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: 955 3152 0364 / Password: 186893  
Or via Link: https://zoom.us/j/95531520364?pwd=aEdXeGZDbIhyTWdLNFPZl1p1UkFkdz09  
Thursday, April 8, 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 March 11, 2021 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Smith and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that the minutes from March 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 March was presented by District Controller, Ms. Giles.  
Balances for March were as follows:

General Funds 8,351,901.15
Construction Funds 4,410,860.83
Reserved Funds 3,445,636.68

TOTAL FUNDS 16,208,398.66

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

Net Revenue through March 12,150,340.09
Total Expenses through March 4,607,430.00

NET REVENUE /<LOSS> 7,542,910.09

After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Birch and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that the Treasurer’s Report from March, 2021 be approved as presented.

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

D. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE


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

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

E. PUBLIC HEARING AT 10:00 AM

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

At 10:00 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 2021 Special Assessments.

No public comments were made nor received.

The Public Hearing was closed at approximately 10:04, at which time Resolution 694 - Levying Special Assessments for the Year 2021, was presented to the Board for approval and adoption.

After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Blackwell and carried by the following roll call vote, that Resolution 694 - Levying Special Assessments for the Year 2021, be approved as presented:

AYES:  5  Watkins, Blackwell, Smith, Gaugel, Birch
NOES:  0
ABSTAIN:  0
ABSENT:  0
F. PUBLIC COMMENTS – The floor was open for any public comments, at which time there were none.

G. 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 pipeline is complete and hydrostatic testing began yesterday. A leak was discovered and is now being investigated and repaired. Due to the unexpected system leak, the Notice of Project Completion has been delayed but is expected to be submitted for Board approval at May’s meeting.

         Mr. Ansolabehere confirmed that Phase 2 of the Project will include connection to Friant Canal and pump station construction. Discussions with Friant Water Authority regarding scheduling of District’s proposed connection are in process.

2) ILRP - Coalition Update – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Hampton discussed the 2021 member reporting deadline extension, development of the ILRP Farm system, and other tools for use in annual coalition reporting requirements.

         Mr. Hampton reported that KRWCA and other Kern coalitions recently re-evaluated the Special Activity Agreements and replaced them with a single agreement in a revised format that covers currently appropriate activities and includes The Cawelo Water District Coalition (CWDC) as signatory.

         After review and discussion, it was motioned by Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Smith, and carried by the following Roll Call Vote that David Ansolabehere be appointed as the CWDC Associate Member Director and David Halopoff be appointed as the CWDC Alternate on the KRWCA Board:

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

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 – No discussion.
5) SWP
   a) Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) – (Previously Cal Water Fix) – Mr. Ansolabehere had nothing to report at this time.
   b) KCWA and Related SWP Matters – Mr. Ansolabehere reported the District is at 5% allocation from SWP (from previous 10%) due to the current dry year.

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

I. ENGINEER’S REPORT
   1) Poso Creek Diversion Petition – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the Poso Creek Diversion Petition has been completed. State Engineer, Jane Ling, is verifying costs involved and the District will submit the petition and fee when the information is received.

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

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Produced Water Deliveries for the month of March 2021 were as follows:

- Chevron: 34.5 cfs per day (2,052 ac-ft.)
- CRC/Bell Aire: 8.6 cfs per day (511 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.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:36 a.m. to Closed Session.

K. 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

L. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – The Board returned to Open Session at approximately 9:58 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. The Board then considered agenda item E, Public Hearing and Resolution 694, as discussed above.

M. ADJOURNMENT – The Board meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Brian Blackwell, Board Secretary