

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield CA 93308

Public Participation Possible via Zoom 1-(669)-900-6833

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

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Keith Watkins, Mark Smith, Spencer Birch, Eric Robbins
DIRECTORS ABSENT: John Gaugel
STAFF PRESENT: David Ansolabehere, Dave Halopoff, LeeAnn Giles, Celynn Lyman
LEGAL COUNSEL: Robert Hartsock
OTHER ATTENDEES: Mike Beagle, Jessica Bertao, Leonard Bidart, Craig Bono, David Mask, Parker Rous, Patricia

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Watkins at approximately 9:02 a.m.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the Board meeting for February 10, 2022 were presented for approval.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Birch and unanimously carried, that the minutes from February 10, 2022** be approved as presented.

C. S & P RATING REVIEW

Mr. Ansolabehere and District Controller, LeeAnn Giles, reported that the District used reserve funds to purchase a portion of the 2020 water supplies, resulting in a technical negative debt service coverage ratio. Though the use of reserve funds was designated for and approved for water purchases, the negative debt coverage ratio caused a S & P rating change. The possibility of reoccurrence will be remedied in the future by completing a full disclosure stating the possibility of negative debt coverage in the case that reserve funds are used.

D. RESOLUTION NO. 703 – DECLARING NECESSITY FOR LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Birch seconded by Director Smith and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote, that Resolution No. 703 – Declaring Necessity for Levying Special Assessments** be approved as presented.

AYES: 4 Watkins, Smith, Birch, Robbins
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 Gaugel

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

General Funds	6,380,798.75
Construction Funds	969,484.19
Reserved Funds	<u>3,126,757.78</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	10,477,040.72
Receipts for February 2022	320,797.44
Manual Cash Disbursements	39,292.92
Net Revenue through February	13,123,503.44
Total Expenses through February	<u>3,999,693.19</u>
NET REVENUE / <LOSS>	9,123,810.25

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Birch, and unanimously carried, that the Treasurer's Report from February, 2022** be approved as presented.

F. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

District Controller, Ms. Giles, presented the Accounts Payable report for the month of February, 2022. The report covered checks 33639 through 33675 issued March 9, 2022 in the amount of \$838,370.13; Manual disbursements covered ACH debits and check numbers 33593 and 33638 totaling \$39,292.92.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Birch and unanimously carried, that the Accounts Payable from February, 2022** be approved as presented.

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

H. 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 Water Storage District General Manager requesting a meeting with District Staff or District Staff and Board.

b. Well Construction Project

- i. **Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that construction is complete and the Notice of Completion has been submitted to Kern County for recording.

c. Well Equipping Project

- i. **Status of Project:** Mr. Ansolabehere reported that project submittals are in process and that District Staff has requested the Contractor to prepare a proposed

change order to modify the existing well motor control center pads to facilitate the future construction of CMU buildings.

2) **ILRP**

- a. **Coalition Update** – In addition to providing a written report, Mr. Halopoff provided updates on the Annual Member Reports for the 2021 crop year status, SWRCB Irrigated Land Regulatory Program Fees, 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 that District staff, in conjunction with LandIQ, has identified 2 of the 4 proposed station locations. Landowners have been contacted and have agreed to the installation of stations on their property. Station installation is scheduled for week of March 21, 2022. District staff and legal counsel have provided draft landowner access agreements, to the 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)** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the 2-year funding agreement for the continued environmental and other planning portion of project is scheduled for renewal in April 2022. The District’s decision on future participation is due to KCWA by April 28th.
- b) **KCWA and Related SWP Matters** – Nothing at this time.

I. **ATTORNEY’S REPORT** – No report at this time.

J. **ENGINEER’S REPORT** – Mr. Ansolabehere reported that the previous District contact regarding the Poso Creek Diversion Petition, Jane Ling, has been transferred and District staff will contact the new permitting representative.

K. **MANAGER’S REPORT**

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

	<u>Ac-Ft Delivered</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Supplies Received	3,575	6,080
Landowner Deliveries	3,020	3,760
East Poso Basin Recharge	0	836
Famoso Basin Recharge	0	1,092

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 February 2022 were as follows:

Chevron	33.9 cfs per day (1,826 ac-ft.)
CRC/Bell Aire	7.9 cfs per day (394 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) Ratify 2022 Chevrolet Silverado Purchase:

Mr. Ansolabehere reported the District required a new fleet truck and the 2022 Budget provided \$35,000 for that purpose. The vehicle being replaced was a 2009 Chevrolet 2500 with 171,300 miles. Due to current supply chain delays, the delivery times for new truck purchases were between 12 and 14 months. Staff identified a truck that was immediately available and met District requirements. Staff purchased the 2022 Chevrolet, with government discounts, at a cost of \$40,745. Salvage income from the 2009 Chevrolet 2500 was \$2,500.

After review and discussion, **it was motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Birch and unanimously carried, that the Purchase of the 2022 Chevrolet Silverado** be ratified.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:48 a.m. to Closed Session.

L. 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**

- M. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION** – The Board returned to Open Session at approximately 10:24 a.m. It was announced that no action was taken in Closed Session that would require disclosure under the Brown Act at this time.
- N. ADJOURNMENT** – The Board meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m. The next regular CWD Board Meeting is set for Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.



John Gaugel, CWD Board Secretary