

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

September 16, 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 8:30 am.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of August 19, 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 August 2020 including the payments and balances on long-term debts. The cash disbursements and receivables were presented as well. Director Ayerza motioned for approval of the Treasurer report. 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 August 2020, the well pumping totals, and the Mendota pool reporting. The well depth and PH/TDS readings were also presented to the Board. City Well 6 went down at the end of August. This well has been inspected and they found that sand has filled the bottom 220 feet of the well. They will be blowing out the sand and will be looking to install a sleeve at the bottom. Well 4 and City Well 7 are running constantly to keep up with demand.

DIRECTOR REPORT: Director Pucheu reported that SLDMWA is working on rewinding the pumps. One is done and they are working on the next one. They are looking for financing for the entire project.

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District: ACWA Leg Committee: out of session right now. KRWA: Laguna Irrigation has an annexation project before LAFCO. They will not be able to use their License water on this land as it is outside the place of use. Fires have affected the San Joaquin Water and will have an impact on the watershed. Appropriated Stream Designation – the State Board has signed a petition and they are going to be having a hearing. SGMA: they are having discussions on policies for well pumping.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT: SGMA: dues will be billed and due in October. Subsidence surveys have been done. Joe presented the graph that shows that we are holding steady since we haven't pumped very much since 2017. We still need to be careful that we don't over-pump. Another survey will be conducted in February. Grants update: Meter grant – the grant is set at 90% funding and we are still waiting. Lift 3 – materials have been ordered and delivered. City Well 6 – There is grant funding available. We can apply to fix or replace City Well 6. The Board agreed that we will pay for the fixing of the well and apply for grant funding to replace it. We will have to show abandonment of one of our wells.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. USBR-WIIN Act TID update: the 60 day comment period has passed. Counsel is preparing the validation action for approval in October.
2. City Water/Wells/Ag Wells: (see Watermaster report for the city water update) Well #4 – we could hook this well up for use in the City Water System. We will get cost estimates and will have to see about getting an encroachment permit.
3. Hyacinth/Division of Boats & Waterways: there was a meeting with both State & County. They are saying they could spray the plants but this method is not 100% effective
4. FSWD/Lease: the current lease expires December 2020. F&S is not going to renew the lease. We will post for bids and set the minimum at \$185.00 due to economic consideration. The terms will be for 3 years with the option to renew for another 3 years. We will post locally at several locations.
5. 2020 Water off Dec & Jan / letter: the letter has been sent out to our farmers.

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 – 1 case

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

(action : *Director Ayerza motioned for approval to enter into a common interest agreement regarding the WIIN Act and Director Pucheu seconded the motion.*)

8. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Closed Session Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: Fresno Slough Water District land

Agency Negotiator: Danny M Wade & Rodney D Wade

Negotiating Parties: TID & Angiola WD

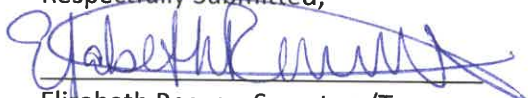
Under Negotiation: Price & Terms

(no reportable action)

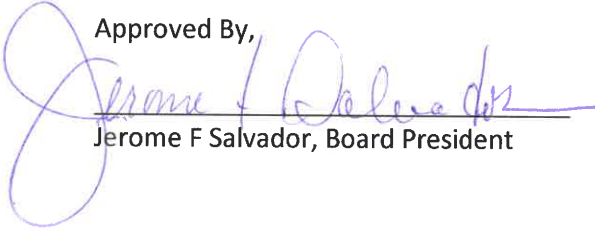
The Board adjourned at 10:20 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on October 21, 2020 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Board President

