

Mendocino County

Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District

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APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Meeting

November 2, 2020

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DIRECTIVES OF THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER, STATE AND CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC), THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM.

1. Roll Call

President Reardan called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Trustees Present: John Reardan, President
Christopher Watt, Vice President (arrived 6:05 pm)
Matthew Froneberger, Treasurer
Alfred White, Trustee
Tyler Rodrigue, Trustee

Staff: Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager

2. Public Expression – No one expressed interest in speaking at this time.

3. Approval of Agenda

Trustee White moved to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Rodrigue seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 (White, Rodrigue, Froneberger, Reardan)
Absent: 1 (Watt)

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

4. Inland Water & Power Commission (IWPC)

GM Salomone noted this item is in two parts and recommended taking each separately.

4a. Second Amended Planning Agreement for the Potter Valley Project

GM Salomone presented the item noting that in the support of securing reliable sources of water for the region, this District is a member of the Inland Water & Power Commission (IWPC) and supports the efforts of relicensing the Potter Valley Project in partnership with 4 other entities. The original planning agreement between these 5 partners requires updates which include:

- (1) expanding the scope beyond the original purpose of developing a feasibility study;
- (2) planning for the scope of the cooperative agreement; and
- (3) incorporation of portions of the original memorandum of understanding for implementation of the feasibility study.

President Reardan and Treasurer Froneberger, as the District representatives on IWPC, further highlighted the changes and took comments and questions from Trustees and Martha Barra (member of the public.)

Trustee White moved to approve support of District representatives to the Inland Water & Power Commission vote in favor of the Second Amended Planning Agreement. Treasurer Froneberger seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 (White, Rodrigue, Froneberger, Reardan)
Absent: 1 (Watt)

President
John Reardan

Vice President
Christopher Watt

Treasurer
Matthew Froneberger

Trustee
Alfred White

Trustee
Tyler Rodrigue

4b. Hydrological Characterization & Modeling Work Plan – Potter Valley Project

GM Salomone presented the item noting the proposed work plan was submitted to IWPC by Sam Sandoval. IWPC will be further discussing the work plan scope at its November 12, 2020 meeting. Staff recommended approval for District representatives to the Inland Water & Power Commission vote in favor of the proposed Hydrologic Characterization & Modeling Work Plan, if they see fit based on the information provided during the IWPC discussion.

President Reardan and Treasurer Froneberger, as the District representatives on IWPC, further highlighted the changes and took comments and questions. It was shared that Sam Sandoval has already produced an in depth study and model on the impacts of changes in the Potter Valley Project and Lake Mendocino reservoir, and this would continue and enhance the original study. Sandoval will be working directly for, and directed by, IWPC.

Trustee White moved to approve support of District representatives to the Inland Water & Power Commission vote in favor of Hydrological Characterization & Modeling Work Plan. Trustee Rodrigue seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 (White, Rodrigue, Froneberger, Reardan)
Absent: 1 (Watt)

5. Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) Independent Special District Election

GM presented the LAFCo ballot for two Special District representative seats. In support of the District's mission to be an advocate in areas beyond the District's direct authority, this Board nominated Trustee Froneberger to fill one of these seats. LAFCo's candidate information was provided to the Trustees earlier in the month and posted on the District's website for public review.

Trustee White moved to approve the vote for Matthew Froneberger to the remainder of the 4 year term Regular Member Seat ending December 31, 2022. Trustee Rodrigue seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 (White, Rodrigue, Froneberger, Reardan)
Absent: 1 (Watt)

Trustee White moved to approve the vote for Tony Orth to the full 4 year term Regular Member Seat ending December 31, 2024. Treasurer Froneberger seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 (White, Rodrigue, Froneberger, Reardan)
Absent: 1 (Watt)

REGULAR BUSINESS, INFORMATION, AND REPORT ITEMS

6. Approval of the Consent Calendar

- a) Approval of Minutes for the October 5, 2020 Regular Meeting
- b) Acceptance of the October 2020 Financial Reports

GM Salomone provided further information on **b) Acceptance of the October 2020 Financial Reports**. The Project Water Worksheet was reviewed, noting that informal notice has been received by several districts planning to request additional contract quantities with the transition from old to new contract. As these increases will directly impact the amount of surplus water available to Redwood Valley (RV), which is almost solely dependent on this District for their agricultural water supply and domestic supply that is processed in the RV treatment plant, staff will bring these requests to the Board for consideration and approval. The Board was reminded that as of September 2020, Redwood Valley has expended the surplus amount available under this District's license. Formal

written notice was provided to the District Board and General Manager on October 13 after receiving the use report from RV. Options for RV have been discussed several times with their management. Comments and questions were offered by Trustees and Martha Barra (member of the public.)

Trustee White moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Treasurer Froneberger seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following unanimous vote:

Ayes: 5 (White, Rodrigue, Froneberger, Watt, Reardan)

7. Board Member and Committee Reports

Trustees did not have anything to add in addition to the written General Manager's Report.

8. General Manager Report & Correspondence

a) General Manager Performance Evaluation Process

Trustee White asked for information on comparative compensation packages of regional peers.

b) Groundwater Sustainability Plan comments

Trustee White, President Reardan, and GM Salomone will coordinate to present relative information on the draft document and comments from this District.

c) Water Resiliency Task Force update

The task force is meeting with the State Water Resources Control Board in November to discuss regional water supply concerns.

GM Salomone reviewed several issues in more depth including Coyote Dam reservoir operations, the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) DRAFT Supply and Demand Analysis, the October 28th Water Resiliency Task Force meeting, and the Upper Russian River Water Agency. GM Salomone noted that the need for conversations and actions regarding conservation are vital for the region at this time.

The SWRCB presentation on their DRAFT Supply and Demand Analysis as presented at the October Upper Russian River Water Manager's Meeting was displayed for review by meeting participants. [Note: this presentation was not included in the meeting packet, however, is now included in the meeting materials on the website.]

Comments and questions were offered by Trustees and Maureen Mulheren (City of Ukiah Councilmember.)

9. Direction on Future Agenda Items

Items identified included:

- Redwood Valley County Water District Ad Hoc Committee report
- District Water Rights License – standards for full beneficial use of licensed water.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee White moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 pm. Trustee Rodrigue seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following unanimous vote:

Ayes: 5 (White, Rodrigue, Froneberger, Watt, Reardan)

APPROVED by Board of Trustees on December 7, 2020



President of the Board of Trustees



Secretary of the Board of Trustees