

# **Sacramento River West Side Levee District**

## **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**

August 24, 2016

President Ellis called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 1:10 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at Reclamation District No. 108 headquarters, Wilkins Slough, Colusa County, California.

**Commissioners Present:** Tom Ellis, Paul Sankey and Dan Tibbitts

**Commissioners Absent:** Fritz Durst and Roger Cornwell

**Others Present:** Lewis Bair, General Manager  
Chad Navarrot, Operations Manager  
Cathy Busch, Executive Secretary  
Beverly Walls, Bookkeeper

**Agenda –** Commissioner Sankey moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Tibbitts seconded. Vote: 3 – 0.

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

### **ADMINISTRATION**

**Minutes, Financial Report and Accounts Payable –** After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Tibbitts to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2016 as presented. Commissioner Sankey seconded. Vote: 3 – 0.

It was further moved by Commissioner Tibbitts to approve the July/August Financial Reports and the August Accounts Payables in the amount of \$78,007 and checks issued in June and July to be ratified totaled \$12,338. Commissioner Sankey seconded. Vote: 3 – 0.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

**1. Operations Manager Report –** Operations Manager Navarrot reported that once staff have completed dragging the levee, rodent control will begin. He commended Allen Murray on a great job dragging the levee. Approximately 19,000 yards of material from Westervelt has been stored

for use at Missouri Bend levee repair. A portion of this material was originally planned to be used to elevate the toe-road along the Sacramento River adjacent to Landowner Perez' ground, but because of the poor performance experienced in RD108 as a road base material, the District has switched to using the material for Missouri Bend.

**2. Landside Berm with Westervelt Material** – Manager Bair reported that this was covered under the Operations Manager's Report.

**3. Missouri Bend Approach and Adopt Resolutions 16-04 and 16-03** – Manager Bair reported that Engineer Barry O'Regan will be drafting a drilling plan to submit to the Corps of Engineers. The District is also working on a funding agreement with Department of Water Resources (DWR) for \$5 million for this Project. By accepting DWR funding for this Project, the District will be responsible for the site once the Project is completed. After discussion, Commissioner Tibbitts moved to adopt RESOLUTION Nos. 16-03 and 16-04 approving the Missouri Bend Project and authorizing Manager Bair to enter into a Funding Agreement with DWR. Commissioner Sankey seconded. Vote: 3 – 0.

**4. Regional Flood Plan Update** – Manager Bair reported on the Agricultural Floodplain Ordinance Task Force meeting held on August 19. He reviewed the actions considered and Preliminary Work Group recommendations to provide solutions for agricultural in the Floodplain. There are three regions contributing \$50,000 each to see what can be done under existing laws (administrative fixes). A White Paper will be drafted and it is hoped to get recommendations included into the 2017 Flood Plan. Comments will need to be submitted as soon as next week.

## **INFORMATION REPORTS**

**Manager's Report** – Manager Bair reported that RD108 has been evaluating the management staff for the District. President Ellis attended a workshop with the RD108 Board to discuss the proposed management changes. Mr. Larry Mandelburg helped the Board to determine what the current and future work load is and prioritize it by importance. There currently is a cost-share agreement between RD108, SRWSLD and KLRDD. The agreement would be amended to include the new management staffing as appropriate. RD108 is also currently planning on expanding the District headquarters to include a new Boardroom and additional offices. The Cost-Share Agreement will also be amended for office space.

Manager Bair reported that DWR has received \$100 million for deficit operations and maintenance, and they have two years to use these funds. They are looking to do pipe inspections and pipe penetration repairs. They came out with a list of 2,400 projects that includes the Jacobs Point structure that goes into the Colusa Basin Drain and Rough & Ready Pumping Plant. The projects listed were selected based on gravity structures and considered part of the State Plan of Flood Protection. Local flood districts will work with DWR in determining the best projects for these funds.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no comments from the public and no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:505 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lewis Bair  
Secretary/Manager