

KINGS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022

As a result of the COVID-19 emergency, the public was able to participate through a conference call. Directors could choose to meet with Staff in the Board Room or participate through a conference call. President McCutcheon called the regular meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Barry McCutcheon, Ernest Taylor,
Michael Murray (phone)

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Steven P. Dias, Joseph Freitas

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Mills, General Manager
Ray Carlson, Attorney (phone)
Shawn Corley, LIWD
Johnny Gailey, DVWA
Garret Miller (phone)

ESTABLISH QUORUM

It was determined that a quorum was present at the meeting.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETINGS

Manager Mills explained that he had developed minutes for the regular meetings of June 9, 2022 and September 8, 2022. President McCutcheon asked if there was a motion regarding the minutes for the June 9, 2022 and September 8, 2022 regular meetings. Director Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2022 and September 8, 2022 regular meetings. Director Murray seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the June 9, 2022 and September 8, 2022 regular meetings. The vote for all of the Directors was as follows:

AYES: Barry McCutcheon, Michael Murray, Ernest Taylor

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Steven P. Dias, Joseph Freitas

COMMUNICATIONS

Manager Mills reported on the following communications:

- DWR Releases Round 2 Implementation Grant announcement:
 - Over \$200 million available to high/medium/critically overdrafted basins

- Min amount \$1 million - \$20 million max per grant
- Applications due November 30, 2022
- Request by County Ag Committee for presentation on GSA information - denied
- G&J Heavy Haul - dirt from a basin for local construction

GENERAL MANAGER

Manager Mills reported on the following topics/efforts and answered Board questions during his report:

DUTRA PROPERTY

- Communication from Sandra Mikaelian wishing to represent District and conveying she is aware of interested parties.
- Developed a DRAFT document outlining the offering. The details of this will be discussed further in Closed Session.
- Attempting to arrange services to disc the property, but not accomplished yet.
- Have reached out to a consultant regarding parcel modification and easement development.
- It has become clear that there will be significant time and effort that will be needed to engage with interested parties while parts of the property are for sale. If this is undertaken by staff, there will be very little time for anything else. Manager Mills' recommendation was that the District engages with a professional to market the property and protect the District's interest during the sale.

ESAJIAN BASIN

- G&J Heavy Haul communicates that they are in discussions with DFJV about restarting the CHSRA project.
- Expect to have a projected schedule soon and will want to discuss a new contract at that point.
- No communications with Alta Mesa yet.

CHSRA PROPOSED AGREEMENTS

- Agency rep asking for meeting to discuss these agreements.
- Still haven't made progress on their review.

ON-GOING EFFORTS

- Delta View Basin
 - Met with Johnny Gailey on possible locations
 - Plan to talk with Hedrick about their property along Idaho
 - Recently asked about whether Federal permits are required or water rights were involved and I responded, no.
- Griswold Basin
 - Still working to get a proposal on consultant services contracted for CEQA-Design
 - Hope to have that for approval next month
- Participation in Round 2 Implementation Grant
 - Dutra property projects - reasonable? Entire Dutra property - doubtful?
 - District Flow Meter program on groundwater wells

- Dedicated groundwater Monitor Wells
- Meeting with Summers Engineering on Last Chance system/subsidence evaluation
- Basin Excavation
 - G&J Heavy Haul request for 30K CY of dirt for a nearby dairy project
 - Rose Basin bottom is ~5 acres, and excavation of 3.75 ft would develop that amount

EXPENDITURE LIST APPROVAL & FINANCING STATEMENT ACCEPTANCE

On a motion by Director Taylor, with a second by Director Murray, it was unanimously approved by the Board that the expenditure list and financial statement be accepted as submitted. The vote for all of the Directors was as follows:

AYES: Barry McCutcheon, Michael Murray, Ernest Taylor

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Steven P. Dias, Joseph Freitas

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

None

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS

None.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular Board of Directors meeting was set for November 10, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54956.9 (A) AND 54956.9(D)(1)

CLOSED SESSION

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Following the Closed Session, President McCutcheon reported that there was no reportable action from the Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Mills
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