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: 956 9723 3933 / Password: 359225
Or via Link: https://zoom.us/j/95697233933?pwd=RUZBSS3eDV53cFhFVkeEd2Zz09
Thursday, March 11, 2021
9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Keith Watkins, Brian Blackwell, Mark Smith, John Gaugel, Spencer Birch
STAFF PRESENT: David Ansolabehere, Dave Hampton, LeeAnn Giles, Celynn Lyman
LEGAL COUNSEL: Robert Hartsock
OTHER ATTENDEES: Tim Gobler, Cody Tolbert

A. CALL TO ORDER
The Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at 9:06 a.m.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES
Minutes of the Board meeting for February 11, 2021 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Birch and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that the minutes from February 11, 2021 be approved as presented.

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

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

General Funds 8,924,578.13
Construction Funds 5,410,844.07
Reserved Funds 3,445,635.10

TOTAL FUNDS 17,781,057.30

Receipts for February 2021 2,882,207.57
Manual Cash Disbursements 113,661.64

Net Revenue through February 12,150,340.09
Total Expenses through February 4,607,430.00
NET REVENUE / <LOSS> 7,542,910.09

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 February, 2021 be approved as presented.

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

1) Resolution 693, Declaring Necessity for Levying 2021 Special Assessments

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CAWELO WATER DISTRICT DECLARING NECESSITY FOR LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND CALLING AND NOTICING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON.

After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Blackwell and carried by the following Roll Call Vote that Resolution 693, declaring the necessity to levy 2021 Special Assessments and to notice a public hearing, be approved as presented:

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

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

District Controller, Ms. Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of February, 2021. The report covered checks 32997 through 33052 issued March 9, 2021 in the amount of $1,697,872.81; Manual disbursements covered checks 32989 through 32996 and ACH debits and totaled $113,661.64.

After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Blackwell and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that the Accounts Payable from February, 2021 be approved as presented.

AYES: 5 Watkins, Blackwell, Smith, Gaugel, Birch
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 there was nothing new to discuss at this time.

b. **Famoso to Friant Pipeline Project**
   
   i. **Status of Project:**
      
      Mr. Ansolabehere reported that boring, casing and carrier pipe have all been completed and installed. RailPros inspectors are no longer required on the project. The contractor is currently connecting carrier pipe to existing 36” on the west side of Highway 99 with subsequent connection to the 36” on the east side into the forebay of pump station “D”. Once connections have been made, the entire pipeline will undergo hydrostatic testing for pressure rating verification. A Notice of Project Completion is expected to be submitted for Board approval at April’s meeting.

      Mr. Ansolabehere also reported that the Friant Water Authority has approved District drawings but the connection has not been scheduled. The low water year may make connection this year feasible and scheduling is still being discussed. Use of a rented coffer dam remains the probable alternative.

2) **ILRP - Coalition Update** – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Hampton discussed 2021 member reporting deadlines, groundwater protection formulas, and the Comprehensive Groundwater Quality Management Plan.

   CV-Salts January meeting notes were provided and Mr. Hampton reported that the approved agreement for participation in the CV-Salts Prioritization and Optimization Study for Alternative Salinity Permitting Approach has been submitted. Additionally, the 2nd 2021 invoice for the P & O Study, in the amount of $3,418.91, has been received.

3) **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act**

   **Update** - No update was provided because the matter was discussed at the Cawelo GSA Special Board Meeting.

4) **Financial and Personnel**
   
   a) **Employee Compensation** – nothing to discuss at this time.

5) **SWP**
   
   a) **Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) – (Previously Cal Water Fix)** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that permits and geotechnical work for project construction is underway.
   
   b) **KCWA and Related SWP Matters**

   i. After review and discussion, *it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Blackwell and carried by the following Roll Call Vote that direct District participation in the SWP San Joaquin Valley Blueprint, not to exceed $3,300, be approved:*
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 the final Poso Creek Diversion Petition is anticipated to be submitted within the next two weeks with accompanying fees.

After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Birch, and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that District Staff is authorized to submit the final Poso Creek Diversion Petition, with accompanying fees not to exceed $25,000.

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

I. MANAGER’S REPORT
1) Water Deliveries/Supplies into the District for February 2021 were as follows:

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<td>Supplies Received</td>
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<td>Poso Creek Water Passed Trenton Weir</td>
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Produced Water Deliveries for the month of February 2021 were as follows:

Chevron 29.4 cfs per day (1,752 ac-ft.)

CRC/Bell Aire 7.2 cfs per day (428 ac-ft.)

2) System Operations & Maintenance:
Copper sulfate applications to the distribution canal and reservoirs continue as needed and meter repairs are still being conducted throughout the District.
3) **White Pine / Scooby Solar – Ratification of Execution of Agreement:**
Mr. Ansolabehere reported that, after consultation with and review by District’s Legal Counsel, the White Pine / Scooby Solar Agreement was executed by District staff because PG&E’s Res-BTC has a limited program capacity, and the agreement was executed to better the chances of District participation.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that District staff execution of the White Pine / Scooby Solar Agreement be ratified.**

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**ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:48 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 (a) California Department Of Water Resources v All Persons Interested, Sac. Sup. Ct. No. 34-2020-00283112; Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District v KCWA, KCSC BCV-21-100418; (d)(2) (one matter) and (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) Real Property Purposes; Storage/Well Sites

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 10:02 a.m. District Legal Counsel announced that no action was taken in Closed Session that would require disclosure under the Brown Act at this time.

**L. ADJOURNMENT** – The Board meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

[Signature]

Brian Blackwell, Board Secretary