

REDWOOD VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
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MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
October 21, 2010

Directors Present: Donald E. Butow, Jeanette Hallman, Granville Pool
Directors Excused: Hal Voegel, Merle D. Reuser
Staff Present: General Manager William L. Koehler
Paula Berezay, Assistant Office Manager/Acting Secretary
Others in Attendance: Tony Ford, Roy Beck

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL.

Granville Pool, Jeanette Hallman, Donald Butow

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

None

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

None

President Butow stated there will be a split Closed Session, beginning now and then continuing at the end of the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION: 7:03 P.M.

OPENED SESSION: 7:40 P.M.

Mr. Beck joined the Meeting at this time.

Director Hallman questioned the Lake Ridge Road surge tank charges. GM Koehler explained the costs consist of \$200.00 for the permit and the rest of it went to Jack Spilman for the site grading and cleanup work requested by the District.

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.

MOTION: Approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Pool/Hallman Discussion CARRIED

AYES: Pool, Hallman, Butow

NOES: None

ABSENT: Voegel, Reuser

ABSTAIN: None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

The Minutes of September 16, 2010 were presented.

MOTION: Approve the Minutes of September 16, 2010 as presented.

Hallman/Pool Discussion CARRIED

AYES: Hallman, Pool, Butow

NOES: None

ABSENT: Voegel, Reuser

ABSTAIN: None

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

Director Pool commented on the lead and copper tests and the good results. He also mentioned the time change for the Fish Flow Scoping Meeting.

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

7.a. GM Koehler met with Joe Scriven for the water audit. Joe has spent a lot of time and effort but was only able to audit 4 houses out of 40 customers. He has tried to contact the customers but the customers are not responding. He will receive a list of another 40 customers to call. The preliminary cost is considerably higher. We are trying to create enough database for CUWCC and SCWA to show our efforts. This is an evolving process.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND ACTION ITEMS.

GM Koehler reported we worked with the Corps to arrange to have the inmate crew do some work on the lake pump road. The Corp cleaned up the road to the pump station, and the inmate crew cleaned out culverts, cut back brush and the District got the crew for half a day to stack rock around the base of the caisson. We brought cobbles in for the project. Director Pool questioned using cobbles and GM Koehler explained that was what was suggested. He offered to take Director Pool out to look at the site. In addition GM Koehler wants to hire the crew of 16 for brush clearing at the Tomki station and for weed eating at the water treatment plant. The Board members agreed.

A. Vacation Reminder.

GM Koehler is leaving on vacation November 8th and returning on December 2nd or 3rd.

B. District Operations.

GM Koehler mentioned the taste and odor problem. The source of the problem is Geosmin and Methylisoborneol (MIB). There is no health risk; it is now resolved. A flier explaining the situation was available at the office for the public.

C. Map of District.

GM Koehler reported that Shane is making progress with applying data from the Core billing program to the mapping program.

D. Recovery Operations Specialty Services.

The District received another billing from Ross Mayfield today. We also learned that CalEMA doesn't need to come out for a site visit. When the District receives the CalEMA payment, R.O.S.S. will be paid.

E. Surge Tank.

Already discussed.

F. SCWA Conservation Fund.

GM Koehler talked with Don Seymour who works for Pam Jeane. The committee of Roland Sanford, Carre Brown, and GM Koehler met and reformulated the request for money and sent it to Sonoma. Our surplus agreement with Sonoma expired last October. In order for SCWA to release the funds, we need to be in compliance with the conditions of the California Urban Water Conservation Council and AWMC prior to releasing the funds. Also, in order to release the funds prior to completion of the project it would require an amendment to the Agreement, which would require approval of the Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County sitting as the board of SCWA. GM Koehler has asked them to give us an MOU that says to spend the money and get in compliance and then will allow you to retroactively reimburse yourself for the expenditure. Bottom-line, we will have to spend money to get in compliance with the CUWCC and AWMC Best Management Practices (BMP's). In that regard, Joe Scriven is helping us with the water audit. AWMC is not designed for our type of ag system and GM Koehler will have to document that this doesn't apply to us. We will have to spend our own money first. Director Hallman stated we have nothing in writing from SCWA. President Butow asked if this is the condition of a new contract and GM Koehler answered, Correct, there is no second contract. Director Hallman expressed appreciation for all of the work Director Voegel has done on conservation issues, but stated that the District needs to put any future conservation expenditures on hold.

G. SCWA Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report.

GM Koehler will attend the Eel Russian River Commission meeting and the Monte Rio meeting in Santa Rosa on November 4th.

H. New Hire.

GM Koehler reported the new hire is working out well. Preliminary evaluation is scheduled for Monday morning and more evaluations later.

I. Financial Summary.

GM Koehler explained his income/expense summary stating that this doesn't include expenses for water purchases. He recommended we open a separate bank account for water purchases and each month at \$60.00 per a/f we deposit the money in that account. GM Koehler stated it is RRFCD mandate to sell their entire 8,000 a/f within their place of use. Director Hallman said we will keep pushing for a contract.

J. Water usage.

GM Koehler will be including a report every month.

K. Roof repair.

Dunlap Roofing repaired the roof. Director Hallman expressed concern about workers compensation, as they let their workers comp go. She suggested that in the future the District should be more cautious about workers comp.

ACTION ITEMS.

2. Grant Loan Funding.

GM Koehler filed last year for Prop. 50 and Prop. 80 SRF for \$3.5 million for a well and \$500,000 for preliminary off stream storage. We elected to not act on those last year. We will not be acting on the \$3.5 million this year, but will act on the \$500,000 for the pond. GM Koehler sent off the Statement of Intent. We are in category E which has a good chance of being funded. Resolution 2010-3 is for the SRF funding. Resolution 2010-4 is for NC IRWMP funding.

MOTION: Approve Resolution 2010-3 to designate a representative and to authorize the representative to apply for SDWSRF Funding.

Hallman/Pool Discussion CARRIED

AYES: Pool, Hallman, Butow

NOES: None

ABSENT: Voegel, Reuser

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION: Approve Resolution 2010-4 to designate a representative and to authorize the representative to apply for NC IRWMP Funding.

Hallman/Pool Discussion CARRIED

AYES: Pool, Hallman, Butow

NOES: None

ABSENT: Voegel, Reuser

ABSTAIN: None

Break 8:55 p.m.

Returned 9:05 p.m.

9. FINANCIAL REPORT.

GM Koehler mentioned again we need to show the water cost monthly, and to show the final adjustment at the end of the year. He recommended we set up a separate bank account though Savings Bank for water purchases. Director Hallman said we also need to put some into the capital fund. President Butow mentioned the allocations and the moratorium count. GM Koehler will look into it.

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

Nothing to report.

11. INLAND WATER & POWER COMMISSION.

GM Koehler mentioned Michael Kisslinger of North Coast Opportunies said there is no corporate funding available for infrastructure.

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

Nothing to report except Bill Townsend is retiring.

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.

Nothing to report.

CLOSED SESSION: 9:05 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION (Agenda Item No. 19)

- 14. a. Real Property Negotiations - Government Code Section 54956.8.
Conference with Real Property negotiators.
Address of Property: Water within Lake Mendocino available to Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District, Sonoma County Water Agency, Mendocino County Water Agency or other water by substitution.
Action Proposed: No formal Action is anticipated.
Action will be provided to the Real Property Negotiators consisting of the Attorney and Board of Directors representatives.
- b. Real Property Negotiations; Report of Negotiator, Donald Butow, in regard to progress or lack of progress in negotiations for access to water sources, rights of way, easements or interests in real property related to transmission and storage of water. No address available. Negotiations with County interests and other possibly effected landowners. Government Code Section 54956.8.
- c. Conference call with legal counsel re: Existing Litigation - Government Code Section 54956.9. Complaint by SWRCB regarding Redwood Valley County Water District utilization of water from Lake Mendocino. Arbitration and Cease & Desist Order and Proceeding before the SWRCB.
Action Proposed: The Board will not take action but instead provide guidance and direction to staff.

CLOSED SESSION ENDED: 10:12 p.m.

OPENED SESSION

15. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION (Agenda Item No. 20)

The Board directed GM Koehler to proceed with the preliminary application including signing the contract with George Rau.

The Meeting ended at 10:15 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, November 18, 2010 at the Water District Office, 2370 Webb Ranch Road, Redwood Valley, California.

Minutes Prepared by Paula Berezay, Acting Secretary

APPROVED: Board of Directors

DATE APPROVED: November 18, 2010

SIGNED: Linda Groth
Secretary, Board of Directors