

***Mendocino County***

***Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District***

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**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting of June 3, 2024**

**At District Office: 304 N. State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482**

**1. Roll Call**

Vice President White called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

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

Staff: Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Trustee Rodrigue moved to approve the agenda. Trustee Reardan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

**3. Public Expression:**

None.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**4. Proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget**

Treasurer Bailey summarized the justification to lowering the rate from \$68 per acre foot to \$61 per acre foot. President Watt added that timing of implementation of projects has played a role. Public comment was offered by Redwood Valley County Water District Board Member, Bree Klotter.

The Board discussed the reserves policy, specifically the water supply reliability reserve, and if it is sufficient to address the unknowns in the future. The rate of spending may not be as rapid as was predicted last year but the amount is likely similar or more for the projects. Additional work needs to be done regarding what needs to be funded, such as the proposed Eel-Russian Project Authority, Coyote Valley Dam modernization, etc. and strategy options on rate setting and reserves.

Vice President White moved the recommended action to approve Resolution #24-02 Approving Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget of \$537,376 in revenue, \$491,300 in expenses, and price per acre foot set at \$61.00.

Trustee Reardan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

**5. Trustee Liaison Assignments & Stipends**

Comments and questions were offered by Trustees and public expression was offered by Redwood Valley County Water District Board Member, Bree Klotter. It was noted by Vice President White that the original intent behind the liaisons was for building of relationships rather than keeping up to date on operational issues of the organizations. GM Salomone noted the value of Trustees serving as advisors to the General Manager and representing the District on the two JPAs and various other meetings as requested by the GM.

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Board consensus is to dissolve the liaison positions for all but the Redwood Valley County Water District and Willow County Water District. In the future, these liaison positions will be discussed and possibly updated in the Trustee & Committee Reports monthly agenda item. The Board directed GM Salomone to bring a proposal to the Board for an update to the stipend policy to consider Trustee contributions beyond the liaison roles.

## **6. California Class Investment Pool**

GM Salomone and Treasurer Bailey presented the item. Comments and questions were offered by Trustees.

The Board directed GM & Treasurer to research and prepare any recommended updates Policy #23-01 on Bank Account Balances and Investment Options for Board approval with consideration of participating in CLASS. It was noted that District legal counsel would need to review the policy updates.

## **REGULAR BUSINESS, INFORMATION, AND REPORT ITEMS**

### **7. Water Supply Conditions Update**

GM noted letters submitted to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) by a collective of Non-Government Agencies (NGOs) asking FERC to urgently approve the flow variance. GM also noted the customer letter on 2024 water supply and demand was sent and a copy can be found on the website. Clarifying questions were asked and answered.

### **8. Consent Calendar**

- a) Acceptance of the May 2024 Financial Reports
- b) Approval of May 13, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes

GM Salomone offered clarification on the Inland Water & Power Commission member contribution and how it was allocated internally.

Trustee Reardan moved to approve the consent calendar. Treasurer Bailey seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

### **9. Trustee & Committee Reports**

- a) LAFCo MSR/SOI & Annexation Ad Hoc: No updates.

*Treasurer Bailey* will be attending the next Groundwater Sustainability Meeting as the alternate Board member.

*Vice President White* announced his retirement and submitted his letter of resignation to take effect June 4, 2024. The Board and staff discussed his thirteen year history as a Board member and thanked him profusely for his service. GM Salomone reviewed the process for Board appointment to fill the vacancy.

### **10. General Manager Report & Correspondence**

GM presented report. It was noted PG&E has requested an extension of time on the decommissioning plan submission to FERC. PG&E released a statement that indicated new interest in working with the Eel Russian Project Authority on the proposed new Eel River facility.

### **11. Direction on Future Agenda Items**

Appointment of new Trustee, appointment assignments, investment account policy update, stipends

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President White moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 PM. Trustee Reardan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

**APPROVED by Board of Trustees on July 1, 2024**



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President of the Board of Trustees



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Secretary of the Board of Trustees

**President**  
Christopher Watt

**Vice President**  
Alfred White

**Treasurer**  
John Bailey

**Trustee**  
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