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 (877) 810-9145 Access Code #4552062
Thursday, May 14, 2020
9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Keith Watkins*, Mark Smith*, Brian Blackwell*, Eric Miller*, John Gaugel*
STAFF PRESENT: David Ansolabehere, Dave Hampton, LeeAnn Giles, Celynn Lyman
LEGAL COUNSEL: Robert Hartsock*

A. CALL TO ORDER
The Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 9:05 a.m.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES
Minutes of the Board meeting for April 9, 2020 were presented for approval. After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Miller and carried, by the following Roll Call Vote, that the minutes from April, 2020 be approved as modified.

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

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

General Funds 2,475,079.83
Construction Funds 7,938,382.81
Reserved Funds 9,772,922.13

TOTAL FUNDS 20,186,384.77

Receipts for April 2020 781,453.52
Manual Cash Disbursements 887.92

Net Revenue through April 3,891,754.24

* Attended Telephonically
Total Expenses through April 1,521,914.58
NET REVENUE / <LOSS> 2,369,839.66

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

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

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
District Controller, Ms. Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of April 2020. The report covered checks 32370 through 32421 issued May 8, 2020, checks 32422 through 32427 issued May 12, 2020, and checks 32428 through 32469 issued May 13, 2020 and totaled $1,743,280.47; Manual disbursements consisted of ACH transfers and totaled $887.92.

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

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

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

F. 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 CWD has executed the BNSF encroachment permit and awaits receipt of a fully executed copy from BNSF before boring can begin. Director Gaugel questioned costs involved in the boring delay. Mr. Ansolabehere advised the Board the delays are due to encroachment permitting issues, which may be COVID-19 related due to reduced office staff at BNSF and CalTrans. It was estimated the delay is about two months, but because the contractor was allowed to remove equipment instead of having it remain on standby, costs due to the delay have been reduced. Costs involved in re-mobilization should be no more than $30k while standby costs would have exceeded $100k. Original project completion date was mid-June 2020. Current estimate for completion is early August 2020.
c. Landowner Recharge – Mr. Hampton reported that Staff is working on obtaining CEQA analysis proposals.

2) ILRP - Coalition Update – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Hampton reported that grant funding, to date, has saved the Coalition over $2 million dollars and continued grant funding is critical to the program. Southern MPEP is moving forward with the discussed grant proposals but was unable to secure the required UC participation for the On-Farm Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG). An RFQ has come out for the Classic CIG, $2 million dollars over 3 years, and is similar to the recently completed CIG. The group is moving forward with developing that proposal.

Mr. Hampton noted that the development of groundwater protection formulas continues but is being conducted under a Common Interest Agreement.

In addition to providing a budget spreadsheet presentation, Mr. Hampton reported that actual CWDC expenditures for 2019 were $119,375 with revenue of $107,488 from Membership fees of $2.95 per irrigated acre for the CWDC and $4.00 per irrigated acre for the SCA. A surplus of $49,905 will be carried over to the 2020 budget with $4,940 still due in outstanding fees. The proposed 2020 budget includes funding for increasing reporting requirements, MPEP reporting, and the CV GMC reporting. In addition, Poso Creek flows have been constant through 2020 which has required additional sampling events. A 2020 budget amount of $166,282 has been proposed which would require Membership fee revenue of $116,500 or $3.32 per irrigated acre for the CWDC, and $4.52 per irrigated acre for the SCA. The proposed budget does not include a typical Reserve line item.

After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Miller, seconded by Director Smith and carried, by the following Roll Call Vote, that the 2020 CWDC Membership fees of $3.32 per irrigated acre for the CWDC and $4.52 per irrigated acre for the SCA be approved.

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

As of Wednesday, May 6th, Poso Creek continues to flow at Trenton Weir at approximately 28 cfs. For the winter season, total volume into the District is currently up to 10,637 AF with a calendar year total of 9,102 AF. Total precipitation measured at the CWD office rain gauge is 9.12” for the water year and 5.48” for the calendar year.

3) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
   a) Update
      No update was provided because the matter was discussed at the Cawelo GSA Special Board Meeting.

4) Financial and Personnel
   a) Employee Compensations – Nothing to report for open session.

5) SWP
a) **Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) – (Previously Cal Water Fix)** – Mr. Ansolabhere reported few changes have occurred. Mr. Hampton noted that the AIP and supporting whitepaper have been distributed.

G. **ATTORNEY’S REPORT** – Mr. Hartsock had no report for open session.

H. **ENGINEER’S REPORT**
   1) **Poso Creek Diversion Petition** – Mr. Ansolabhere reported that he has been in contact with Jane Ling (DWR). A diversion petition is being put together and should be submitted by the end of the month.

I. **MANAGER’S REPORT**
   1) **Water Deliveries/Supplies** into the District for April 2020 were as follows:

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   Diversion from Poso Creek
   To Famoso Basin Banking
   Percolation losses Creek Channel 710 3,370
   Poso Creek Water Passed Trenton Weir 3,369 10,265

   Mr. Ansolabhere reported that with SWP Allocation at 15% the current CWD allocation to landowners will be approximately 1.4 acre-foot per acre for March – October, 2020 period. Staff will send allocation letter to all landowners today and post same to website.

   **Produced Water Deliveries** for the month of April 2020 were as follows:
   - Chevron 33.7 cfs per day (2,009 ac-ft.)
   - CRC/Bell Aire 7.3 cfs per day (435 ac-ft.)

   2) **System Operations & Maintenance:**
   Copper sulfate applications continue to the distribution canal and reservoirs and meter repairs continue to be conducted throughout the District. Pump Station B Solar Array RFQ review is ongoing.

   3) **Mobile Irrigation Lab Contribution:**
   Mr. Ansolabhere reported that the Mobile Lab has submitted a 2020 request for $5,000 in contributions. CWD has used Mobile Lab for several previous field evaluations concerning the efficiency of landowner irrigation systems.
After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Miller and carried, by the following Roll Call Vote, that the Mobile Irrigation Lab 2020 contribution of $5,000 be approved.

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

Mr. Schafer has submitted a revised draft of the Operational Report. Staff is in process of reviewing the draft and will work with Mr. Schafer to finalize.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:43 a.m. to Closed Session.

J. 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

K. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – The Board returned to Open Session at approximately 11:15 a.m. It was announced that no action was taken in Closed Session that required disclosure under the Brown Act at this time.

L. ADJOURNMENT – The Board meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

[Signature]
Brian Blackwell, Board Secretary