

Mendocino County

Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District

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APPROVED MINUTES

**Regular Meeting of
September 12, 2022**

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

1. Roll Call

President Watt called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

Trustees Present: Christopher Watt, President
Alfred White, Vice President
Tyler Rodrigue, Trustee
John Reardan, Trustee (Departed 5:48 PM)

Absent: Matthew Froneberger, Treasurer (Apologies)

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Trustee Reardan moved to approve the agenda. Vice President White seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 (Reardan, Rodrigue, Watt, White)

Absent: 1 (Froneberger)

3. CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Gov. Code § 54956.9(d) *Significant exposure to litigation:* (2 potential cases)

The Board entered Closed Session at 5:03 PM and returned to Public Session at 5:32 PM with no reportable action.

4. Public Expression

Tamara Alaniz, former General Manager of the District, addressed the Board with gratitude for correction of a past payroll item discrepancy.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

5. Water Supply Conditions Update and District Response

GM Salomone presented the item, reviewing the staff report. The Board directed GM to issue the public hearing notice and schedule a Public Hearing at the next Board meeting to consider approval of Proposed Declaration #22-01 Water Warning.

6. Redwood Valley County Water District Water Supply

GM Salomone presented the item, reviewing the staff report.

Trustee Reardan thanked Legal Counsel Zolezzi and GM Salomone for the work undertaken to supply Redwood Valley County Water District with water through these actions.

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Adam Gaska and Bree Klotter, both Directors on the Redwood Valley County Water District Board, thanked GM Salomone and the Flood Control District.

Vice President White moved to approve the recommended actions to ratify the Rogina Water Company Amendment to Water Supply & Purchase Agreement executed on September 7, 2022 by the General Manager of RRFC and to ratify the Redwood Valley County Water District Emergency Water Supply Agreement executed on September 6, 2022 by the General Manager of RRFC. Trustee Reardan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

(At this time, Trustee Reardan left the meeting.)

7. Water Resiliency Planning

GM Salomone presented the item, reviewing the staff report.

8. Strategic Planning

GM Salomone presented the item. Brooktrails Community Services District General Manager, Tamara Alaniz offered public comment.

Vice President White moved to approve the 2023-2025 Strategic Plan Update with direction to GM Salomone to begin immediate implementation. Trustee Rodrigue seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

9. Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Audit of Financial Statements

GM Salomone asked to postpone the item to the next Board meeting to allow Staff additional time to review the draft.

10. Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) Independent Special District Election

GM Salomone presented the item, reviewing the staff report and ballot information.

Vice President White moved to approve a vote for Candace Horsley for the Special District Regular Member seat, recognizing Francois Christen is automatically appointed to the Special District Alternate Member seat. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

REGULAR BUSINESS, INFORMATION, AND REPORT ITEMS

11. Consent Calendar

- a) Acceptance of the August 2022 Financial Report
- b) Approval of August 8, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes
- c) Approval of appointments to the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board and Technical Advisory Committee.
- d) 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.

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Vice President White moved to approve the Consent Calendar items a-d. Trustee Rodrigue seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

12. Trustee & Committee Reports

Vice President White reported on the Groundwater Sustainability Agency funding, particularly for a rate and fee study. He shared that the GSA Board is exploring the need to ‘front load’ the agreed upon member financial contributions over the next four years, if necessary. Grant funding is being sought and may offset the need for this change in planned member financial contributions. The Board reached consensus in providing direction to Vice President White to support the potential change.

President Watt reported no business was conducted at the last Inland Water & Power Commission meeting other than general updates on recurring agenda items.

13. General Manager Report & Correspondence

GM presented the written report, noting the new website is live.

14. Direction on Future Agenda Items – none noted.

CLOSED SESSION

15. Conference with Real Property Negotiations (Government Code § 54956.8)

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

The Board entered Closed Session at 6:16 PM and returned to Public Session at 6:23 PM. No reportable action to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President White moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 PM. Trustee Rodrigue seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED by Board of Trustees on October 3, 2022



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