

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield CA 93308

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Thursday, February 10, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Keith Watkins, Mark Smith, John Gaugel, Spencer Birch

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: David Ansolabehere, Dave Halopoff, LeeAnn Giles, Celynn Lyman

LEGAL COUNSEL: Robert Hartsock

OTHER ATTENDEES: Jessica Bertao, Jeremy Blackwell, Craig Bono, Tom Evans, Bruce Kelsey, Jeff Looker, D. Mask, Eric Robbins, Molly Thurman

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at approximately 9:00 a.m.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the Board meeting for January 13, 2022 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Birch and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote, *that the minutes from January 13, 2022* be approved as presented.**

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

C. APPOINTMENT TO FILL BOARD DIRECTOR VACANCY

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch seconded by Director Gaugel and unanimously carried by the following Roll Call Vote, *that Eric Robbins be appointed as CWD Board Director serving the remainder of Director Blackwell's term ending on or about December 1, 2023.***

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

D. TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer’s Report for the month of January, 2022 was presented by District Controller, Ms. Giles. Balances for January were as follows:

General Funds	6,627,982.91
Construction Funds	969,483.94
Reserved Funds	<u>3,126,754.23</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	10,724,221.08
Receipts for January 2022	5,483,647.48
Manual Cash Disbursements	75,347.91
Net Revenue through January	13,123,503.44
Total Expenses through January	<u>3,999,693.19</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	9,123,810.25

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Smith, and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote, that the Treasurer’s Report from January, 2022** be approved as presented.

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

H. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

District Controller, Ms. Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of January, 2022. The report covered checks 33594 through 33637 issued February 9, 2022 in the amount of \$385,565.48; Manual disbursements covered ACH debits and check numbers 33538 through 33592 totaling \$75,347.91.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Gaugel, seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote, that the Accounts Payable from January, 2022** be approved as presented.

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

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

J. REPORTS
1) PROJECTS

a. North Kern Transportation Agreement

- i. **Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that a letter has been sent to the North Kern General Manager requesting a meeting with District Staff or District Staff and Board. To date, no response has been received.

b. Famoso to Friant Pipeline Project

- i. **Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the Notice of Completion has been filed and the District is in receipt of the recorded document.

c. Well Construction Project

- i. **Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that construction is complete. The District's consultant is in the process of preparing the project's Notice of Completion.

d. Well Equipping Project

- i. **Bid Review and Award:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that project bid opening was held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 3:00 pm. Three (3) bid proposals were received and the apparent low bidder was W.M. Lyles in the amount of \$995,100.00. The District's consultant reviewed the W.M. Lyles bid package and it appears that W.M. Lyles has submitted all the necessary bid information, the bid is correct, contractor's license is active and in good standing, and recommends award of contract to W.M. Lyles in the amount of \$995,100.00.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Gaugel and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote, that the Well Equipping Project be awarded to W.M. Lyles in the amount of \$995,100.00.**

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

- ii. **Pre-Bid Walk Through:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the mandatory pre-bid walk through was attended by three (3) contractors, all of whom submitted a bid proposal.

2) ILRP

- a. **Coalition Update** – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Halopoff reported that Cawelo Water District Coalition (CWDC) Annual Member Reports are due March 1, 2022 and provided updates on the Groundwater Protection Targets process, CV-SALTS Nitrate Control Program, and the South San Joaquin Valley Management Practices Evaluation Program (SSJV MPEP).

3) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Update

- a) **Local SGMA Activities** – Mr. Halopoff reported District staff is working with Land IQ to identify the monitoring sites and LandIQ has recommended four (4) stations within Cawelo Water District - two (2) eddy-covariant stations and two (2) surface renewal stations. District staff and legal counsel have developed a draft landowner access agreement for station installation which will be provided to applicable landowners for review and comment pending board approval of the final agreement.

4) Financial and Personnel

- a) **Employee Compensation** – No report at this time.

5) SWP

- a) **Delta Conveyance Project (DCP)** – No discussion.

- b) **KCWA and Related SWP Matters** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the current State Water Project Allocation for 2022 is 15%.

K. ATTORNEY’S REPORT – No report at this time.

L. ENGINEER’S REPORT – No report at this time.

M. MANAGER’S REPORT

- 1) Water Deliveries/Supplies** into the District for January 2022 were as follows:

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	2,505	2,505
Landowner Deliveries	540	540
East Poso Basin Recharge	526	526
Famoso Basin Recharge	1,222	1,222
System Loss/Operational Recharge	- 125	- 125
Diversions from Poso Creek		
To Famoso Basin Banking	0	0
Percolation losses Creek Channel	0	0
Poso Creek Water Passed Trenton Weir	0	0

Produced Water Deliveries for the month of January 2022 were as follows:

Chevron	33.9 cfs per day (2,015 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	7.9 cfs per day (471 ac-ft.)

- 2) System Operations & Maintenance:**

Copper sulfate applications to the distribution canal and reservoirs continue as needed. Meter repairs are still being conducted throughout the District.

- 3) North West Kern Resource Conservation District 2022 Mobile Lab Contribution:**

Mr. Ansolabehere reported that North West Resource Conservation Districts Mobile Lab has submitted a request for \$5,000 in contributions. This is an annual request that the District has previously participated in. The Mobile Lab has conducted several field evaluations in District almond and pistachio orchards and District staff is requesting Board approval of contribution.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Smith and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that the \$5,000 contribution to the North West Kern Resource Conservation District's 2022 Mobile Lab, be approved as presented.**

AYES:	3	Watkins, Smith, Birch
NOES:	0	
ABSTAIN:	0	
ABSENT:	1	Gaugel (previously left meeting)

4) Kern County Planning Department – Tentative Tract Map 12280:

Legal counsel reported that the landowner dropped the appeal on the day of hearing, but that a letter was sent to the County indicating the District's position on the matter.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:52 a.m. to Closed Session.

N. 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)(3) (two matters) and (d)(4) (three 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) Real Property Purposes; Storage/Well Sites**
- 3) Wages/salary/other terms and conditions of employment under authority of Government Code Section 54957.6**

O. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – The Board returned to Open Session at approximately 10:50 a.m. It was announced that no action was taken in Closed Session that would require disclosure under the Brown Act at this time.

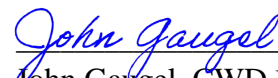
The Board then considered agenda item G.4 (a), Employee Compensation/Benefits.

After Review and Discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch, seconded by Director Smith and carried by the following Roll Call Vote, that the Families**

First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) paid sick time accruals for Covid 19 illness that were unused and remaining at the end of the 2021 calendar year be extended to the 2022 calendar year for all District Staff.

AYES:	3	Watkins, Smith, Birch
NOES:	0	
ABSTAIN:	0	
ABSENT:	1	Gaugel

- P. ADJOURNMENT** – The Board meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.



John Gaugel, CWD Board Secretary