

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

January 20, 2021

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: Riley Chaney introduced Manny Armorelli as the new James ID manager. They expressed the desire to work on less litigation and more cooperation. Danny said that he is available to answer any questions they may have.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meetings of December 15, 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 December 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 presented the WaterMaster report. He reported on the usage totals for the month of December 2020, the well pumping totals, and the Mendota pool reporting. The well depths 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 buildup in the lines again. They are currently doing excavating work on the canals.

DIRECTOR REPORT: none

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District: Brown Act Leg: there are new regulations with regards to social media. With regards the State legislation – everything is on hold right now. They will have until February 19 to introduce new bills.

Kings River Legislation: Biden has appointed a new Secretary to the Department of the Interior.

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 for our area are done and are currently waiting on the USBR. The annual report is in process. In February & March we will need to do the depth to water readings for 5 wells. Grants update: Meter Grant – they are needing our updated financials. The Well 7 replacement grant is being revised. The Lift 3 grant – the bypass pipeline is installed and P&P are working on the final draft for the plans.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. Treatment Plant: Perigo Company LLC will be here tomorrow to install new pipe lines at the treatment plant
2. 2021 dry year: A schedule was presented to show a normal & critical year water plan. For critical year we will have to pump well water August to the end of the year. A normal year will give us 20200 af rights water and critical year will only be 15700 af. The fee schedule in a critical year will be \$58/af February thru July and then \$98/af August thru December for the well water.
3. Lift 3/Welding: this portion of the project is complete.
4. Equipment/Grader & Truck: the grader has been purchased and is working very well. The short bed dodge pickup from the 2018 budget has finally come in.

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

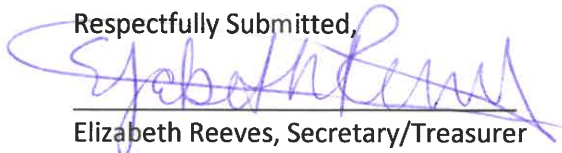
Under Negotiation: Price & Terms

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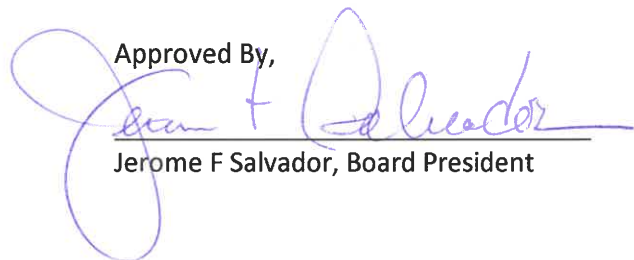
The Board adjourned at 9:50 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on February 17, 2021 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Board President

