

***Mendocino County***

***Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District***

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**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of February 7, 2022**

IN COMPLIANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 361, THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM.

**1. Roll Call**

President Watt called the meeting to order at 4:45 PM.

Trustees Present: Christopher Watt, President  
Alfred White, Vice President  
Matthew Froneberger, Treasurer  
Tyler Rodrigue, Trustee  
John Reardan, Trustee

Staff: Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager  
Jeanne Zolezzi, Legal Counsel (for closed session only)

**2. Public Expression** – No one from the public indicated interest in public expression

**3. Approval of Agenda**

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

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

4. Information received from participation in Inland Water & Power Commission (IWPC) joint powers agency closed session that has direct financial or liability implications for RRFC (Gov. Code §54956.96) *Property: PG&E Potter Valley Project. Agency Negotiators: Janet Pauli & Scott Shapiro*  
*Negotiating Parties: IWPC and FERC. Under Negotiation: Price and Terms*
5. Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation [Continued to the end of the meeting] Gov. Code § 54956.9(d) *Significant exposure to litigation: (1 potential case)*
6. (1) Government Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Gov. Code §54957 (General Manager).  
(2) Conference with Labor Negotiators: board representative – Board President or HR Consultant, Unrepresented Employee: General Manager

The Board entered closed session at 4:47 PM and returned to open session at 6:10 PM with no action to report. The Board re-entered closed session at 7:45 and returned to open session at 8:00 PM, see Item 7.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**7. Oral Recommendation Regarding Proposed Changes to Contract, Salary, and/or Fringe Benefits of General Manager**

Vice President White moved to approve the renegotiated General Manager's Amended and Restated Employment Contract. Trustee Reardan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

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**8. Inland Water & Power Commission (IWPC) Update & Funding Request Water Resiliency Planning**

GM Salomone, Trustee Reardan, and Treasure Froneberger presented the item. IWPC is requesting all five members contribute an additional \$50,000. Trustee Reardan reported the funding is earmarked for attorneys, consultants for the relicensing efforts, and funding consultants. Board discussion was held. Tom Schoeneman, Redwood Valley County Water District Chair, offered public comment.

Trustee Reardan moved to approve the authorization of a \$25,000 contribution to Inland Water & Power Commission and direction to extend an invitation to IWPC Chair and Legal Counsel to provide a Closed Session Update at a future RRFC Board meeting. Vice President White seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 (Froneberger, Reardan, White)  
Noes: 2 (Rodrigue, Watt)

**9. Water Supply Conditions Update and District Response**

GM Salomone presented the item, reviewing the options for the Voluntary Conservation Program and receiving feedback. Board discussion was held. Bree Klotter, Redwood Valley County Water District Board Member, offered public comment.

**10. Water Resiliency Planning**

GM Salomone presented the item. President Watt and Trustee Reardan provided an update from the water storage project Ad Hoc Committee. Board discussion was held. Bree Klotter, Redwood Valley County Water District Board Member, offered public comment. Board consensus was to continue moving forward in exploring the feasibility of the project.

**REGULAR BUSINESS, INFORMATION, AND REPORT ITEMS**

**11. Consent Calendar**

- a) Acceptance of the January 2022 Financial Report
- b) Approval of Minutes for the January 10, 2022 Regular Meeting
- c) State of Emergency

*Board to reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency and determine by majority vote that (i) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; and/or (ii) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing as previously passed in Board Resolution #21-04.*

Vice President White moved to approve Consent Calendar Items a-c, correcting all votes on the minutes to show Treasurer Froneberger as present & voting aye. Trustee Reardan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following unanimous vote:

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

**12. Board Member & Committee Reports**

Nothing to note.

**13. General Manager Report & Correspondence**

Nothing to note.

(Continued...)

**14. Direction on Future Agenda Items**

None to note.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Reardan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM. Vice President White 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 March 7,  
2022***



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President of the Board of Trustees



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Secretary of the Board of Trustees

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**Vice President**  
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