

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

June 17, 2020

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, Engineering Consultant Joe Hopkins, & 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 May 20, 2020 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 May 2020 including the payments and balances on long-term debts. The cash disbursements and receivables were presented as well. Director Pucheu motioned for approval of the Treasurer report. President Salvador seconded the motion. 2019 Audited Financials were presented. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion. Resolution 2020-04 Resolution Ordering Board of Directors' Election, Consolidation of Elections, & Specifications of the Election Order (Fresno County BOS) was presented to the Board for approval. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion. Workers Comp Insurance is up for renewal 07/01/2020. A quote from Zenith was presented to the Board for review and approval. The new policy would save the District around \$5k/year. There are no additional fees including broker fees. The Board approved switching to Zenith. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion.

WATERMASTER'S REPORTS -Water use – irrigation and drinking water: Rodney Wade reported on the usage totals for the month of May 2020, the well pumping totals, and the Mendota pool reporting. The well depth and PH/TDS readings were also presented to the Board.

DIRECTOR REPORT: none

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District: Pool Pumpers have made a public records act request and we have responded and submitted the documents requested. ACWA Leg Committee: SGMA funding has been cut to help balance the State Budget. SWRCB water rights fees might not increase this year.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT: SGMA: The well inventory across the basin is being worked on and will include mapping. The SGMA tracking tool has been setup. The data management system has been developed and is live. This tool is interactive and will track water quality and levels. This will be available at the Subbasin level. The USBR subsidence monitoring will be done in July. Grants update: nothing new to report.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. USBR-WIIN Act Contract “TID” update: supposed to go out for public comment some time this month. There are some lawsuits going on against some of the contractors with regards to the WIIN Act contracts.
2. 2020 – Rights Water at 100%. A new letter has been submitted to USBR requesting a scheduling adjustment for our Rights water on June 9th.
3. Well Water pumping July - November. A proposed schedule was presented for well water pumping from July through November.
4. SGMA Payment – The dues have been paid for the first half installment for the 20/21 year in the amount of \$41k.
5. SLWD transfer update – we have started the billing for the 2020 year per the contract agreement.

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 9:49 am.

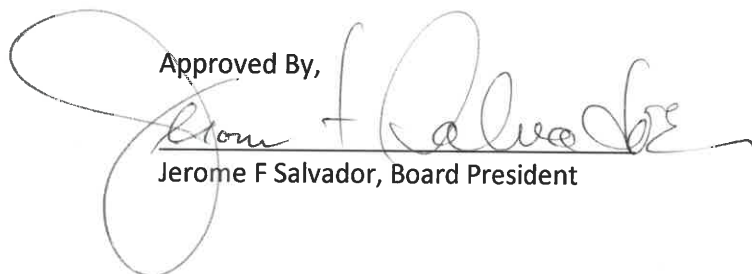
The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on July 15, 2020 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,



Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,



Jerome F Salvador, Board President

