

Sacramento River West Side Levee District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

April 27, 2016

President Ellis called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at Reclamation District No. 108 headquarters, Wilkins Slough, Colusa County, California.

Commissioners Present: Tom Ellis, Dan Tibbitts, Roger Cornwell. Fritz Durst and Paul Sankey

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: Lewis Bair, General Manager
Bryan Busch, Assistant Manager
Beverly Walls, Bookkeeper

Agenda – It was moved by Commissioner Cornwell, seconded by Commissioner Sankey and unanimously approved to approve the Agenda with one change.

Public Participation: There was no Public comment at this time.

ADMINISTRATION

Minutes, Financial Report and Accounts Payable – After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Sankey, seconded by Commissioner Cornwell and unanimously approved to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2016 Board meeting as presented. It was further moved by Commissioner Sankey, seconded by Commissioner Tibbitts and unanimously approved to approve the March/April Financial Reports and the April Accounts Payables in the amount of \$315,434.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Operations Manager Report – Assistant Manager Busch reported the District has completed the 14 miles of the gravel project under the Flood System Repair Program (FSRP). One-half inch compacted gravel and aggregate was used. The District's 15 percent cost-share is estimated to be about \$60,000. Manager Bair reported that District staff is clearing trees and the toe road in

preparation of burning the levee. The Bullock Bend material project will begin once levee burning has been completed which should be mid-August and completed in 33 days. Approximately 65,000 yards of material will be moved (about 3,300 truckloads) with about 50 percent of the material going to the District and 50 percent going to RD108. At this time the plan is to use the District's share of the material for the landside toe road, but there is a smaller erosion site south of Missouri Bend with a lot of seepage that could be repaired with that material. The District will have some time before having to decide on how that material will be used.

2. Landside Toe Maintenance Road Update with Bullock Bend Material – Manager Bair reported that currently the material from the Westervelt Project is planned to use on the landside toe-road, but the Board may decide that repair of an erosion site near Missouri Bend may be better use of the material. Material could be stockpiled until the District has the funds to cover its cost of the levee repair.

3. Missouri Bend Approach FSRP Potential Funding – Mr. Barry O'Regan reported that there are two segments of the levee maintained by the District that experience heavy seepage during moderate to high water events. After a site visit on April 1, it appeared that both sites are experiencing both under-levee seepage and through-levee seepage. Possible remedies for the both sites would be a cut-off wall, seepage berm, setback levee or a relief well. After a meeting with DWR, staff indicated that they could support adding site one to the Critical Repair list, therefore funding from the Flood System Repair Project (FSRP) might be used to make the repair (15/85 percent cost-share). Site 2 could be done at District cost utilizing the material from the Westervelt project that could be stored until the project completed all the needed permitting before construction could start. The District could also seek support and funding for Site 2 repair from River Garden Farms (RGF), the adjacent landowner. RGF has shown interest in cooperating with the repair but is waiting on additional information from levee borings. After further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Durst, seconded by Commissioner Tibbitts and unanimously approved to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 16-01 in the matter of authorizing Manager Bair to serve as the applicant's agent to execute a funding agreement with DWR, enter into project agreements and do all things to complete this project. It was further moved by Commissioner Durst, seconded by Commissioner Cornwell and unanimously approved to direct staff to move forward with investigating the levee conditions at Site 1 and Site, to sign a contract with KSN, Inc. for the investigation work not to exceed \$200,000. Staff was directed to contact the RGF owners to give them a status report on both Sites 1 and 2.

4. Notice of Exempt for District-wide Maintenance – It was moved by Commissioner Cornwell, seconded by Commissioner Sankey and unanimously approved to direct Manager Bair to file a Notice of Exemption with both Yolo and Colusa Counties for District-wide maintenance.

5. Regional Plan Update – Mr. O'Regan gave a status report on the State Flood Plan. Currently the State is working on a 2017 update and trying to develop it in such a way that legislatures would push for an issuance of a funding bond. The Small Community Program is faltering and not moving forward. There is \$20 million set aside for small community projects. The State Flood Plan 2 Project Funding has been awarded. These funds will pay for stock piling flood fighting materials and flood ready containers situated in the flood areas, among other things.

INFORMAITON REPORTS

Assistant Manager's Report - Assistant Manager reported that the District submitted that the one-year progress report on the System Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) was submitted and accepted by the Corps of Engineering and found to show satisfactory progress. The SWIF will be due by March 9, 2017.

Manager's Report – Manager Bair reported on the proposed office remodel by RD108. The impact to this District will be an increase in the annual rent.

Manager Bair reported that he attended a meeting with DWR to discuss the time it is taking to get Proposition funds in the hands of the Districts to get projects done. A group was setup with DWR leadership for regular meetings to address this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no comments from the public and no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lewis Bair

Secretary/Manager