

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

**October 21, 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 8:40 am.

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:** None

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting of September 16, 2020 was approved on voice count. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none

**TREASURER REPORT:** The Cash Flow statement was presented for the month of September 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. 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 September 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: ACWA Leg Committee: AB3030 failed however Governor implemented executive order to conserve 30% of state land and coastal waters. SGMA: there will be a meeting to discuss adopting a policy requiring people to supply their well information. TID has received one bid in the amount of \$190/ac for the renewal of the land lease in the Fresno Slough. The Board has accepted the bid and authorizes staff to begin preparing the new lease agreement. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion. A Groundwater Exportation Policy has been prepared. The policy is not a blanket "NO". Permission to export water needs to be granted by Tranquillity Irrigation District and cannot impact SGMA requirements or cause further negative impact to subsidence. The finalized policy will be presented to the board for approval next month.

**ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:** SGMA: the well inventory is underway. The water quality sampling has been completed in the basin and will be included in the annual report. Grants update: no news on funding availability for grants. However – P&P is working on drafting a report to replace a city well thru grant funding. For City Well 6 & 7 it seems that the sand is coming from well 7. There are some issues with corrosion in the pipes at the treatment plant causing pinhole leaks. P&P is looking into how to get this fixed. Another facility with the same setup is having the same issues. This could be manufacturing issue – the company will need to be notified. An estimate has been received to replace the damaged pipe with stainless for \$15,000. We will be looking for other quotes using different materials.

## MANAGER REPORT:

1. City Water/Well #6: CW6 is back on line. The sand trap filled up three times. CW 7 is the one pumping the sand. The system has been cleaned out and is back online.
2. FSWD/Lease: covered under Counsel report
3. F-47, F-48 / close ditch: (Director Pucheu identified a conflict of interest because of neighboring properties and left room.) A request has been made to close in the tail of the south ditch. Holland is wanting to combine Fields 47 & 48 and put trees in. Coleman has a pipe installed from the ditch which will have to be lowered or removed to accommodate the Holland request. The District is considering this matter and will make a final decision at the next board meeting.
4. Treatment Plant / Pipe Replacement: covered under Engineering Consultant report
5. Grader Replacement 2021: this item is for budget consideration for 2021 to purchase a used unit. The estimated cost is around \$180,000. Our current grader is "falling apart". Another option is to look into the SJVAPCD Carb Program. P&P will look into this. We will budget for a used replacement unit just in case we are unable to get help from the Carb Program.
6. FSWD / Appointment: Board of Supervisors approved Danny's reappointment for another 4 years to the FSWD board.

## 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)

*(no reportable action)*

**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

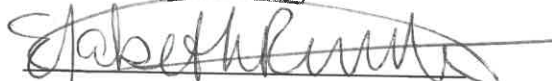
Under Negotiation: Price & Terms

*(no reportable action)*


The Board adjourned at 10:25 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on November 18, 2020 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,

  
Jerome F Salvador, Board President

