

Mendocino County

Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District

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APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Meeting of October 9, 2023

At District Office: 304 N. State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482

1. Roll Call

Vice President White called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

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

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Trustee Rodrigue moved to approve the agenda. Treasurer Bailey seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

3. Public Expression -No one indicated interest in speaking.

CLOSED SESSION

4. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov. Code § 54956.8)

Property: Potter Valley Project, *Agency negotiator:* General Manager, General Counsel, Board Members

Negotiating parties: Agency, Inland Water & Power Agency, PG&E, *Under negotiation:* Purchasing Entity

The Board entered Closed Session from 5:33 PM to 6:53 PM and reported out that direction was given to the Board's Inland Water & Power Commission representatives, legal counsel, and staff.

At the September 11, 2023 Board meeting, the following motion was made:

The Board recognizes the decades of effort of IWPC Chair, Janet Pauli, in advocating for the continuation of the trans basin diversion and the reliability of the Upper Russian River water supply.

As the efforts to date have led to the new Eel Russian facility proposal, moving forward the Board acknowledges it is necessary to have a seat at the table to represent its constituency.

The Board moves to expand the District's support for and for the District to be a direct participant in concert with the IWPC Chair in the project planning, development of governance, and purchase and sale negotiations for the proposed new Eel Russian facility.

An update was provided to the Board on this motion:

As directed, President Watt, Legal Counsel, and GM Salomone met with IWPC Chair and Legal Counsel to express the District's motion and concerns. The outcome was for more detailed and complete debriefs and deliberations at the Inland Water & Power Commission level.

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The Board took a break from 6:53 to 6:57 PM.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

5. Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Year End Report

GM Salomone and Treasurer Bailey presented the reports. Treasurer Bailey spoke about the rate increase, the new structure of reporting project expenses and how it related to consulting line item expenses. Vice President White noted the legal expenses have maintained a manageable level. Trustee Reardan thanked GM Salomone and Treasurer Bailey for their work.

The District's Auditor alerted GM Salomone that the revenue from property tax income was short and tracked it down to a missing payment. GM Salomone reported that after speaking with the County of Mendocino auditor controller, a check was issued by never cashed. Assumed lost, the process was started to reissue the check and updated reports will come to the Board when finalized.

Trustee White moved to accept the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Reports, noting an update to be issued at a later date. Trustee Rodrigue seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

REGULAR BUSINESS, INFORMATION, AND REPORT ITEMS

6. Water Supply Conditions Update

GM Salomone presented the report and highlighted the PG&E filings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) as they relate to trans basin diversions from the Eel to Russian River. Trustee Reardan provided an update on Congressman Thompsons recent correspondence to FERC. Public comment was offered by Redwood Valley Water Board Member Bree Klotter.

7. Consent Calendar

- a) Acceptance of the September 2023 Financial Report
- b) Approval of September 11, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes
- c) Approval of September 25, 2023 Special Board Meeting minutes

Treasurer Bailey requested additional reports be developed for project tracking.

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

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

8. Trustee & Committee Reports

Vice President White noted the Groundwater Sustainability Agency will be meeting to discuss the rate and fee study progress.

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9. General Manager Report & Correspondence

GM Salomone reviewed the written report.

10. Direction on Future Agenda Items:

The Board provided several questions for next month's guest speaker, Charlie Schneider from California Trout.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Reardan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. Treasurer Bailey seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED by Board of Trustees on November 6, 2023



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