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Online through Zoom Meeting

5:00 P.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 No. 900 convened at the above time remotely through the use of Zoom Meeting. President Christopher Cabaldon called the meeting to order. Also in attendance were Trustees Beverly Sandeen, Chris Ledesma, and Martha Guerrero; Secretary/Manager Tim Mallen; Attorney Ralph Nevis, Greg Fabun, and Sheila Johnston. Trustee Quirina Orozco was not present.

1. Agenda Approval. President Cabaldon asked if there were any required changes to the agenda, none were cited and the agenda was accepted as presented.
2. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda. No comments were made.
3. Consent Calendar: President Cabaldon asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 20th 2020 Board meeting as presented, Trustee Ledesma made the motion, Trustee Guerrero seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.
4. Consideration of the fiscal year 2020-2021 Budget. Manager Mallen presented the budgets to the Board highlighting some of the larger changes from the previous budget. For revenue this included a large decrease in FMAP money which was explained to be as a result of no longer being able to use it for equipment purchases as well as \$840k from FEMA which was explained as the potential 70% matching money for the proposed Blacker Canal project. The Blacker Canal project was explained as a project that needs to be done sooner than later but is unknown if the District will receive the FEMA funding, no update has been provided by Cal OES. Trustee Sandeen pointed out a typographical error on the proposed budget referencing 2016-2017; Manager Mallen noted the correction. Trustee Sandeen pointed out that potentially the assessment rate should be adopted first if it is predicated on the assessment. Trustee Ledesma asked for some context on the rate increase of 1.33% on the assessment. Manager Mallen deferred to Megan Jonsson of LWA who prepared the assessment. Megan explained that it is based on the Construction Cost Index and how it affects the original Engineers report used for the 218 election. She further explained that the rate was shifted from June to June to May to May to allow for timing of the budget. Manger Mallen explained that the Board has traditionally elected to follow the escalation rate for anticipated costs but no policy was in place. President Cabaldon asked for clarification on the column

labeled Final and whether it was actually year end actuals. Manager Mallen clarified it was projected actuals and the column would be renamed.

President Cabaldon asked for clarification on the large overage for the 2019-2020 Retiree actuals. Manager Mallen explained that the unfunded liability for retirees was partially funded through a CalPERS trust that was preapproved some time ago from the previous Board but was only now finalized and was not properly shown in the budget. The accounting for the funding needs to be cleaned up and audited to transfer from a separate account that had been set aside for the funding. It was explained that the liability based on the proposed budget would be completely funded which is why the 2020-2021 budget reflects a larger amount as well for retiree health care. Manager Mallen went through the remaining large budget changes including; Capital Improvement projects of Blacker Canal, Completing the New Building Remodel and inspection of pump station pipes through the levee. As well accounting services was increased by \$25k to allow for the CPA oversight and monthly closeouts that have been proposed, Manager Mallen explained that this had been accounted for in the 218 Engineer's report but had never been utilized.

President Cabaldon concurred with Trustee Ledesma's previous comments that the Assessment rate be decided upon first before the budget, the Board agreed.

Trustee Guerrero asked for clarification on the Blacker Canal project; Manager Mallen reported that the issue with the erosion is an unknown and could need to be done now or next year because of the unknown on how quickly it will erode. Trustee Guerrero presented that there should possibly be a workshop to more thoroughly evaluate the situation; Manager Mallen reported that he had begun to develop a risk, benefit, cost table for various projects for the District and would concur on the need for a committee to evaluate

The Board voted on Item 5 and then returned to item 4 for approval.

President Cabaldon asked for a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Budget with edits noted, Trustee Sandeen made the motion, Trustee Ledesma seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

5. Consideration of Resolution 2020-06-01 Adopting Assessment Rate for fiscal year 2020-2021.

President Cabaldon asked for a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Assessment rate as presented, Trustee Ledesma made the motion, Trustee Guerrero seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

6. Consideration of Resolution 2020-06-02 Requesting Collection of Charges on Yolo County Tax Roll.

Manager Mallen explained that the resolution was a required request for the County to collect the taxes. President Cabaldon asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2020-06-02 as presented, Trustee Sandeen made the motion, Trustee Guerrero seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

7. Consideration of Certification of Assessment.

Manager Mallen stated that the certification was a verification from the Board to the County that all laws and practices were followed in the establishment of the assessment rate and request for collection. President Cabaldon had to step out of the meeting until partially through the Manager's Report. Trustee Sandeen asked for a motion to approve the Certification of Assessment as presented, Trustee Guerrero made the motion, Trustee Sandeen seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

8. Informational Items.

8.1. General Manager's report. Manager Mallen presented the attached report. Additional discussion on specific items below.

8.1.1. Manager Mallen added that a new Field person had been hired and would begin work on July 6th, which he stated was good timing with beginning maintenance of the City portion of RD 537.

8.1.2.1. Trustee Guerrero reported out that she had received notices from concerned residents about a fire that had happened on the levee at Marshall Rd. Manager Mallen stated that this had been caused by a District mower striking some riprap at the crossing there and that this happens occasionally. He also stated that he had been talking with Bryon Johnson about additional safety measures that could be made to allow the District staff to quickly put out fires themselves in the future.

8.1.4.2. Manager Mallen clarified that the revenue stream used by DWR at present for MA4 is not transferable to RD 900 if the District takes over. He also explained that RD 537 and RD 900 portions of the WSAFCA assessment are used exclusively for Levee Maintenance and the portion allocated to the City has been largely unused to date. He also explained that the looking at the Levee system as a whole and the WSAFCA assessment as a whole there is sufficient funding to balance. President Cabaldon clarified that the City would continue working on incorporating the language in the existing bill for the boundary change and offered thanks to how diligently CVFPB staff has worked to assist on this matter.

8.1.4.3. Trustee Ledesma asked to speak offline with Manager Mallen about what actions to take on having so much money in the District's bank account and whether to transfer it to the County account.

8.1.4.4 Regarding the potential litigation over Reclamation District assessment payments by the California Department of Transportation, the District's Attorney offered to further investigate the lawsuit and whether to join and report back to the Board.

8.1.4. Manager Mallen added that he through the CVFCA has been added to a subcommittee that is exploring the possibility of a region wide assessment to fund the maintenance of regional benefit facilities. It was explained

that what those are is still being discussed; ranging from bypass levees, to reservoirs and dams. He further explained that this is already going committee that he just got rolled into and as of yet has only listened and absorbed in an attempt to get up to speed. President Cabaldon stressed the delicate nature of the subject and that he wants Manager Mallen to inform and discuss with the Board so that he can be visible and empowered to be a productive member of the committee. Manager Mallen offered his thoughts on having an RD 900 committee formed to facilitate input from the Board. Not action was taken

8.2. Trustee Reports and Updates. There was nothing further for the Trustees to report.

9. Adjourn. There being nothing further, President Cabaldon asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Guerrero moved and Trustee Sandeen seconded the motion.



Timothy Mallen, PE
General Manager/Secretary