

Mendocino County

Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District

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APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Meeting

March 1, 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 5:31 pm.

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

Trustees Absent: Matthew Froneberger, Treasurer

Staff: Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager

2. Public Expression

Paula Whelan, Wagner & Bonsignore, Consulting Civil Engineers, addressed the Board representing several current District customers. (See Agenda Item 3a.)

3. Approval of Agenda

Trustee Reardan moved to approve the agenda adding Item 3a) Customer Request to Consider Temporary Urgency Change Petition. Trustee Rodrigue seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following unanimous vote:

Ayes: 4 (Reardan, Rodrigue, White, Watt)
Absent: 1 (Froneberger)

3a. Item Addition to Agenda: Customer Request to Consider Temporary Urgency Change Petition

Due to concern of restrictions on customer held water rights, two customers are requesting consideration of filing a Temporary Urgency Change Petition (TUCP) to add specific points of delivery to the District's water rights license. This would allow the existing customers to divert their District contract water from alternative points. Paula Whelan, Wagner & Bonsignore Consulting Civil Engineers, noted the customers she is representing would also request these alternative points of delivery be added to the District's license on a permanent basis at such time the District may file a Change Petition. Initial cost estimates are in the range of \$4,000- \$5,000 which would be borne by the customers benefiting from the petition.

GM Salomone confirmed the customers requesting the consideration have current contracts with the District and adequate irrigable acreage allocation to accommodate the requests. It was noted additional customers may be identified that would be interested in participating in the TUCP.

The Board reached consensus on the approval of the concept and directed GM Salomone to proceed in noticing the customer base with information on the Board consideration of filing a TUCP.

President Christopher Watt **Vice President** Alfred White **Treasurer** Matthew Froneberger **Trustee** Tyler Rodrigue **Trustee** John Reardan

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

4. Temporary Urgency Change Petition & Water Supply Conditions Update

GM Salomone presented the item, providing up to date information since time of staff report publication. Public comment was received from Devon Jones, Mendocino County Farm Bureau. The Board discussed and provided GM with points to consider in coordinating a response to the Temporary Urgency Change Order with Sonoma Water Agency.

Vice President White moved to approve the recommended action of holding a RRFCC Special Board meeting to workshop the development of Board and public input on the Temporary Urgency Change Order conditions as well as current water supply conditions. Trustee Reardan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following unanimous vote:

Ayes: 4 (Reardan, Rodrigue, White, Watt)
Absent: 1 (Froneberger)

5. Inland Water & Power Commission (IWPC) Update & Funding Request

Trustee Reardan and GM Salomone presented the item.

Devon Jones, Mendocino County Farm Bureau thanked the District for its continued support of the relicensing efforts and Trustee John Reardon's participation on IWPC. GM Salomone thanked Devon on the excellent job the Farm Bureau is doing on outreach and support.

Trustee Reardan moved to approve the contribution of \$50,000 from the District's Operating Budget to Mendocino County Inland Water and Power Commission for the Potter Valley Project consultant and legal counsel relicensing application fees. Vice President White seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following unanimous vote:

Ayes: 4 (Reardan, Rodrigue, White, Watt)
Absent: 1 (Froneberger)

6. FY 2020-21 Budget Amendment

GM Salomone presented the item, reviewing the staff report and attachments.

Trustee Reardan moved to approve Resolution #20-08 with Exhibit A adopting the FY 2020-2021 Adjusted Final Budget. Trustee Rodrigue seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following unanimous vote:

Ayes: 4 (Reardan, Rodrigue, White, Watt)
Absent: 1 (Froneberger)

REGULAR BUSINESS, INFORMATION, AND REPORT ITEMS

7. Consent Calendar

- a) Approval of Minutes for the February 1, 2021 Regular Meeting
- b) Acceptance of the February 2021 Financial Reports and Project Water Worksheet
- c) Approval of Mendocino Wine Group Uniform Water Sale & Purchase Agreement quantity increase.

Trustee Reardan moved to approve the consent calendar, correcting Vice President White's title throughout (a) minutes of the February 1, 2021 Regular Meeting. Vice President White seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following unanimous vote:

Ayes: 4 (Reardan, Rodrigue, White, Watt)
Absent: 1 (Froneberger)

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approved Declaration #21-01, which also indicates the need of watershed wide participation in creating a locally based program for demand management so that Sonoma Water Agency has access to data that will support efficient operations including reduced buffer releases. He suggested the Board consider putting District resources behind this effort.

GM Salomone noted there are many diverters in the watershed that are not represented by an organization such as Sonoma Water Agency or RRF. A voluntary demand management system cooperatively developed in stages over time by the watershed right holders in such a way that is supported locally would benefit all users through in enhanced operations.

Specific ideas for managing and reducing demand of surface water were discussed.

6. Other Board Member and General Manager Reports

President Watt shared his comments at the Upper Russian River Water Agency encouraging the members to pay close attention to the water supply conditions and how it may impact their districts ability to serve their customers.

GM Salomone noted the local water district meeting agendas indicate review of previous drought response actions and the City of Ukiah recently received an update on their water supply security.

7. Direction on Future Agenda Items

Items identified included:

- o Closed Session on information received from participation in IWPC closed sessions.

8. Closed Session

Information received from participation in IWPC joint powers agency closed session that has direct financial or liability implications for RRF (Gov't Code §54956.96)

Property: PG&E Potter Valley Project. Agency Negotiators: Janet Pauli & Scott Shapiro
Negotiating Parties: IWPC and FERC. Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

The Board postponed the Closed Session for a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President White moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:36 pm. Trustee Reardan seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by the following unanimous vote:

Ayes: 4 (Reardan, Froneberger White, Watt)
Absent: 1 (Rodrigue)

APPROVED by Board of Trustees on April 5, 2021



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