

APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Meeting

September 13, 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 4:04 PM.

Trustees Present: Christopher Watt, President
Alfred White, Vice President
Matthew Froneberger, Treasurer (departed 5:04 PM at end of Closed Session)
John Reardan, Trustee
Tyler Rodrigue, Trustee (arrived 5:45 PM)

Staff: Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager
Jeanne Zolezzi, Legal Counsel (departed after report out from Closed Session)

CLOSED SESSION:

2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Gov. Code § 54956.9(d) *Significant exposure to litigation: (2 potential cases)*

The Board entered Closed Session at 4:06 PM and reentered Open Session at 5:30 PM.

OPEN SESSION:

3. Report out on Closed Session

The Board approved an initial project description for a renewed look at a reservoir in a tributary of the Upper Russian River in the Ukiah Valley.

Preliminary Feasibility Study for Water Storage Project within a tributary of the Upper Russian River within the Ukiah Valley:

In the 1990's the RRFC commissioned a feasibility study for developing an approximately 5,000 – 12,000 acre foot reservoir within the larger of two forks of Hensley Creek, a tributary of the Upper Russian River. Water to be stored in the reservoir would originate as run-off within its watershed and wet-season releases from Lake Mendocino. The value of this project is to create a strategic reserve during wet periods to release during dry periods. The RRFC is reviewing this potential project and considering the retention of a Special Projects Manager to oversee a consulting team charged with preparing an updated Preliminary Feasibility Study for the project. Initial focus will be on water availability, funding, water rights, and property acquisition.

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

5. Approval of Agenda

Vice President moved to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Reardan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 (Reardan, White, Watt)
Absent: 2 (Froneberger, Rodrigue)

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

6. Water Supply Conditions Update and District Response including Review and Possible Updating of Policy #01-02 regarding Illegal Diversions

GM Salomone presented the item, providing up to date water supply and reservoir information. The draft updated Policy #01-2 was presented and discussed.

Vice President moved to supersede Policy #01-02 with Policy # 21-01. Trustee Reardan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

7. FY 2019-20 Audit

Vice President White moved to approve the Draft Audit of Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and direct General Manager to present the signed Management Representation Letter to the Auditor for finalization. Trustee Reardan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

8. Associated California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 1 Board Elections

Vice President White moved to approve the recommended candidate slate. Trustee Reardan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

REGULAR BUSINESS, INFORMATION, AND REPORT ITEMS

9. Consent Calendar

- a) Acceptance of the August 2021 Financial Report
- b) Approval of Minutes for the August 2, 2021 Regular Meeting
- c) Approval of Minutes for the August 4, 2021 Special Meeting
- d) Approval of Minutes for the August 24, 2021 Special Meeting
- e) Ratification of Mendocino Count Resource Conservation District (MC RCD) Short Term Drought –Related Monthly Groundwater Elevation Monitoring on Behalf of the Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Vice President White pulled Item 9e from the consent calendar. Vice President White noted an error on Agenda item 9b) August 2, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes line item 50. The number should be Under July 2021 expenses, the annual liability insurance payment was corrected from \$6,1440.80 to \$6,144.80.

Vice President White moved to approve Consent Calendar items 9a-d with the above noted edit. Trustee Reardan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following unanimous vote:

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

After clarification, Vice President White moved to approve Consent Calendar items 9e. Trustee Reardan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following unanimous vote:

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

10. Board Member & Committee Reports

Trustee Reardan provided an update on the Inland Water & Power Commission activities, noting the Two Basin Partnership request to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for an abeyance and the retention of a consultant to assist 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: *Trustee Reardan* provided an update on the recent Ad Hoc meeting, with comments offered by Bree Klotter, Board Member of Redwood Valley County Water District and GM Salomone.

President Watt provided an update on the Willow County Water District's current rate study.

11. General Manager Report & Correspondence

GM Salomone presented the written report and noted the following items of correspondence: (1) Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency letter to member agencies regarding additional member contributions; and (2) Local Agency Formation Commission memo to Cities and Independent Special Districts of Mendocino County regarding Emergency Water Supplies, Out of Agency Services and Government Code §56133.

12. Direction on Future Agenda Items

(1) Potential Reservoir Project; and (2) RRFC and Redwood Valley County Water District.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Reardan moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 pm. Vice President White seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following unanimous vote:

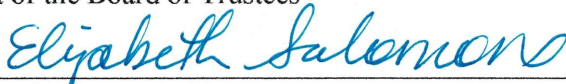
Ayes: 4 (*Reardan, Rodrigue White, Watt*)

Absent: 1 (*Froneberger*)

APPROVED by Board of Trustees on October 4, 2021



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