

May 14, 2015  
West Sacramento  
9:00 A.M.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 900

The members of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District #900 convened at the above time and place.

The meeting was called to order by President DENTON. Also in attendance were Trustees, HINKEL, PALAMIDESSI, RAMOS, TURNER, Secretary/Manager Jameson, Attorney Day, Superintendent Schwall, and administrative assistant Eileen Wing.

By motion made by Trustee Palamidessi, seconded by Trustee Ramos and carried 5-0 the agenda was approved.

By motion made by Trustee Ramos, Seconded by Trustee Palamidessi and carried 5-0, the minutes of April 9, 2015 were approved as written.

The issuance of checks #19055-#19094, the April 2015 Bank Reconciliation report, and two wire transfers in the amount of Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) each, dated March 27, and May 4, 2015, were ratified.

There was no public comment on items not on the agenda.

Secretary/Manager Jameson informed the Board that PG&E will be repairing their natural gas line under the North Levee near the District's Causeway Pump Station and coordinating with him, while making these repairs.

Superintendent Schwall presented the Board with a copy of the revised 2014/2015 Budget. He noted that the revised expenditures were \$ 742,809.00, less than the originally budgeted figures. This was mainly a result of the capital expenditures portion of the budget including; not building the new truck shed and not making some major equipment purchases. Some of these items will be carried over to the 2015/2016 budget. After board

discussion, the Motion was made by trustee Ramos, seconded by Trustee Palamidessi and carried 5-0, to approve the revised Budget in the amount of \$1,352,991.00 as presented.

Superintendent Schwall and Secretary/Manger Jameson then reviewed the proposed 2015/2016 budget with the Board. They discussed the purchase of a new truck capable of hauling heavy equipment and other major equipment purchases, the trash racks at new and old causeway pump plants, and the anticipated costs of a proposition 218 election. These expenditures are all being accounted for in the 2015-2016 budget. After further discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Turner, seconded by Trustee Hinkel and carried 5-0, to approve the proposed 2015/2016 Budget in the amount of \$2,406,076.00 as presented.

The Board of Trustees discussed the assessment rate for the 2015/2016 year. The current rate is .20/\$100 valuation on the District Valuation Roll and cannot be increased without a Proposition 218 election. After considering the income required for the 2014/2015 fiscal year for District operations, a motion was made by Trustee Bryan, seconded by Trustee Ramos and carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 2015-05-01, setting the 2015/2016 assessment rate at .20/\$100 on the RD 900 valuation roll.

Resolution 2015-05-02, requesting that the County of Yolo collect the Assessment on the County tax roll was considered. In a motion made by Trustee Ramos, seconded by Trustee Hinkel, and carried 5-0, Resolution 2015-05-02 was approved and signed.

On or about March 8, 2007, the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District 900 elected to terminate health insurance benefits for trustees, which at the time included all Trustees, current or retired and otherwise eligible, entitled to such health insurance benefits. The District has been unable to locate written evidence of such formal termination of such benefits, and desire by this resolution 2015-05-03 to formally acknowledge such termination of such benefit. This Resolution was considered and discussed. A motion was made by Trustee Ramos to adopt Resolution 2015-05-03. It was seconded by Trustee Turner, and carried 5-0, approved and signed.

The County of Yolo requires that a Certification of Assessment accompany the assessment when it is submitted. After review, it was moved by Trustee Turner, seconded by Trustee Hinkel and carried 5-0 to authorize Secretary/Manager Jameson to sign the Certificate of Assessment that will accompany the District's 2015/2016 Assessment Roll.

WSAFCA update, Final approval and the Record of Decision for the EIS is not expected until summer of 2015. The DWR has signed

the decision memo to lead to the construction funding agreement.

The BRI continues to make offers and negotiate with the property owners for properties affected by the Village Parkway alignment and the levee construction. Construction for Village Parkway should start late summer or early fall.

Secretary/Manager Jameson informed the Board that the City of West Sacramento is requesting assistance with managing the Bridgeway Lakes water level. With the drought and continuing depletion of ground water the method of maintaining the levels within Bridgeway Lakes is no longer effective. The City is requesting that RD 900 use our water rights under the North Delta Water Agency contract to pump water from the Deep Water Ship Channel into the toe drain near the SIP Pump Station where we have an existing permitted diversion but no current pump. The City would place a portable pump at that location and isolate the toe drain in a way to pump into the lakes without filling the entire main drain system. The Board agreed that we should do everything within our power to assist the City so long as there is an agreement in place that is approved by RD 900 Legal Counsel.

Superintendent Schwall updated the Board about the field operations. The field crew has mowed through the District twice. New crew is working out well.

There being nothing further, the meeting was adjourned to June 11, 2015.

Kenric Jameson  
Secretary/Manager