

REDWOOD VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
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MINUTES
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 20, 2008

Directors Present: Donald E. Butow, Hal Voege, Granville Pool
Directors Absent: Jeanette Hallman, John Groth
Staff Present: General Manager Bill Koehler
Staff Absent: Office Manager/Board Secretary Linda Groth
Members of the Public: Will Carson, Roy Beck

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M. by President, Board of Directors, Donald E. Butow

1. ROLL CALL

Donald E. Butow, President
Hal Voege, Director
Granville Pool, Director

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

Nothing from the public.

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

Nothing from staff or the public.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR.

- a. Financial Statement
- b.-1 Bills Paid since those approved at previous Meeting.
- b.-2 Bills Paid as approved at the previous meeting.
- c. Bills Payable
- d. Special Expenditure Fund status report.
- e. District Activity
- f. Mail Log.

After discussion a motion was made.

MOTION: Approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Voege/Pool Discussion CARRIED
Ayes: Voege, Pool, Butow
Noes: None
Absent: Hallman, Groth
Abstain: None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

MINUTES: Regular meeting of October 16, 2008.

Director Voegel asked that page 3 of the Minutes, General Manager's Report item on the SRF application be changed to show that the item should reflect that February 27, 2009 was the deadline to submit an application, not the deadline to commit to the process.

MOTION: Approve the minutes as corrected.

Pool/Voegel Discussion CARRIED

Ayes: Pool, Voegel, Butow

Noes: None

Absent: Hallman, Groth

Abstain: None

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

No discussion. No reports.

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

The General Manager presented background information on the Integrated Waste Management Board's tire diversion program. This program provides a grant to purchase ground tire "bark" that can be used for weed suppression, and is also frequently used for playground cover. The product would be used to eliminate the need for mowing around the solar panels to prevent shading of the panels. The Board supported the concept in principal but wanted confirmation that the material would not leach harmful chemicals after time. The General Manager informed the Board that three motions would be required to proceed with the application. The first was a motion to approve a resolution to file the application, the second was a motion to approve a resolution to create an "Environmentally Preferable Purchases and Practices Policy" and the third was a motion to authorize the General Manager to sign contract documents in this matter.

After discussion a motion was made.

MOTION: Approve Resolution 2008-5 to apply for the IWMP tire bark grant.

Pool/Voegel Discussion CARRIED. The General Manager was directed to proceed subject to confirmation that the material was environmentally safe.

Ayes: Pool, Voegel, Butow

Noes: None

Absent: Hallman, Groth

Abstain: None

After discussion a motion was made.

MOTION: Approve Resolution 2008-6 to establish an "Environmentally Preferable Purchases and Practices Policy.

Pool/Voegel Discussion CARRIED. The Resolution as written authorizes the General Manager to evaluate the success of the policy. The Board will review the evaluation after one year and consider transferring authority to evaluate the program from the General Manager to the Board.

Ayes: Pool, Voege, Butow
Noes: None
Absent: Hallman, Groth
Abstain: None

MOTION: Grant authority to General Manager to sign contract documents pertaining to tire bark grant program.

Voege/Pool Discussion CARRIED

Ayes: Voege, Pool, Butow
Noes: None
Absent: Hallman, Groth
Abstain: None

MOTION: Grant authority to Board President to attest to Resolutions 2008-5 and 2008-6 due to absence of Board Secretary Groth.

Pool/Voege Discussion CARRIED. This motion was requested and approved due to the absence of the Board Secretary and the need to submit the application prior to her return.

Ayes, Voege, Pool, Butow
Noes: None
Absent: Hallman, Groth
Abstain: None

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT NOVEMBER, 2008. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Plant Operations.
- B. Master Flow Meter.
- C. Rancheria Operating Contract
- D. Action Items

1. SRF Loan

After discussion the Board decided to investigate the possibility of applying for the loan to assist in storage development but not for well development. The Board asked that a Public Meeting be scheduled and posted to discuss long term plans including storage development. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 10, 2009, from 9 AM to 2 PM. It was additionally requested that Board members would encourage members of the public to attend. The meeting is scheduled for Saturday to avoid interference with office operations.

2. FEMA/OES Status

The Board was presented with a summary of expenditures and reimbursements.

3. Weed control mulch.

Previously discussed.

4. Board meeting start time.

Tabled.

5. PERS

The Board authorized the General Manager to request a preliminary evaluation up to a cost of \$2500.

MOTION: Approve preliminary evaluation by PERS.

Voege/Pool Discussion CARRIED

Ayes: Voege, Pool, Butow
Noes: None
Absent: Hallman, Groth
Abstain: None

6. Conservation letter

The Board directed the General Manager to review the letter with Director Voege, then send it out to the customers promptly.

7. Flood Control Letter

The General Manager forgot to bring this issue to the attention of the Board. Will be placed on December agenda.

9. FINANCIAL REPORT

MOTION: Approve the Financial Report as presented.

Pool/Voege. Discussion CARRIED

Ayes: Pool, Voege, Butow

Noes: None

Absent: Hallman, Groth

Abstain: None

10. LOCAL AREA FORMATION COMMISSION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY, LAFCO.

Nothing to report.

11. INLAND WATER AND POWER COMMISSION.

The Board discussed the revision of the MOU pertaining to leaving and then re-entering the feasibility study. The consensus was to not object to the language of the revision. It was also noted that with its current non-paying status, RVCWD would probably not be eligible to vote on this matter.

MOTION: Not object to the language of the Revision to the MOU.

Voege/Pool, Discussion, CARRIED

Ayes: Pool, Voege, Butow

Noes: None

Absent: Hallman, Groth

Abstain: None

The Board also reached consensus that RVCWD should participate in settlement hearings when they are scheduled as RVCWD holds 4800 AFY in winter water rights.

12. MENDOCINO COUNTY FUSSION RIVER FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.

Directors Groth and Butow and GM Koehler attended the special meeting of RRFC. This meeting was for the purpose of establishing Goals, Policies and Procedures. This was a preliminary planning meeting to determine priorities. The general impression of RVCWD attendees was that this meeting indicated RRFC's desire to improve operations and fiscal responsibility.

13. REPORT OF ATTENDANCE AT AGENCY MEETINGS, I.E. CITY OF UKIAH, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, OTHER SPECIAL DISTRICTS, COUNTY OF MENDOCINO PLANNINT TEAM/HOUSING ELEMENT, NOT LISTED SEPARATELY HEREIN.

GM Koehler reported attendance at the Court regarding Millview v. State Board. The case has two components; a writ of mandamus to establish that the State Board has no authority over a pre 1914 water right. The second action was for quiet title to the water right. Millview is aligned with the current owners of the water right versus a coalition of RR Flood, SCWA, and the State Board. The Judge expects to return to court in approximately 6 weeks with a decision.

GM Koehler reported attendance at the Upper Russian River Conservation Group. The Group is primarily focused on water conservation in the Ukiah Valley. This particular meeting was poorly attended and little business was discussed.

Directors Voegel and Pool and GM Koehler attended the Eel Russian Commission in Santa Rosa. This presentation by Joe Ely was to explain the proposed settlement plan to residents of Sonoma and Marin counties. The meeting was poorly attended and there were surprisingly few public comments and questions.

Director Pool reported that he attended the meeting at the BoS regarding Quagga mussels. The county's presentation covered Quagga and Zebra mussels as well as New Zealand mud snails. There is concern that any or all of these species could have a serious negative impact on Upper Russian water users but there does not seem to be a plan of action to respond to the threat.

14. SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY

Nothing to report at this time.

15. STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD.

Nothing to report at this time.

16. STATUS REPORT OF PLACE OF USE ISSUES.

Nothing to report at this time.

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

Nothing to report at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM

The next meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Thursday December 18, 2008 at the Water District Office, 2370 Webb Ranch Road, Redwood Valley, California.

APPROVED Board of Directors

DATE: December 18, 2008

SIGNED: Paula Berezay, Acting Secretary

Minutes prepared and presented by GM Koehler due to absence of Board Secretary Groth.