

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

February 17, 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 8:35 am.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of January 20,2021 was approved on voice count. Director Ayerza motioned for approval and Director Pucheu seconded the motion.

TREASURER REPORT: The Cash Flow statement was presented for the month of January 2021 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 January 2021, the well pumping totals, and the Mendota pool reporting. The well depths with the PH\TDS testing were also presented to the Board. City Well 6 is back on line. The flushing of the lines was successful. City Well 7 is still offline and will have to be used as a backup.

DIRECTOR REPORT: none

COUNSEL REPORT: In regards to legal matters affecting the District: ACWA Leg: SB223 continues SB998 water shut off restrictions. We would have to continue working with those who have incurred large debts for unpaid water service that could take years to payoff. We will still have to continue providing water to these customers. They are working to modify the language. AB377 – to make all water drinkable and swimmable which includes flood water, ponds and lakes. ACWA is in opposed. AB361 & SB274 – these are trying to amend the Brown Act. This is ok right now and ACWA is generally favoring these.

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT: SGMA: the subsidence studies for the entire subbasin has been awarded to GSI. For our area the subsidence report showed a drop of 3-4 inches. Grants update: Meter Grant – is going through the final check. They are trying to get this done and funded by the end of April. It will be about 3-4 months before the work can begin. Lift 3 grant – the bypass seems to be working. They are wrapping up the electrical part of the plans.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. City Water Line flooding: On Lincoln & Amador we had a city water mainline break and 2 homes were flooded. We will have to take care of the claims and there will be a deductible. We have taken pictures.

The homeowners will have to file a claim with us and the Board will have to accept or decline their estimation of damages. This is the process under the Government Claims Act.

2. 2021 dry year: USBR has declared 2021 a critical year at this moment. The maximum RW allocation for us will be 15,700 af. We are going to try to move some of our rights water forward into later months. Our goal is to try not to pump any well water July & August. We will be sending a letter to all the farmers reminding them about the well water fee of \$98 which will be charged beginning in August. The RW fee will still remain \$58.
3. Lift 3/Operational: see P&P report.
4. Mendota Pool Group – JID,TID,MPG: At the last meeting James ID is working to resolve issues. There will be monthly meetings discussing water quality and what levels we are willing to accept in the pool.

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)

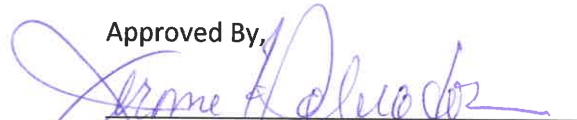
The Board adjourned at 10:25 am.

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,


Jerome F Salvador, Board President

