

REDWOOD VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
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MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
November 18, 2010

Directors Present: Donald E. Butow, Granville Pool, Merle D. Reuser
Directors Excused: Hal Voege
Directors Absent: Jeanette Hallman
Staff Present: Secretary to the Board of Directors Linda Groth
Staff Excused: General Manager Bill Koehler
Others in Attendance: Will Carson, Roy Beck

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL.

Granville Pool, Merle Reuser, 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

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/Reuser Discussion CARRIED

AYES: Pool, Reuser, Butow

NOES: None

ABSENT: Hallman, Voege

ABSTAIN: None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

The Minutes of October 21, 2010 were presented.

MOTION: Approve the Minutes of October 21, 2010 as presented.

Pool/Reuser Discussion CARRIED

AYES: Pool, Reuser, Butow

NOES: None

ABSENT: Hallman, Voegel

ABSTAIN: None

The Minutes of October 27, 2010 were presented.

Amend sentence on page 2, last paragraph, line 5:

Originally reported: He is concerned about public funds.

Amended to: He is concerned about the possible issue of a gift of public funds.

MOTION: Approve the Minutes of October 27, 2010 as amended.

Pool/Reuser Discussion CARRIED

AYES: Pool, Reuser, Butow

NOES: None

ABSENT: Hallman, Voegel

ABSTAIN: None

The Minutes of November 3, 2010 were presented.

MOTION: Approve the Minutes of November 3, 2010.

Reuser/Pool Discussion CARRIED

AYES: Reuser, Pool, Butow

NOES: None

ABSENT: Hallman, Voegel

ABSTAIN: None

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

Nothing submitted.

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

Nothing submitted.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND ACTION ITEMS, NOVEMBER, 2010.

A. Vacation.

General Manager Koehler will return from vacation on December 2, 2010.

B. SRF Loan.

The application has been submitted.

C. Public Meetings.

The Redwood Valley Grange Hall is reserved for 6p-8p on Wednesday, December 8 and Wednesday, December 15. Notices will be mailed to all customers; also, signs will be set out at 3 locations.

D. Plant Operations.

This low production period allows crew to perform maintenance and repairs at the water treatment plant.

E. S.C.W.A.

GM Koehler will resume communications with S.C.W.A. upon his return from vacation.

F. Lake Diversions.

Because of high residual water conditions in Lake Mendocino the District may be able to pump under its own permit for part of the time this winter.

G. CalEMA/FEMA.

The reimbursements are close to being finalized for the emergency transmission main repair.

9. FINANCIAL REPORT.

The financial report was reviewed.

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.
- b. Proposed revision to the feasibility study cost sharing agreement.
- c. Consider any correspondence concerning the IW&PC.
- d. Discussion and possible action on IW&PC topics.

Board President Butow reported that the meeting didn't last very long. There was nothing new to report; it was very low-key.

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

Director Butow was unable to attend. Director Pool reported on his attendance at the FCD Meeting. Business items discussed were few: The FCD meters have now been ordered (from National Meter & Automation). Also, the FCD closed out its longstanding account at the Bank of America, as the District was getting hit with large fees and was not earning any interest. Those funds were transferred to the Savings Bank of Mendocino County where fees will be minimal and interest will be earned. Devon Jones is working on a response to the State Water Quality Control Board regarding the frost water ordinance.

The balance of the meeting was spent recognizing retiring Board of Trustee's member Bill Townsend with presentations and proclamations for his lifetime of work relating to the Russian River area.

Will Carson commented that Supervisor Carre Brown and Heidi Dickerson from Congressman Thompson's Office and Devon Jones from the Farm Bureau, among others, did a remarkable job of summarizing Bill's accomplishments. He is 94 years of age and has been passionate about the river and fish and related areas including fish hatcheries and fish ladders. He also is responsible for introducing wild turkeys to the region.

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.

14. SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY.

During General Manager Koehler's absence, Board President Butow attended the public hearing that was the beginning of the CEQA process for S.C.W.A. The goal is to reduce instream flows to a lower level at specific times of the year and also to keep the lake level at a volume above the Corps of Engineers flood protection pool level. This is better for the fish because the flows wouldn't be too high. Will Carson added that they also want to divorce Lake Pillsbury as the measurement location for a critical dry year and to use the water flow into Lake Mendocino as the measurement for a critical dry year. They have reduced flows through the whole project. Director Pool commented that another point made 'way back when' was, this is a better way for the fish and the environment. The only people that might complain about this would be those whose businesses are impacted by the flow of river water.

Board President Butow also reported that he had the opportunity to greet Pam Jeane at the hearing. She told him that she and GM Bill Koehler have been talking about the Conservation Funds and a new contract, and that she appreciated Redwood Valley's cooperation and patience with the amount of time it is taking with their reorganization process.

15. STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD.

Nothing to report.

16. STATUS REPORT OF PLACE OF USE ISSUES.

Nothing to report.

17. STATUS REPORT OF 2800 ACRE-FEET STORAGE RIGHT.

Nothing to report right now.

18. CONSIDER ATTENDANCE AT SEMINARS, TRAINING EVENTS, CONFERENCES AS RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING.

Nothing submitted.

The Meeting ended at 8:00 P.M.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 16, 2010 at the Water District Office, 2370 Webb Ranch Road, Redwood Valley, California.

APPROVED: _____ Board of Directors

DATE APPROVED: _____ December 16, 2010

SIGNED: _____ Linda Groth
Secretary, Board of Directors