

KINGS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020

As a result of the COVID-19 emergency, the public was able to participate through a conference call. Directors could choose to meet with Staff in the Board Room or participate through a conference call. President Taylor called the special meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Steven P. Dias, Barry McCutcheon, Ernest Taylor
Joseph Freitas (phone), Michael Murray (phone),

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Mills, General Manager;
Ray Carlson, Attorney (phone);
Sebastian Silveira, Griswold LaSalle Cobb Dowd
& Gin, LLP (phone);
Geoff Vanden Huevel, Milk Producer Council (phone)

ESTABLISH QUORUM

It was determined that a quorum was present at the meeting.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

GENERAL MANAGER

LAND IQ CROP DEMAND PROPOSAL

Manager Mills reviewed the proposal for 2019-2020 and 2020-20201 water year services from Land IQ that was also discussed at a previous meeting. After the presentation and some discussion by Board members, Manager Mills made the recommendation that the Board approve the proposal. Vice-President Dias made that motion and Director McCutcheon seconded it. President Taylor called for a vote and the vote for all of the Directors was as follows:

AYES: Barry McCutcheon, Steven P. Dias, Joseph Freitas, Michael Murray,
Ernest Taylor

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

SGM IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROJECT

Manager Mills reported that the Tulare Lake GSAs had agreed to pursue a SGM Round 1 Implementation Grant from DWR. He explained that the District's Griswold Basin project appeared to be a good match for the funding opportunity. He presented to the Board two conceptual designs for the facility, depending on available grant funds. He also conveyed that it was likely that a 25% cost share would be required, given the current understanding of who would qualify for a cost share waiver. The projects that were also being considered by other GSA areas were also briefly discussed. Manager Mills recommended that the District be willing to pursue the Griswold

Basin project through an SGM Round 1 Implementation Grant, pay for a portion of the grant app development, and commit to a local cost share if necessary. Director Freitas made that motion and Director Murray seconded it. President Taylor called for a vote and the vote for all of the Directors was as follows:

AYES: Barry McCutcheon, Steven P. Dias, Joseph Freitas, Michael Murray,
Ernest Taylor

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

HSR – RIVERSIDE & OLD RIVER PLANS

Manager Mills reported on recent meetings and communications with California High Speed Rail Authority representatives on the proposed plan sets for Riverside Culvert, work adjacent to Dam 5 in the Old Kings River Channel and the Batti Basin culvert. Manager Mills relayed that CHSRA was requesting approval of the design plans and that he recommended that the District approve the proposed plan sets for the Riverside Culvert and authorize him to sign the plans on behalf of the District. Vice-President Dias made that motion and Director McCutcheon seconded it. President Taylor called for a vote and the vote for all of the Directors was as follows:

AYES: Barry McCutcheon, Steven P. Dias, Joseph Freitas, Michael Murray,
Ernest Taylor

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

Manager Mills noted that there were still issues at the Batti Basin, and that he would recommend approval of that plan set after the remaining operational issues were resolved.

WEIDMAN BASIN EFFORTS

Manager Mills reported on the current conditions and the planned efforts at Weidman Basin and the draft notice that had been developed related to the Cleanup and Eviction. Manager Mills relayed that it continued to appear possible to undertake the cleanup effort in mid-December if the contractor was available. Manager Mills was scheduled to meet with Roger McVay from Wood Brothers, Inc to review the project and get an estimate for the cost of their efforts just before Thanksgiving.

RIVERSIDE – LAST CHANCE CROSSING

There was not available time to discuss this item.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Mills
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