CAWELO WATER DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield CA 93308
Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 NO PUBLIC ACCESS DUE TO COVID-19
Public Participation via Teleconference Dial-in (888) 431-3632 Access Code #3465392
Thursday, April 9, 2020
8:45 a.m.

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Keith Watkins*, Mark Smith*, Brian Blackwell*, Eric Miller*, John Gaugel*
STAFF PRESENT: David Ansolabehere, Dave Hampton, Lee Ann Giles, Celynn Lyman
LEGAL COUNSEL: Robert Hartsock*
OTHER ATTENDEES: Garrett Busch*, Todd Turley*, Andy Schweikart*, Murray Tragish*

A. CALL TO ORDER
The Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 8:45 a.m.

B. COVID-19 UPDATE
Staff referred to previous information provided during the Cawelo GSA Board Meeting.

C. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES
Minutes of the Board meeting for March 12, 2020 were presented for approval. After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Miller, seconded by Director Gaugel and carried, by the following Roll Call Vote, that the minutes from March, 2020 be approved as presented.

AYES: 5 Watkins, Blackwell, Smith, Miller, Gaugel
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

D. TREASURER’S REPORT
The Treasurer’s Report for the month of March was presented by District Controller, Ms. Giles. Balances for March were as follows:

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<td>General Funds</td>
<td>2,369,839.66</td>
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<td>Construction Funds</td>
<td>8,936,418.71</td>
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<td>Reserved Funds</td>
<td>9,776,445.71</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL FUNDS</strong></td>
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Receipts for March 2020  77,871.30
Manual Cash Disbursements  763,961.92

* Attended Telephonically
Net Revenue through March 3,891,754.24  
Total Expenses through March 1,521,914.58  
**NET REVENUE / <LOSS>** 2,369,839.66

After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith and carried, by the following Roll Call Vote, that the Treasurer’s Report from March, 2020 be approved as presented.

AYES: 5 Watkins, Blackwell, Smith, Miller, Gaugel  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 0

**E. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

District Controller, Ms. Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of March 2020. The report covered checks 32300 through 32346 issued April 6, 2020 and totaled $1,508,586.35; Manual disbursements covered checks 32294 through 32299 and totaled $763,961.92.

After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Miller and carried, by the following Roll Call Vote, that the Accounts Payable from March, 2020 be approved as presented.

AYES: 5 Watkins, Blackwell, Smith, Miller, Gaugel  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 0

**F. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – The floor was open for any public comments, at which time there were none.

**G. PUBLIC HEARING AT 10:00a.m.**

President Watkins continued with the subsequent agenda items and returned to Agenda Item G just prior to 10:00 a.m.

At 10:01 a.m. President Watkins opened the Public Hearing, at which time a brief description was given on the need for and amount of the proposed 2020 Special Assessments.

Mr. Murray Tragish introduced himself as representing Darrell’s Mini Storage. Mr. Tragish made miscellaneous inquiries regarding the amount of, and reasons for, the assessment. Following various responses to his inquiries, and the District’s willingness to send him the latest estimated budget, there were no further public comments made.

The Public Hearing was closed at approximately 10:08, at which time Resolution 682, Levying 2020 Special Assessments was presented to the Board for approval and adoption.

**Action Item:** Resolution 682:
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CAWELO WATER DISTRICT LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2020

Upon a motion by Director Gaugel, and a second by Director Blackwell, it was moved to adopt Resolution 682, levying the 2020 Special Assessments, which was passed by the following roll call vote:

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H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Projects
   a. North Kern Transportation Agreement – Mr. Ansolabehere had nothing new to report at this time.

   b. Famoso to Friant Pipeline Project – Mr. Ansolabehere reported the Caltrans permit has been received; the District is awaiting the Burlington Northern / Santa Fe Railroad permit, 2nd review. Dee Jaspar, providing construction management, has advised updates from the railroad have been difficult to obtain. The boring contractor is still waiting to continue work pending receipt of the railroad permit approval. Some costs will be incurred for the boring contractor equipment standby via change order. Increases to casing pipe diameter and thickness will increase project costs by approximately 100k.

   c. Landowner Recharge – Mr. Hampton reported that he has asked GEI for CEQA analysis for the Landowner Banking and Recharge Program. GEI is currently reviewing the project and expected to provide a proposal in the near future.

2) ILRP - Coalition Update – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Hampton reported the Southern MPEP group has authorized PlanTierra to move forward with the development of 2 grant funding proposals. The first proposal for Fertilizer Research and Education Program (FREP) is estimated to cost about $6k to prepare. The second proposal for the On-Farm Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) is estimated to cost about $10k. An additional CIG opportunity is on the horizon though an RFP has not been issued at this time.

Mr. Hampton noted that the valley coalitions continue to work with northern coalitions on development of groundwater protection formulas required in the Eastern San Joaquin Order. Different potential concepts are being evaluated with work being done under the Common Interest Agreement signed by the coalitions.

Mr. Hampton continued that, regarding the Barriers to Adoption Survey and efficiency of distributing surveys during COVID-19, work will likely be delayed due to concerns about potential lack of responses.
2) **System Operations & Maintenance:**
Copper sulfate applications continue to the distribution canal and reservoirs and meter repairs continue to be conducted throughout the District. RFQ review continues with Calcom / PWRPA regarding Pump Station B Solar Array. Issues have arisen with interconnection through 41/60 transformer. Conference call has been scheduled to discuss interconnection issue and project impact. In addition to hydrographs and forecasts, Mr. Ansolabehere reported that five District wells are currently in operation with Famoso wells likely to be employed in upcoming weeks. District is currently at 24% of rain and snow content is well below average. July and August allocation was discussed and may be necessary, based on demand.

**Note:** The meeting was temporarily adjourned from 9:30 am until 9:55am.

**ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:15 m. to Closed Session.

**L. Closed Session:**
1) *To confer with legal counsel regarding pending litigation under authority of Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)(3) (one matter) (d)(4) (one matter).*

2) *Conference with real property negotiators and/or properties under authority of Government Code Section 54956.8*
   a) City Water Purchase
   b) North Kern Canal Facility Use
   c) Miscellaneous Water Supplies
   d) Storage/Well Sites
   e) Oil Field Waters

3) *Wages/salary/other terms and conditions of employment under authority of Government Code Section 54957.6*

**M. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION** – The Board returned to Open Session at approximately 11:40 a.m. It was announced that no action was taken in Closed Session that required disclosure under the Brown Act at this time.

**N. ADJOURNMENT** – The Board meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 8:45 a.m.

[Signature]
Brian Blackwell, Board Secretary