

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
TRANQUILLITY IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

September 18, 2019

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

ABSENT: none

President Salvador called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of August 21, 2019 was approved on voice count. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Riley Chaney came to speak about the Kings River water situation. He advised the Board that James Irrigation District is currently in negotiations with the Kings River folks in regards to the excessive losses suffered at this end and invited Tranquillity ID to participate in these negotiations.

TREASURER REPORT: The Cash Flow statement was presented for the month of August 2019 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 2019, the well pumping totals, and the Mendota pool reporting. The well depth and PH/TDS readings were presented to the Board.

DIRECTOR REPORT: nothing new to report.

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District: Exchange Contractors: they are doing water transfers to make use of the extra water available. Kings River: they are/will be doing maintenance on Pine Flat at the rock slide area. 37% of the cost for this project will be split up among the member units and included in the assessment billing for next year. ACWA LEG Committee: SB1 has passed and is on the Governor's desk. He says he will veto this bill. AB658 – Water Rights water management bill has passed. SB487 – areal snow survey bill has passed and is heading to the Governor's desk. SGMA : The JPA was approved by all members by the August 28th meeting. The GSP is out for public review and comment.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:

Project update: USBR WaterSMART Lift 3 Replacement – the final plans have been received by Provost & Pritchard for review. Subsidence Survey: P&P is currently waiting on the updated numbers from USBR in order to be able to see where we are overall. Those should be getting updated soon. Meter Grant: currently still waiting on the State.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. WINN Act update: we are still waiting for the final contract negotiations. Our intention is still to pay off the debt in full.
2. CVP-San Luis WD: we are still doing the monthly billing and will do the true-up in November.
3. Water Tower/Broadband/Update: looking at the end of October for the install of the new broadband tower.
4. Proposed 2020 / Cost Review Budget: Different rate structures/scenarios were presented to the Board for review. All scenarios showed the need for the assessment taxes to be increased and rate caps were discussed for both Irrigation and city water rates as well as the assessment rates per acre. We will have to do a Prop 218 hearing and send out ballots for every parcel in the District. Direction was given to Provost & Pritchard to complete the Engineers report for the assessment rate study. The Board was all in favor of proceeding with this process.
5. Roberts Consulting Group / JID Manger: Danny was invited to apply.
6. Reminder – TID BBQ November: the next TID Farmer Appreciation Luncheon will be held November 22, 2019.

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
(no reportable action)

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 – EXISTING LITIGATION

Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of Case: James Irrigation District v. KRWA, et al.
(no reportable action)

7. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (1 case)

(no reportable action)

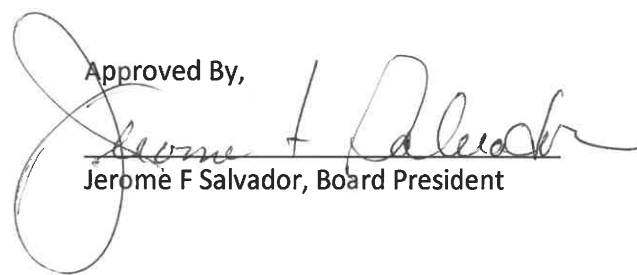
The Board adjourned at 10:35 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on October 16, 2019 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jeromé F Salvador, Board President

