

Mendocino County

Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District

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APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Meeting

February 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 5:30 pm.

Trustees Present: Christopher Watt, President
Alfred White, Vice President
Matthew Froneberger, Treasurer
Tyler Rodrigue, Trustee (5:34pm)
John Reardan, Trustee

Staff: Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager

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

3. Approval of Agenda

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

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

[Note: The Closed Session was held between Items 4 and 5, due to time constraint.]

PRESENTATION

4. Guest Speaker: Donald Seymour, Sonoma Water Agency Engineer

The Board received an overview of water supply factors and operations, with Q & A. The slide presentation was made available on the RRFC website.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

5. Water Supply Conditions Update

GM Salomone presented the item, noting weekly Water Supply Conditions updates are being emailed out on a weekly basis from the District to customers, Trustees, and members of the community. Also, ABC News San Francisco interviewed GM Salomone and the Mendocino County Local Agency Formation Committee requested a presentation which was done earlier in the day.

President
Christopher Watt

Vice President
Alfred White

Treasurer
Matthew Froneberger

Trustee
Tyler Rodrigue

Trustee
John Reardan

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

Trustee Reardan and GM Salomone presented the item, providing an update on IWPC and reviewing the Staff Report. IWPC has requested an additional \$50,000 from each of the five IWPC members. It is believed an estimate of \$500,000 per year total will be needed by IWPC to meet costs. GM Salomone recommended an operating budget adjustment to accommodate for the \$50,000 contribution and including a \$100,000 contribution in the FY 2021/22 Operating Budget.

Vice President White moved to direct the General Manager to develop a FY 2020-21 Budget Amendment to accommodate for the proposed contribution and present to the Board at the next Board meeting for approval. Trustee Rodrigue seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

REGULAR BUSINESS, INFORMATION, AND REPORT ITEMS

7. Consent Calendar

- a) Approval of Minutes for the January 4, 2021 Regular Meeting
- b) Acceptance of the January 2021 Financial Reports and Project Water Worksheet

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

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

8. Board Member and Committee Reports

Vice President White reviewed the most recent Millview and Upper Russian River Water Agency meetings. *Treasurer Froneberger* noted he is now a sitting Special District Representative on the Local Agency Formation Commission and he reviewed the meeting held earlier in the day. *President Watt* reported on the recent Willow meeting.

9. General Manager Report & Correspondence

GM Salomone presented the item and reviewed specific items from the written report.

10. Direction on Future Agenda Items

Items identified included:

- o FY 2020/2021 Budget Adjustment in support of the IWPC contribution request

11. 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 from 6:37 pm to 7:40 pm with Human Resources consultants from LEAP Solutions. President Watt appointed Trustee Reardan and Vice President White to a GM Retention and Engagement Ad Hoc Committee to work with the General Manager on Professional Development and Job Satisfaction to identify areas the Board can continue to support the GM.

8. Board Member and Committee Reports

Trustee Reardan shared from Inland Water & Power Commission that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has yet to respond to the Planning partners of the Potter Valley Project relicensing.

9. General Manager Report & Correspondence

GM Salomone presented the item. President Watt highlighted the information on the State Water Resources Control Board's February 16, 2021 board meeting regarding SWRCB staff presentation on the Water Rights Drought Effort Review (WARDER.) The WARDER report was initiated as a feedback mechanism from water rights holders to the SWRCB's 2014-2015 drought response.

10. Direction on Future Agenda Items

Items identified included:

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

11. Closed Session

Information received from participation in IWPC joint powers agency closed session that has direct financial or liability implications for RRFC (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 7:06 pm. Trustee Reardan seconded the motion.

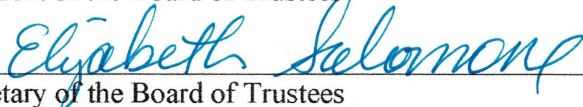
The motion was approved by the following unanimous vote:

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

APPROVED by Board of Trustees on April 4, 2021



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