

Mendocino County

Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District

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APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Meeting

August 2, 2021

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DIRECTIVES OF THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER, STATE AND CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC), THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM.

1. Roll Call

President Watt called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Trustees Present: Christopher Watt, President
Alfred White, Vice President
Matthew Froneberger, Treasurer
John Reardan, Trustee
Tyler Rodrigue, Trustee

Staff: Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager

2. Public Expression – No one from the public indicated interest in public expression.

3. Approval of Agenda

GM Salomone clarified that Item 10 on the Agenda will be in Open Session, not Closed Session.

Trustee Reardan moved to approve the agenda as presented. Treasurer Froneberger seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following unanimous vote:

Ayes: 5 (Froneberger, Reardan, Rodrigue White, Watt)

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

4. Water Supply Conditions Update and District Response

GM Salomone presented the item, reviewing the staff report and noting the State Water Resources enacted the Curtailment of Diversions to Protect Water Supplies and Threatened and Endangered Fish in Russian River Watershed on August 2, 2021. Explanation was provided on the impacts of the curtailment order to the District and updates provided on compliance. An update was given on the work of the Russian River Drought Response Group Steering Committee to develop voluntary drought agreements in lieu of curtailments for use in future years. Comments and questions were offered by Trustees. Enforcement issues were discussed and the Board asked GM to bring the current policy on filing complaints on illegal diversions to a future meeting for review and possible updating. Jani Shephard, customer of a community water system providing water from RRFC, asked about specific household use under the curtailment order and GM Salomone provided clarification.

REGULAR BUSINESS, INFORMATION, AND REPORT ITEMS

5. Consent Calendar

- a) Acceptance of the July 2021 Financial Report
- b) Approval of Minutes for the July 6, 2021 Regular Meeting

President

Christopher Watt

Vice President

Alfred White

Treasurer

Matthew Froneberger

Trustee

Tyler Rodrigue

Trustee

John Reardan

Treasurer Froneberger noted an error on Agenda item 5a) July 2021 Financial Reports Summary. Under July 2021 expenses, the annual liability insurance payment was corrected from \$6,1440.80 to \$6,1440.80.

Vice President White moved to approve the Consent Calendar with the above noted edit. Treasurer Froneberger seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following unanimous vote:

Ayes: 5 (Froneberger, Reardan, Rodrigue White, Watt)

6. Board Member & Committee Reports

Trustee White added that at the Upper Russian River Water Agency meeting, it was noted that water conservation targets were not met by all member Districts and it was announced a consultant would address the Board at their next meeting. He noted at the Groundwater Sustainability Agency approved the request for a facilitator to be provided by the Department of Water Resources.

Trustee Reardan provided an update on the Request for Proposals for a consultant to assist Inland Water & Power Commission with a ballot measure for Potter Valley Project relicensing, operating, and maintenance costs.

Redwood Valley County Water District & RRFC Ad Hoc on Water Supply Reliability: Treasurer Froneberger provided an update on the recent Ad Hoc meeting, noting the two entities agreed to report back to their respective Boards and obtain consensus to continue meeting. Both Ad Hoc members from Redwood Valley County Water District provided comments, as well.

7. General Manager Report & Correspondence

GM Salomone presented the written report and added the following items: (1) GM Salomone has been selected for Region 1 Board elections recommended slate. (2) Review of the State Water Board draft Resolution Condemning Racism, Xenophobia, and Racial Injustice and Strengthening Commitment to Racial Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Access, and Anti-Racism and the potential follow up actions Statewide and at the District level. (3) Suggestion to develop a budget that embodies the District's values. (4) Review of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) work to develop a funding methodology to include in the Plan, submission of a request for funding from the Department of Water Resources

8. Direction on Future Agenda Items

Items identified were: Audit, 2020-21 year end reports, current policy on filing complaints on illegal diversions.

CLOSED SESSION

9. Closed Session: (1) Government Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Code Section 54957 (General Manager). (2) Conference with Labor Negotiators: board representative – Board President or HR Consultant, Unrepresented Employee: General Manager

The Board entered Closed Session at 7:04 PM and reentered Open Session at 7:23 PM.

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Christopher Watt

Vice President
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Treasurer
Matthew Froneberger

Trustee
Tyler Rodrigue

Trustee
John Reardan

10. Oral Recommendation Regarding Proposed Changes to Salary and/or Fringe Benefits of General Manager

Vice President White moved to approve the Personnel Ad Hoc Committee recommendation to (1) Authorize GM Salomone's vacation leave accrual in excess of the 160 hour cap postdated to be effective as of December of 2020 in acknowledgement of the pandemic and additional work demands through the drought emergency, to be reviewed during the next GM annual evaluation; and (2) Approve GM Salomone using the District owned vehicle full time. Trustee Reardan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following unanimous vote:

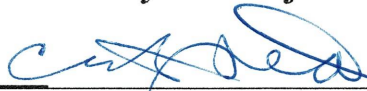
Ayes: 5 (Froneberger, Reardan, Rodrigue White, Watt)

ADJOURNMENT


Vice President White moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Trustee Reardan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following unanimous vote:

Ayes: 5 (Froneberger, Reardan, Rodrigue White, Watt)

APPROVED by Board of Trustees on September 13, 2021



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