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 Zoom 1-(699)-900-6833 / Meeting ID: 998 0929 4774 / Password: 465751
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Thursday, August 13, 2020
9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Keith Watkins, Brian Blackwell, Mark Smith, Eric Miller, John Gaugel
STAFF PRESENT: David Ansolabehere, Dave Hampton, LeeAnn Giles, Celynn Lyman
LEGAL COUNSEL: Isaac St. Lawrence
OTHER ATTENDEES: Spencer Birch, Garrett Busch, Andy Schweikart

A. CALL TO ORDER
The Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 9:07 a.m.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES
Minutes of the Board meeting for July 9, 2020 were presented for approval. After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Blackwell and carried, by the following Roll Call Vote, that the minutes from July, 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 July was presented by District Controller, Ms. Giles. Balances for July were as follows:

General Funds 3,482,477.31
Construction Funds 7,190,597.96
Reserved Funds 9,323,516.46

TOTAL FUNDS 19,996,591.73

Receipts for July 2020 1,604,248.13
Manual Cash Disbursements 6,055.44

Net Revenue through July 5,583,806.61
Total Expenses through July

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1,566,949.72
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After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Gaugel and carried, by the following Roll Call Vote, that the Treasurer’s Report from July, 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 July 2020. The report covered checks 32592 through 32645 issued August 13, 2020 in the amount of $604,368.92; Manual disbursements covered checks 32582 through 32585 and ACH and totaled $6,055.44; 2020 Supplemental Water refunds covered checks 32586 through 32591 and totaled $273,626.10.

After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith and carried, by the following Roll Call Vote, that the Accounts Payable from July, 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 reported that North Kern has requested a committee meeting - to consist of President Watkins and Director Blackwell, Kevin Andrews and Mike Mendez of North Kern, and District Staff, for discussion of upcoming issues which include the Transportation Agreement.

b. Famoso to Friant Pipeline Project – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that District Engineer has been unable to get specific dates of work from boring contractor and, due to this, is estimating that boring work will be completed by September. Boring is final item of work remaining on project.

c. Landowner Recharge – Mr. Hampton reported that staff and GEI continue to work on the CEQA process. The project description has been completed and an AB52 letter to the Kern Valley Indian Council was recently mailed. Staff does not expect significant involvement from the Council. A draft of the initial study is expected by the end of August.
2) ILRP - Coalition Update – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Hampton reported the MPEP group has received conditional approval for the latest FREP grant which will cover Phase 2 work on the N removed numbers for additional crops. This will be in addition to Dr. Geisseler’s work that already covered nearly 75% of valley crops, bringing coverage total to approximately 98%. FREP Award is for $225k over the course of 3 years.

Also, the latest CIG grant proposal was submitted in time for the July 1st deadline. This grant is similar to the Southern MPEP’s initial CIG grant that was for $2 million over the course of 3 years. Funding will allow addition field studies on salt and nitrate leaching beyond the root zone, improve the SWAT modeling and will help to satisfy the Regional Board’s desire for direct field data. We should be notified of award status by the end of 2020.

The report continued with an update on the Central Valley Groundwater Monitoring Collaborative activities and the updates to the Groundwater Trend Monitoring Plan Comprehensive Quality Assurance Plan. In accordance with the workplan, groundwater sampling will begin this month.

The Groundwater Trend Monitoring report was recently completed and work continues on the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) that is due August 31st. This year’s report will be the first to incorporate a 3-year rolling average on the nitrogen removal analysis to help determine potential outliers. Annual Coalition Membership numbers and acreage have been submitted. For 2020, CWDC ILRP has 91 members (88 in District, 3 in Supplemental Coverage Area), and covers 34,728 acres.

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 – This Item was tabled until after Closed Session, at which time the Board will re-visit this matter.

5) SWP
   a) Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) – (Previously Cal Water Fix) – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the KCWA is continuing work to obtain cost estimates so that members are better able to make a decision on involvement percentage. KCWA is requesting (non-binding) estimate of member participation by end of September. Estimate will require completion of cost estimates by KCWA.

G. ATTORNEY’S REPORT – Mr. St. Lawrence had no report for open session.

H. ENGINEER’S REPORT
   1) Poso Creek Diversion Petition – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that Petition discussions with Jane Ling are progressing positively. Currently reviewing changes to include altering direct
delivery to irrigation to direct delivery to underground storage to implement utilization of the Famoso basins. In addition, we are requesting inclusion of a sand dam that was previously excluded. In accordance with Department of Fish & Game Stream Alteration Agreement (approved in early 2019), since sand dam(s) cannot be rebuilt while stream is wet – an appropriative rights variance has been requested to allow the move of 5 cfs in-ground storage at each sand dam, as necessary to avoid water loss regardless of stream flow.

I. MANAGER’S REPORT

1) Water Deliveries/Supplies into the District for July 2020 were as follows:

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<td>Percolation losses Creek Channel</td>
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<td>Poso Creek Water Passed Trenton Weir</td>
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Produced Water Deliveries for the month of July 2020 were as follows:

Chevron                                35.7 cfs per day (2,126 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire                           7.6 cfs per day (455 ac-ft.)

2) System Operations & Maintenance:
Copper sulfate applications to the distribution canal and reservoirs continue and meter repairs are still being conducted throughout the District. F2, an older existing well included in Famoso recharge land purchase, has failed. Motor failed and could not be removed for replacement. Video revealed well is solid gravel from 300-feet down due to casing failure. Replacement well can be drilled in close proximity.

3) GrowView Request turnout for Non-Service Area Lands:
GrowView (Houshang Dadgostar) has requested a turn out be constructed, at their cost, on non-service area lands. Request is within District rules and regulations. Agreement will include provision acknowledging no rights to water, other than supplemental, or the purchase and transfer of non-district water.

4) Famoso Nut Co. Request for water service on Service Area lands:
Famoso Nut Co. has requested construction of a new turnout for their Service area property on Kyte Road to provide back-up water service for irrigating landscaping. Property is in the Service area, and – as they have a right to water, District Staff will work with landowner to complete the turnout process.
5) **Operations Report – R.L. Schafer:**
Mr. Schafer’s revised draft of the Operational Report is still under review by Staff and Legal Counsel.

**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) (one matter) (d)(4) (four matters).

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 10:25 a.m. District Legal Counsel announced that no action was taken in Closed Session that would require disclosure under the Brown Act.

**Tabled Item F(4)(a) Employee Compensations** – The Board took up tabled Agenda Item F(4)(a) in open session. After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith and carried, by the following Roll Call Vote, that the Board authorize distribution of a $300 pre-paid card to District Staff as a safety award and incentive to continue safe practices as related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

**L. ADJOURNMENT** – The Board meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

[Signature]
Brian Blackwell, Board Secretary