERS NOT LISTED SEPARATELY HEREIN.

Director Hallman mentioned she received a call asking why no one from the District was at the Ukiah Valley

Area Plan (UVAP) meeting to support Redwood Valley, and that Redwood Valley was basically thrown under the bus. The City of Ukiah said they would be willing to take all the surplus water. It was noted that Lee Howard spoke in defense of Redwood Valley, mentioning the hardship to not only Redwood Valley but the Ukiah Valley. GM Koehler reminded the Board that he was on vacation during the last UVAP meeting, however he had attended previous UVAP meetings and he had reported his frustration that they just won't include Redwood Valley, and that he had used that very comment previously.

Director Hallman also mentioned the redistricting and that 'names would be drawn out of a hat'. She encouraged anyone who might be interested, to submit their name.

14. Sonoma County Water Agency.

Nothing new to add at this point.

15. State Water Resources Control Board

Director Pool commented that Sean and others feel the rearrangement of personnel at the State Water Resources Control Board seems like a good benefit. GM Koehler said he has plans to go to Sacramento soon for a meeting with Mr. Moody.

16. Status report of Place of Use issues.

GM Koehler will discuss this matter with Mr. Moody in Sacramento.

17. Status report of 2800 acre-feet Storage Right.

Nothing new to report.

18. Consider attendance at seminars, training events, conferences as received since last Meeting.

GM Koehler mentioned that there are several one-day trainings he will be sending employees on, at minimal costs.

8:30 P.M. Member of the public, Will Carson, left the meeting at this time.

Break: 8:30 P.M.

Reconvene: 8:40 P.M

8:41 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

19. a. Real Property Negotiations; Report of Negotiators, Donald Butow, Granville Pool and William Koehler in regard to progress or lack of progress toward the purchase of real property designated as firm water rights. The person or persons with whom the negotiators may negotiate are designees of the Sonoma County Water Agency. Government Code Section 54956.8

10:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION ENDED

20. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Butow reported that the Board of Directors heard a Report of Negotiators Ad Hoc Committee on meetings with the RRFCD Ad Hoc committee.

21. CONSIDER ACTION ON ANY CLOSED SESSION ITEMS.

The Directors agreed to schedule a co-presented Special Meeting of the Redwood Valley County Water District Board of Directors and the Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District Board of Trustees at 8:00 A.M. on Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at the Redwood Valley Cellars/Barra of Mendocino, on North State Street, Redwood Valley, as this location is within the boundaries of both Districts.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2011 at the Water District Office, 2370 Webb Ranch Road, Redwood Valley California.

APPROVED: _____ Board of Directors _____

DATE APPROVED: _____ April 21, 2011 _____

SIGNED: _____ Linda Groth _____
Secretary, Board of Directors