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: 966 0613 8499 / Password: 626105
Or via Link: https://zoom.us/j/96606138499?pwd=YL1HSUxBtTBtWHA5MFZUR2syalhmUT09
Thursday, September 10, 2020
9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Keith Watkins, Brian Blackwell, Mark Smith, John Gaugel
STAFF PRESENT: David Ansolabehere, Dave Hampton, LeeAnn Giles, Celynn Lyman
LEGAL COUNSEL: Robert W. Hartsock
OTHER ATTENDEES: Spencer Birch, Matt Brady, Garrett Busch, Ed Kuykendall, Dana Munn

A. CALL TO ORDER
The Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 9:00 a.m.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES
Minutes of the Board meeting for August 13, 2020 were presented for approval. After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith and carried, by the following Roll Call Vote, that the minutes from August, 2020 be approved as modified.

AYES: 4 Watkins, Blackwell, Smith, Gaugel
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

General Funds 3,213,598.25
Construction Funds 7,191,301.68
Reserved Funds 9,319,619.17

TOTAL FUNDS 19,724,519.10

Receipts for August 2020 755,778.79
Manual Cash Disbursements 4,068.25

Net Revenue through August 5,583,806.61
Total Expenses through August  
4,016,856.89
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>  
1,566,949.72

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

AYES: 4 Watkins, Blackwell, Smith, Gaugel
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
District Controller, Ms. Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of August, 2020. The report covered checks 32647 through 32694 issued September 8, 2020 in the amount of $1,426,360.03; Manual disbursements covered check 32646 and ACH and totaled $4,068.25.

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

AYES: 4 Watkins, Blackwell, Smith, 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 the scheduling of a new ad hoc committee meeting date is under review. The previously scheduled committee meeting was cancelled.
   
   b. Famoso to Friant Pipeline Project – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that he recently signed and returned new agreements, from the railroad observation company (required when boring work is being done) with only minor changes. The Project Engineer, General Contractor and Boring Contractor recently had a conference call and will be mobilizing September 21, 2020 with boring to start by September 28, 2020 and completed within approximately 30 days.
   
   c. Landowner Recharge – Mr. Hampton reported that no response has been received from the AB52 letter mailed to the Kern Valley Indian Council. A draft environmental checklist and proposed Negative Declaration are being reviewed by staff. After any recommended revisions, the CEQA process will be followed. The proposed Negative Declaration could potentially be adopted at the November CWD BOD meeting.
2) **ILRP - Coalition Update** – Mr. Hampton reported the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) due August 31st was submitted. The 2020 report differed from previous years in that it was the first to incorporate a 3-year rolling average on the nitrogen removal analysis to help determine potential outliers. In addition, groundwater reporting is also no longer a part of the AMR as that is now included in the Groundwater Trend Monitoring Report submitted earlier this year.

3) **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act**
   a) **Update**
      Mr. Hampton advised that the KGAs continue to work on comment letters and KGAs members will be receiving reimbursements due to grant funds. Cawelo should receive approximately $14,000.

4) **Financial and Personnel**
   a) **Employee Compensations** – Nothing to discuss at this time.

5) **SWP**
   a) **Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) – (Previously Cal Water Fix)** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that there is a KCWA meeting this afternoon to review project information. Lack of any federal participation has caused project costs to escalate. KCWA is requesting (non-binding) estimates of member participation by October.

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

H. **ENGINEER’S REPORT**
   1) **Poso Creek Diversion Petition** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that a draft petition has been submitted to State Board and Jane Ling, Senior Water Rights Engineer. Miss Ling will be reviewing before finalized to ensure that there are no discrepancies or questions. Requirements for measuring water supplies on an hourly basis are enormously cost prohibitive and possibilities for alternative metering are under review.

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

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<th>Item</th>
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<td>Supplies Received</td>
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<td>56,726</td>
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<td>Landowner Deliveries</td>
<td>10,936</td>
<td>47,424</td>
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<td>East Poso Basin Recharge</td>
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<td>337</td>
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<td>Famoso Basin Recharge</td>
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<td>System Loss/Operational Recharge</td>
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<td>Diversion from Poso Creek</td>
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<td>To Famoso Basin Banking</td>
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<td>Percolation losses Creek Channel</td>
<td>410</td>
<td>3,780</td>
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<td>Poso Creek Water Passed Trenton Weir</td>
<td>1,121</td>
<td>11,386</td>
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**Produced Water Deliveries** for the month of August, 2020 were as follows:
2) **System Operations & Maintenance:**
Copper sulfate applications to the distribution canal and reservoirs continue and meter repairs are still being conducted throughout the District. District staff is working with landowners on two potential new turnouts.

3) **Director Vacancy:**
Director Miller has provided a Board Resignation letter to the District and has recommended a replacement (Spencer Birch – new SVF General Manager) to serve until the end of his term (November 2022). State Code requires that, for the Cawelo Board to appoint a director to fill the vacancy, notices must be posted 15 days prior to appointment. The CWD BOD requested that Mr. Birch submit a letter of interest as soon as possible, and that notices be posted immediately.

4) **Reservoir C Embankment Maintenance:**
Reservoir C is located in the North Service Area (north of Famoso Woody Road and west of Hwy 65). The northern slope from the edge of the road to the base of the slope is approximately 30 feet in height at a slope of approximately 2.5:1. A 4:1 slope would provide better stability. No sign of weeping or slope failure has been observed to date, but if that were to happen, the District would lose a reservoir strategic to distribution system operation. The BOD agrees that District Staff should have the site surveyed, and obtain a slope design and cost estimate(s) for the slope re-alignment.

5) **Capital Maintenance Purchase – Spare Pumps for Pump Stations B & C:**
Pump Station B (PS “B”) is comprised of 6 – 1000 hp and 2 – 500 hp pumping units. Pump Station C (PS “C”) is comprised of 4 – 900 hp and 2 – 300 hp pumping units. Most of the pumping units are original pumps that have been reconditioned several times or have been replaced in the last 15 years. Last month, one of the large pumping units at PS “B” was pulled and needs to be replaced. The time to replace that pumping unit is 20 weeks (5 months). That amount of lead time would be detrimental to deliveries during the summer months. Staff would like to identify and order one large and one small pumping unit for both PS “B” and “C” to have as spare units. Units are approximately $70 - $80k each. Through PWRPA’s Cap & Trade Allowance Revenue Utilization Policy (11.18.2008), the District has funds that will reimburse the purchase costs. Current funds available are $566,467 and estimated costs are approximately $250k.

Staff requests BOD authorization to purchase.

After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith and carried, by the following Roll Call Vote, that the Spare Pump Purchases for Pump Station B and Pump Station C be approved as presented.

**AYES: 4**  Watkins, Blackwell, Smith, Gaugel
**NOES: 0**
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

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 10:05 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 10:28 a.m. District Legal Counsel announced that no action was taken in Closed Session that would require disclosure under the Brown Act.

L. ADJOURNMENT – The Board meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

[Signature]
Brian Blackwell, Board Secretary