

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 108

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Trustees

May 17, 2018

President Durst called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 8:32 a.m. on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at Reclamation District No. 108 headquarters, Wilkins Slough, Colusa County, California.

Trustees Present: Fritz Durst, Sean Doherty, Todd Miller and Hilary Reinhard

Trustees Absent: Roger Cornwell

Others Present:

Lewis Bair, General Manager	Jordon Navarrot, Staff
William Vanderwaal, Deputy Manager	Steve Beckley, Landowner
Meegan Nagy, Deputy Manager	Tom Ellis, Landowner
Kevin O'Brien, Legal Counsel	Candy Dormer, Landowner
Gary Marler, Superintendent	
Cathy Busch, Secretary	
Beverly Walls, Bookkeeper	

Agenda – It was moved by Trustee Miller to approve the agenda, with two corrections, Mr. Don Bader was removed from the Open Forum and Emission Credits discussion was removed from the Agenda. Trustee Doherty seconded. Approved 4 – 0.

Open Forum – President Durst welcomed guests to the Open Forum.

River Diversion Tool - Mr. Jordon Navarrot gave a presentation on the MBK River Diversion Tool that is being used to coordinate the water needs along the River. Currently 8 districts participate in weekly calls along with USBR. This tool will help run the River closer to the USBR targets. Currently water projections have been done through June and will be updated as we go. Each District has its own portal to the program. The intent is to add the Tehama Colusa Canal Authority diversions.

NCWA Water Leadership Program – President Durst announced that both Bill Vanderwaal and Jordon Navarrot are participating in the 2018 Water Leadership Program. Both attendees commented on the program and its benefits and all that they have learned.

Other Matters – Landowner Tom Ellis commented on an article regarding the Shasta Dam Raise. Manager Bair remarked that the Shasta Dam Raise was a good project and would work well with the Sites Reservoir Project.

The Public Forum ended at 9:10 a.m.

ADMINISTRATION

Public Participation: There were no further comments from the Public at this time.

Consent Agenda – It was moved by Trustee Reinhard to approve the consent agenda, including the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on April 19, 2018. Trustee Miller seconded. Vote: Approved 4 – 0.

Accounts Payable – It was moved by Trustee Doherty to approve the accounts payable: Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$596,565; checks issued in April to be ratified in the amount of \$13,166, on-line payments issued in April and May in the amount of \$65,419, and transfers between River City Bank account to Money Market Fund in the amount of \$140,000 to be ratified. Irrigation Fund Accounts Payable in the amount of \$3,629, payments made in April to be ratified in the amount of \$546,232 for Project water and online payments made in May in the amount of \$22,499 were ratified. Trustee Miller seconded. Approved 4 – 0.

President Durst reported that Yolo County now has a choice of PG&E or Community Choice (CCE) for power service. Deputy Manager Vanderwaal reported that he had researched CCE's and found that Sonoma County's CCE was saving about 1% of the cost that they had under PG&E and the Yolo County CCE is advertising an estimated 2% savings versus PG&E. He also reported that the CCE will be an "opt out" option where the District will be transferred into it unless we request otherwise.

BUSINES ITEMS

1. Operations Report – Superintendent Marler reported on District-wide maintenance and operation. District staff have begun disking fire-breaks on the Back Levee in preparation of burning the levee. Repairs to the brush arm at Wilkins Slough Fish Screen have been repaired. The brush arm was found to have a bad relay switch.

2. Ducks Unlimited Project Proposal on Tract 6 "no man's land" – Manager Bair reported that Ducks Unlimited solicited RD108 to participate in their next submittal to the North America Westlands Conservation Act Grant Program for long-term protection, restoration and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitat. The proposed project would be no more than 10 acres and would have a 25-year commitment. This would be a 1:1 cost match. Matching funds can be in-kind or monetary. After discussion, staff was directed to bring back costs and project details to the June Board meeting.

3. Policy Review – President Durst directed staff to review and compare the Use of Fire-arms Policy and Work Place Violence Policy so that they work better together. Attorney O’Brien said that it will be important to confirm that ACWA-JPIA will provide liability insurance for fire-arms in the District.

INFORMATION REPORTS

1. NCWA Report – Manager Bair reported that the next NCWA Manager’s meeting will be held at the District on May 29.

2. Sites JPA – President Durst gave an update on the Sites Reservoir Project. He said they provided additional information to the Water Commission regarding public benefits and they increased the Project a little over the staff recommendation. The Project is currently moving into bonding and Project financing. Deputy Manager Vanderwaal reported that the Project schedule has been revised and Phase 2A will not begin until after December 2018. The Water Commission has authorized a cap of \$920 million for Public Benefits to Sites. There is now a \$200 million difference between the overall requested funding and overall available funding of all Projects in the CWC Process. RD108 was encouraged to continue looking for potential partnering opportunities with another entity for investing in Sites. Deputy Manager Vanderwaal cautioned that once you sign up for Phase 2, the prospective lenders will not want to see very much change in project participants throughout the project. It is important for districts to plan on participating throughout the project when they sign up for Phase 2.

3. Public Relations Consultant – Mr. Steve Beckley reported on Public Outreach.

4. Deputy Manager’s Report

- **Mid-Upper Sacramento Regional Flood Management Plan (Grant)** – The Mid-Upper Sacramento Region (administered by RD108) was awarded an additional \$50,000 to allow the consultants to continue to attend all of the planning meetings and share that information with the locals. Both Barry O’Regan and Chris Fritz are attending the conservation strategy committee meetings, which are currently discussing multi benefit O&M. Deputy Manager Nagy is participating in the OMRR&R workgroup. They are currently defining what it is and focusing on funding strategies. Manager Bair reported that the State is auditing the MUSRFMP and we had about two days of engagement.

- **SRWSLD Cash Flow Short-term Loan** – Deputy Manager Nagy reported that SRWSLD will need a short-term cash flow loan for the Missouri Bend Project and is currently seeking funding options. She asked if RD108 would have an interest in funding the loan if terms were acceptable. The Board agreed that we could continue looking at the option of RD 108 loaning SRWSLD the funds.

- **Update on Flood Control Projects** – The Emergency Response Grant was recommended \$445,000 of the \$500,00 requested. Final approval is expected in the fall. The Flood System Repair Program “Levee Gravel Grant” has a site visit next Wednesday. DWR will tour all sites for all three districts to see if they will approve them. The Deferred Maintenance Pipe Grant has been executed so we can get started with that Project.

- **Colusa GSA Update** – Deputy Manager Vanderwaal reported that the Colusa GSA is conducting a Basin Boundary Modification that would incorporate the areas between the east shore of the Sacramento River and RD1004 into the Colusa Subbasin and remove RD1004 areas from the GSA. They are also preparing to do a Prop 218 process to fund the regular administrative costs of the GSA. The assessment should range between \$1.00 to \$2.00 per acre per year.

5. **Manager's Report** – Manager Bair reported on:

- **RRA Training Seminar-Sept 19 and 20** – Landowners and/or their agents are also invited to the RRA training.

- **Dunnigan Water District Management** – Manager Bair is looking into the liability for the District should it be decided to take over the Dunnigan Water District (DWD). He is also currently working on overhead cost.

- **DC Trip July 11 and 12** – This trip will be a smaller group, including President Durst and Manager Bair. Topics for discussion could include Water Fix, Sites, Settlement Contractors Litigation, Sacramento Science Program, and Voluntary Agreements.

6. **Closed Session** – The Board went into Closed Session at 10:55 a.m. to conference with legal counsel on anticipated litigation. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of section 54956.9 (CalWaterFix Comments, Settlement Contracts, NRDC, SWRCB Settlement Process and Voluntary Agreement, and KLOG). The Board came out of Closed Session at 11:20 a.m. and President Durst reported that no action was taken.

RECESS

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:25 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no comments from the public and no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lewis Bair
Manager