

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

### TRANQUILITY IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 19, 2018

**PRESENT:** President Jerome F Salvador, Director William Pucheu, Director George Ayerza Jr., General Manager Danny M Wade, Assistant Manager Rodney D Wade, Counsel Lauren Layne, & Secretary/Treasurer Liz Reeves

**ABSENT:** none

President Jerome F Salvador called the meeting to order at 8:33 am

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:** None

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting of August 15, 2018 was approved on voice count. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and President Salvador seconded the motion.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none

**TREASURER REPORT:** The Cash Flow statement was presented for the month of August 2018 including the payments and balances on long-term debts. The Cash Disbursements as well as the Receivables for both city and irrigation water were also presented for review. Director Pucheu motioned for approval of the Treasurer report. Director Ayerza seconded the motion.

**WATERMASTER'S REPORTS** -Water use – irrigation and drinking water: Rodney Wade reported on the usage totals for the month of August 2018, the well pumping totals, and the Mendota pool reporting. Well depth & PH/TDS report as well as the flow meter report was presented. The pool TDS readings are increasing a bit around Jacks Resort. City Well #7 is still down.

**DIRECTOR REPORT:** Director Pucheu reported that they are still going through the process for hiring a new full time CEO for SLDMWA.

**COUNSEL REPORT:** In regards to legal matters affecting the District: Exchange Contractors: Steve Chedester is no longer the Executive Director. State Leg Committee: currently out of session. SB929 – website requirement for public agencies passed. AB2649 – water recharge and expedited permitting has been pulled. SB998 - with regards shutting off municipal water for non payers – will be no longer able to shut off the municipal water. This bill has passed. We can send in a veto letter to the Governor. The Board unanimously agreed to send in the letter. KRWA: they are doing flight snow surveys as they have received funding. SWRCB: at the meeting it was announced that there will be 5.8% increase in the water rights fees.

Revised District House lease agreement – The modifications were reviewed and the Board approved entering in to this new agreement which supersedes the previous rental agreement. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion. Tangible Personal Property Disposal Policy: the policy was presented on how to dispose of salvage company property. Director Pucheu motioned for approval of the policy as presented and Director Ayerza seconded the motion. Revolving Account & Petty Cash Policy & Procedure: the policy was presented for review and approval. Limits and use was set for both accounts. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion. District Reimbursement & Credit Card Policy: the policy was presented for review and approval. Director Ayerza motioned for approval of the policy as presented and Director Pucheu seconded the motion. Fringe Benefits & Employee Handbook: the Board provided direction to Counsel.



## MANAGER REPORT:

1. WIIN Act Conversion Request & Sept 26 meeting: USBR hosted a meeting to explain the WIIN Act Conversion and how it will affect the RRA. We have sent a letter to request allowing us to participate in the 9D repayment contract. We can still get out of it if we so choose. The Board ratified the sending of the participation letter. Director Ayerza motioned for approval of the sent letter and Director Pucheu seconded the motion.
2. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) meeting: P&P contacted them about the requested removal of the Fresno Slough crossing. DFW is reconsidering the removal request. They have agreed to have a meeting to discuss the situation and answer any questions.
3. SGMA/TID Board Meetings/Provost & Pritchard Assistance Plan: with regards to the reporting requirements for SGMA, P&P already handles the reporting for other Districts. They would be able to assist us with the reporting for SGMA and keep the Board updated on SGMA related issues. Danny will continue to talk to P&P about the cost for these services and such. The Board approved getting more information.
4. PG&E – Solar: We still haven't received the solar credits from PG&E and are working to contact PG&E.
5. Assessments/continue procedure: The Board approved our current process for the 2019 assessment year.
6. We have received a project update from Provost and Pritchard. – there were no changes from last month
7. TID Grower Luncheon – Friday November 2, 2018: Board is happy with this date.

## CLOSED SESSION:

1. Closed Session Pursuant to California Government Code [Section 54956.8](#)  
**CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**  
Property: Temporary Water Transfer  
Agency Negotiator: Danny M Wade & Rodney D Wade  
Negotiating Parties: TID & SLWD  
Under Negotiation: Price & Terms  
(see below)
2. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS** Pursuant to California Government Code [Section 54956.8](#)  
Property: Water Rights  
Agency negotiator: Danny M Wade & Rodney D Wade  
Negotiating parties: Various Water Users, unspecified for the benefit of the public agency  
Under negotiation: Instruction to negotiator will concern price and terms of payment  
(no reportable action)
3. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**  
Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: Kings River Water Rights  
Agency negotiator: Danny M Wade & Rodney D Wade  
Negotiating parties: Lower River Units of the Kings River Water Association  
Under negotiation: Instruction to negotiator will concern price and terms of payment for rental agreement.  
(no reportable action)

**4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Closed session pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9.

Name of Case: NRDC v. Jewell – U.S. District Court – Eastern District of California (Case No. 1:05-cv-01207LJO-EPG)

*(no reportable action)*

**5. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Closed session pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9.

Name of case: *Kings River Water Association, et al. v. James Verboon, et al* (Kings County)

*(no reportable action)*

**6. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code: (1 case).

*(no reportable action)*

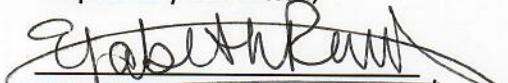
Board returned to open session at 11:10am.

The Board directed Danny to send a letter to our farmers notifying them of the winter water run. The rate will be \$200/af. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and President Salvador seconded the motion. Director Pucheu abstained.

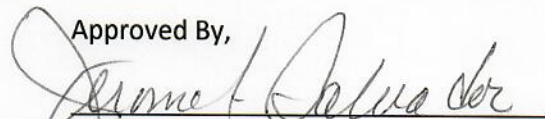
The Board adjourned at 11:13 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30am on October 17, 2018 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,

  
Jerome F Salvador, Board President