

Mendocino County

Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District

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APPROVED MINUTES

Special Meeting

May 17, 2021

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DIRECTIVES OF THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER, STATE AND CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC), THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM.

1. Roll Call

President Watt called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm.

Trustees Present: Christopher Watt, President
Alfred White, Vice President
Matthew Froneberger, Treasurer (arrived at 5:40 pm)
Tyler Rodrigue, Trustee
John Reardan, Trustee

Staff: Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager
Jeanne Zolezzi, Legal Counsel

2. Public Expression

No one from the public indicated an interest in speaking.

3. Approval of Agenda

Vice President White moved to approve the agenda. Trustee Reardan seconded. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 (Reardan, Rodrigue White, Watt)
Absent: 1 (Froneberger)

CLOSED SESSION

4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Gov. Code § 54956.9(d) *Significant exposure to litigation:* (1 potential case)

The Board entered closed session at 4:33 pm and returned to open session at 5:17 pm. President Watt reported the Board took no reportable action.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

5. Water Supply Conditions Update & District Response

GM Salomone shared information provided on the same day by Sonoma Water Agency showing projections of Lake Mendocino storage based on varying levels of demand reduction and a discussion was held.

President

Christopher Watt

Vice President

Alfred White

Treasurer

Matthew Froneberger

Trustee

Tyler Rodrigue

Trustee

John Reardan

Devon Jones, Mendocino County Farm Bureau, asked what response from other stakeholders and/or the State Water Resources Control Board was expected and how much of the stated reservation amount would be allocated to agricultural use.

GM Salomone explained a drought management plan is being implemented by the District which includes the following: (1) Demand analysis with each customer to develop a diversion schedule specifying a date and time; (2) Reduction in diversion rates; and (3) Weekly meter read reporting and site visits. The District believes these practices will assist in stabilizing the river flow and potentially reduce the needed buffer on the minimum instream flow requirement. In addition, a five day running average for compliance on the minimum flow requirement was requested in Sonoma Water's recent Temporary Urgency Change Petition. It was clarified that the action to reserve a specific amount of stored water for the District's use in June through October does not guarantee that water will be available.

Trustee Reardan moved to approve Declaration #21-03 Stage IV Water Crisis. Vice President White seconded. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 (Froneberger Reardan, Rodrigue White, Watt)

6. Preliminary Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

7. Comment Letter to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

GM Salomone presented the item. The comment letter is regarding the temporary variance on the Potter Valley hydroelectric project 77 releases from Lake Pillsbury and diversion to the Russian River watershed. The Board directed GM Salomone to work with Trustee Reardan and Treasurer Froneberger to draft, sign, and submit the comment letter to FERC in coordination with other stakeholders with aligned interests.

Devon Jones, Mendocino County Farm Bureau, asked

8. Office Space Rental Agreement

GM Salomone presented the item and a discussion was held.

Vice President White moved to authorize President Christopher Watt to sign the commercial rental agreement with Mountanos Properties for new office premises at 456 North State Street, Unit D, Ukiah, CA 95482 and authorize GM Salomone to incur unbudgeted expenses to relocate and settle into the new office location. Treasurer Froneberger seconded. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 (Froneberger Reardan, Rodrigue White, Watt)

OTHER ITEMS

9. Board Member and Committee Reports

Treasurer Froneberger reported on the recent Local Agency Formation Commission Policies & Procedures Committee meeting.

10. General Manager Report

No report.

11. Direction on Future Agenda Items

None noted

President

Christopher Watt

Vice President

Alfred White

Treasurer

Matthew Froneberger

Trustee

Tyler Rodrigue

Trustee

John Reardan

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President White moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm. Trustee Reardan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following unanimous vote:

Ayes: 5 (Froneberger Reardan, Rodrigue White, Watt)

APPROVED by Board of Trustees on July 6, 2021



President of the Board of Trustees



Secretary of the Board of Trustees

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