

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

**December 15, 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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Coleman was present and asked to speak to the Board. (Director Pucheu identified a conflict of interest because of neighboring properties and left room.) Mr. Coleman spoke about the pipeline removal and the ditch closing from last months meeting. He stated he spent a lot of money on this project and only used it once to supply water to his land in Westlands. He has asked for a consideration of reimbursement through any future available CVP contract water. The Board advised they will have to discuss this matter in closed session.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the meetings of November 18, 2020 was approved on voice count. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion.

**TREASURER REPORT:** The Cash Flow statement was presented for the month of November 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. The Board approved unanimously the payoff of the WIIN Act – CVP construction costs. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion.

**WATERMASTER'S REPORTS** -Water use – irrigation and drinking water: Rodney Wade presented the WaterMaster report. He reported on the usage totals for the month of November 2020, the well pumping totals, and the Mendota pool reporting. The well depth were also presented to the Board. In regards to the treatment plant – they are going to have to flush and chlorinate the city water lines into the treatment plant as there is something brown growing in the lines.

**DIRECTOR REPORT:** Director Pucheu stated that in regards to the Jones Pumping Plant upgrades – they have formalized the financial steps.

**COUNSEL REPORT:** In regards to legal matters affecting the District: Brown Act Leg: there are amendments coming to allow the telephonic/zoom meetings to continue. The Board was asked to review and take action to extend the negotiation period for one year under the James ID & Tranquillity ID Agreement and authorize the execution of a letter agreement regarding same. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion.

**SGMA:** CDMGSA will be having a public hearing to adopt penalty fees for those not reporting their well information.

**ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT: SGMA:** the subsidence studies are underway. The 2022 budget will be approved at the next meeting. The annual report is being prepared. Grants update: Meter Grant – they are trying to assign a fund to this grant. The Well 7 replacement grant is being revised. For the Airboard Grant we do not qualify. This is only for Farmers. Lift 3 – the bypass pipeline is going in right now. Treatment plant pipe replacement will proceed soon.

**MANAGER REPORT:**

1. Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of Irrigation Water Rates and Service Fees (no one present from public)
  - i. The Board was asked to review and take action to consider setting Irrigation Water Rate and Service Fees for 2021 Water Year and adoption of Resolution 2021-01 - approving the budget as presented. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion.
2. F-47, F-48 / close ditch: the ditch has been closed in.
3. Treatment Plant / Pipe Replacement: we have received a bid from Perigo Company LLC for lined pipe and labor totaling \$15,450. We have ordered the pipe.
4. 2021/Well Charge: If we have a dry year we will lose about 50,000 aft of available surface water. We will have to pump well water which will cost a lot more. Manager Wade proposed a worst-case scenario. If we have a dry year – farmers will be charged \$58.00 for the first 1.5 aft of water used. Anything above that will be at the \$98.00 per acre foot (as this will be well water). We will revisit this in the spring if it turns out to be a dry year. The Board requested that we add to the 2021 Irrigation Water Application a note so the farmer understands that by signing the application they accept this rate schedule if we have a dry year. Director Pucheu motioned for approval of this update and Director Ayerza seconded the motion.
5. Grader/Purchase: we have received two grader quotes; \$159,000 and \$152,000 (20 hp less). Both are 2013 models. The Board asked Rodney to check them out and proceed with the purchase after 01/01/21 going with the one best suited for the District. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion.

**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

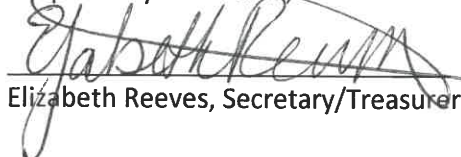
Under Negotiation: Price & Terms

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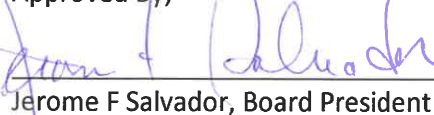
The Board adjourned at 10:15 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on January 20, 2021 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,

  
Jerome F Salvador, Board President

