

Mendocino County

Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District

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APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Meeting of May 13, 2024

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

1. Roll Call

Vice President White called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

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

Absent: Christopher Watt, President

Staff: Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager

2. Approval of Agenda

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

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

3. Public Expression:

Peter Richardson introduced himself as a representative of a District customer (Henry Station Mutual Water Company) and also an appropriative water right holder. Redwood Valley County Water District Board Member Bree Klotter recommended the documentary 'The River's Last Chance'.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

4. Ukiah Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency Update

Vice President White presented the item, providing an update on staff changes and the rate and fee study progress. Comments and questions were offered by Trustees and public comment offered by Peter Richardson.

5. 2024 District Trustee Elections

GM Salomone presented the item. Comments and questions were offered by Trustees and public comment offered by Peter Richardson.

6. WORKSHOP DRAFT of Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget and Rate Setting

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

In reviewing the current Fiscal Year 2024-2024 budget vs actuals, actual revenue exceeded budget due to payments of invoices from previous fiscal years and the sale of surplus water to Redwood Valley County Water District. Actual expenses were less than budgeted due primarily to not hiring additional staff and anticipated projects not moving forward.

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In reviewing the draft Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget, proposed expenses will be over \$200,000 less than the previous year therefore the Board considered a reduction in the price per acre foot from the current \$68. It was noted that no contribution would be made to the Groundwater Sustainability Agency since it was expected to implement a rate and fee structure. Contributions to Inland Water and Power Commission for work on the future trans basin diversion is being shown under Projects: Trans Basin Diversion budget line. Project costs are expected to be less than the previous year.

The Board directed GM to prepare a Proposed Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for Board approval setting the annual price-per-acre-foot rate at \$61.

REGULAR BUSINESS, INFORMATION, AND REPORT ITEMS

7. Water Supply Conditions Update

Clarifying questions were asked and answered.

8. Consent Calendar

- a) Acceptance of the April 2024 Financial Reports
- b) Approval of April 1, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes
- c) Approval of April 19, 2024 Special Board Meeting minutes

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

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

9. Trustee & Committee Reports

- a) LAFCo MSR/SOI & Annexation Ad Hoc: discussed in Agenda Item 7.

Trustee Reardan provided an update on the May Mendocino County Inland Water & Power Commission meeting.

Treasurer Bailey shared on relevant discussions he had at a recent Economic Development meeting and spoke to Humboldt County Supervisor Steve Madrone on the trans basin diversion.

10. General Manager Report & Correspondence

GM Salomone answered questions on the progress of the proposed annexation of Redwood Valley County Water District service area into the District.

11. Direction on Future Agenda Items

Consideration of Trustee liaison assignments, Final budget approval, investment account policy update.

12. CLOSED SESSION

(1) *Government Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Gov. Code §54957 (General Manager).*

(2) *Conference with Labor Negotiators: board representative – Board President or HR Consultant, Unrepresented Employee: General Manager*

The Board held a closed session from 6:48 PM to 6:56 PM.

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Trustee Reardan moved to approve the proposed addendum to Elizabeth Salomone's Employment Agreement and direct the District's Accountant and Payroll Specialist to implement it. Trustee Rodrigue seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

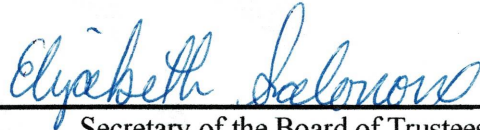
Trustee Reardan moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 PM. Trustee Rodrigue seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED by Board of Trustees on June 3, 2024



President of the Board of Trustees



Secretary of the Board of Trustees

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Christopher Watt

Vice President
Alfred White

Treasurer
John Bailey

Trustee
Tyler Rodrigue

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