

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

August 19, 2020

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

ABSENT: Director George Ayerza Jr.

President Salvador called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of July 15, 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 July 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.

WATERMASTER'S REPORTS -Water use – irrigation and drinking water: Danny M Wade reported on the usage totals for the month of July 2020, the well pumping totals, and the Mendota pool reporting. The well depth and PH/TDS readings were also presented to the Board. Well 28 started pumping sand and it is being checked to see if we can save it. Well 32 is having electrical issues and will be fixed soon. We are hooking up 3 diesel wells to supply enough water for our farmers for the month of August. The hyacinth in the channel is causing issues. Pablo at the DMWA has contacted an agency to try to get this cleared up. There will be a meeting on Monday to discuss options. We have received the bids back for the parts portion of the Lift 3 grant project. The lowest bid came in at around \$24,000. The Board approved accepting the lowest bid and authorized proceeding with the purchase. President Salvador motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion.

DIRECTOR REPORT: none

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District: ACWA Leg Committee: Bill AB3030 is wanting to have 30% more land to be preserved which leads to more questions. ACWA is opposing this bill and is seeking letters of support. The Covid-19 bills are getting pushed through. SGMA – Nothing new to report

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT: SGMA: the water quality sampling and reporting requires us to report on 5 wells. The well canvas & inventory – only some responded to the request for information. They are working to figure out how to get the information they need basin wide. The subsidence study will begin shortly. Grants update: Meter grant – the state is wanting to fund this grant at 90% not the full 100%. We have the money to take care of the 10%. The Board agreed to move forward with this grant.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. USBR-WIIN Act TID update: no change. We should be able to approve the validation action in October.
2. Well Repairs/Lift Repairs: (well repairs – see Watermaster report) Lift Repairs – patch jobs have been done for lift 7,8 & 9. We found that the intakes are rusting and the pipes are full of holes.
3. FSWD/Lease: the lease is up at the end of this year and will have to put this out for bid in October.
4. 2020 Water / Shut Down / Letter: we will have to shut down completely during December and January. We will be doing extensive dredging of the District. A letter will be sent out soon.

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

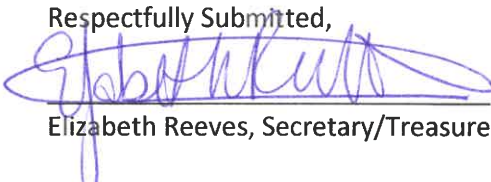
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (1 case)

(no reportable action)

The Board adjourned at 9:50 am.

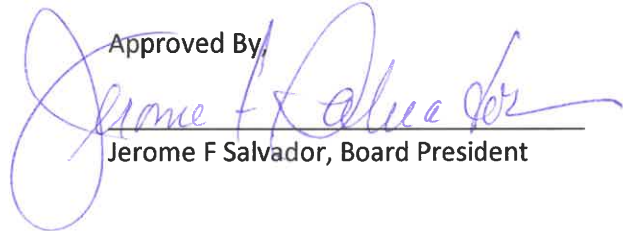
The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on September 16, 2020 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,



Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,



Jerome F Salvador, Board President

