

REDWOOD VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
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MINUTES
 Continued Regular Meeting
 Board of Directors
 July 22, 2010

Directors Present: Donald E. Butow, Jeanette Hallman, Hal Voege, Granville Pool, Merle D. Reuser
 Staff Present: General Manager Bill Koehler
 Office Manager/Secretary to Board of Directors Linda Groth
 Others Present: None

CALL TO ORDER: 7:04 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL.

Hal Voege, Vice-President
 Granville Pool, Director
 Jeanette Hallman, Director
 Merle D. Reuser, Director
 Donald E. Butow, President

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

None

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

Director Pool has an urgent item regarding the ACWA HBA By-Law Changes.

MOTION: Hear matter as presented.

Voege/Reuser Discussion CARRIED
 AYES: Voege, Reuser, Hallman, Pool, Butow
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAIN: None

Director Pool referred to the ACWA HBA packet he received as District Representative. By-Law changes are being proposed for the structure of the self-funded insurance pool. Although the deadline has passed, the form states that the District Representative has to be either the General Manager or the President of the Board of Directors and the Alternate Representative has to be a Board Member. He recommends that the Board of Directors should designate the General Manager as the Representative and Director Pool as the Alternate Representative.

MOTION: Approve the document and appoint General Manager Koehler as District Representative and Director Pool as the Alternate Representative.

Voege/Reuser Discussion CARRIED
 AYES: Voege, Reuser, Hallman, Butow, Pool
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAIN: None

4. DIRECTOR AND STAFF REPORTS OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED IN G.M. REPORT. ACTION ITEMS. (Agenda Item No. 7)

General Manager Koehler reported:

a) The County Department of Transportation is planning to replace the culvert on East Road at Road H. This will not impact the District transmission main.

Also, D.O.T. is talking about May, 2012 for relocating the School Way Bridge, and then demolishing the old bridge. GM Koehler will talk to D.O.T. about also relocating the District's pipeline utility in conjunction with the project. This could cost about \$150,000 for the two pipelines.

b) In regards to the well on Pincrest Drive, the hydro geologist estimate came in at \$20,000 including the video to find out where the perforations are. The hydro geologist does have experience in dealing with the State Water Board. The molecular chemist has quoted \$8,200 for his services and GM Koehler recommends keeping this in mind when working on the budget.

c) The District Response to the Grand Jury has been submitted and we have obtained written confirmation from the Grand Jury that they have received the Response. The Response will be posted on our District Website.

d) A Frost Water Meeting sponsored by the Farm Bureau is scheduled for 5:30 P.M. on Monday, July 26th at the A.R.C. to discuss the Russian River/Sonoma County group. The main purpose is to present information to the local rancher/growers in the hopes they will participate in giving Mendocino County a commanding voice in the matter.

It was agreed that the Directors and General Manager would contact Redwood Valley customers/ranchers with this information and urge them to attend.

e) The temporary laborer was dismissed yesterday. The applicant for our water treatment plant operator opening is also looking at the City of Ukiah water department, which offers less pay but more benefits including CalPERS. We should hear back from him in the coming week.

f) GM Koehler called CalOSHA with the request for a voluntary inspection. The inspector is scheduled to be here next Thursday. Director Reuser confirmed that CalOSHA has a good program that is beneficial for all.

g) A local water hauler has mentioned to GM Koehler that a large number of wells that went dry during the drought, have not rejuvenated this year. Also, a customer on Bel Arbres Drive called to say that he has been using his well for several months but now he has to go back to his District service because his well is no longer providing enough water.

h) The AWWA California-Nevada Section is holding its Conference in Sacramento, California on October 5, 2010. Several training sessions will be held, at \$100 per day for two days, \$200 total. GM Koehler would like the Directors to consider sending employee Steven Gardner to these training sessions. There would be no per diem or lodging expenses incurred.

MOTION: Authorize employee attendance at the training sessions as described.

Reuser/Pool Discussion CARRIED

AYES: Reuser, Pool, Hallman, Voegel, Butow

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

i) It was noted that during attendance at the recent IW&PC meeting, discussion of the Grand Jury Report "was not there".

j) The local Coyote Valley Indian Tribal Council is looking to expand their housing development. A grant writer for the preliminary project came to the RV District office to gather information, during which GM Koehler had the opportunity to have a lengthy conversation with him. The grant writer is from the Round Valley Tribe and GM Koehler was able to disabuse him of some misconceptions, and gave him the correct information, as follows: if

Coyote Dam is raised, not all that water will go to Sonoma County Water Agency -- Mendocino County will also receive some of that water; Eel River water is very important to Mendocino County; Friends of the Eel is not a legitimate organization. The grant writer will return to Round Valley with this new-found information.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT. (Agenda Item No. 9)

Proposed Budget, 2010/2011.

The proposed budget was reviewed and discussed. During discussion, President Butow said the Board of Directors needs to decide whether or not to continue looking for water in the Valley that the District can appropriate. The Pinecrest well is established; it belongs to the school district, it is not somebody's private well. Are we willing to spend \$28,000 to find out if it is underflow or percolated groundwater?

GM Koehler said he is concerned that each plateau, each next step, could cost upwards of \$20,000.

Director Pool reminded the Board that our customer base has been asking, What are you doing to search for more water?

Director Reuser stated, This is worth \$50,000. If we budget at the high end and it doesn't cost that, we don't have to spend all the budgeted money.

Director Voegel added that the video of the well would show us where there are perforated areas, and the integrity of the casing.

Director Hallman stated, I feel that other items are coming up that are going to cost us the money that we won't have if we've spent it on this project.

GM Koehler suggested that, because of our low income stream, we could budget in increments of \$20-\$30,000.

Director Reuser added that he doesn't want to spend the money for well tests without having a signed contract with the School District.

GM Koehler said the contract needs to be amended with language that says, "when we go to production".

President Butow directed GM Koehler to go to legal counsel to amend the contract.

GM Koehler will go to legal counsel on Monday, at the same he will get the hydrologist and molecular chemist lined up.

Director Pool expressed concern that we want to know what experience other District's have had with the value of these different things in terms of the State Board. GM Koehler reminded the Board that the hydrogeologist has represented Millview in the past and also has experience dealing with the State. He will have conversations with both experts.

It was agreed that the Budget will be amended to include \$30,000 allocated to the Capital Expense/Groundwater Study.

MOTION: Approve the Budget as amended.

Voegel/Pool Discussion CARRIED

AYES: Voegel, Pool, Hallman, Reuser, Butow

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Director Pool and President Butow thanked General Manager Koehler for providing a straightforward product for the Board of Directors to review and receive information.

6. MENDOCINO COUNTY RUSSIAN RIVER FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT. (Agenda Item No. 12)

The meeting was attended by President Butow and General Manager Koehler. The licensing procedure seems to be on hold at this point. The FCD is going forward with buying meters for their contractors.

Some of the lower level staffers at the State advised Lee and Sean that the Freedom of Information Act allows the Flood Control District to electronically search the State mapping records. It turns out that some of the maps that the State claims "we didn't know these existed", have been altered!

The Meeting ended at 9:15 P.M.

The next Regular Meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 19, 2010 at the Water District Office, 2370 Webb Ranch Road, Redwood Valley, California.

APPROVED: _____ Board of Directors _____

DATE APPROVED: _____ September 16, 2010 _____

SIGNED: _____ Linda Groth _____
Secretary, Board of Directors