

Mendocino County

Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District

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APPROVED MINUTES

**Regular Meeting of
December 5, 2022**

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

1. Roll Call

President Watt called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

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

Trustees Absent: John Bailey, Treasurer (with apologies)

Staff: Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager

2. Approval of Agenda

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

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

3. Public Expression

No one indicated interest in speaking.

4. Board Proclamation of Appreciation for Matthew Froneberger's Service as a Trustee

GM Salomone noted that the Trustee term change date is December 2, 2022, rather than December 31, 2022. Therefore, Matthew Froneberger's term ended without an opportunity to acknowledge his long and excellent service to the District. The Board directed GM Salomone to finalize the proposed Proclamation and present it to Matthew Froneberger at the first in-person meeting of the Board since 2020, tentatively March 5, 2023. GM Salomone noted John Bailey's term began sooner than realized and he was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment, sending his apologies.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

5. Water Supply Conditions Update and District Response

GM Salomone presented the item, reviewing the staff report and noting the diversion from the Eel River to the Russian River through the Potter Valley Project was unlikely to increase from the current 5 cubic feet per second (cfs.) Curtailments by the State Water Resources Control Board continue to be suspended in the Russian River. The Board discussed potential changes to the Water Supply Declaration stages and suggested assessing the conditions prior to frost season (March.) Comments and questions were offered by Trustees and Bree Klotter (Redwood Valley resident and former Redwood Valley County Water District Board Director.)

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6. Board Business

GM Salomone presented the item.

Board Officers:

Trustees expressed gratitude and support for President Watt’s dedication, attention to detail, and extended service to the District and asked him to continue serving.

Trustee Reardan moved to approve Christopher Watt as President, Alfred White for Vice President, and John Bailey for Treasurer for the 2023 term. Trustee Rodrigue seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Appointment of Joint Powers Agency (JPA) Representatives

Mendocino County Inland Water & Power Commission JPA: Trustee Reardan and President Watt agreed to continue serving as Director and Alternate respectively. No objections were voiced and no motion was required.

Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency JPA: Vice President White and Trustee Reardan agreed to continue serving as Director and Alternate respectively, until such time as Trustee Bailey agrees to serve as the Alternate.

Assignments of Advisory & Liaison Positions

The Board reviewed and confirmed assignments, as shown below:

	Bailey	Reardan	Rodrigue	Watt	White
OFFICERS:					
President				X	
Vice President					X
Treasurer	X				

JPA:					
MC IWPC		Reg		Alt	
UVB GSA	(Alt?)	Alt			Reg

ADVISORY:					
Engineering		X			
Audit & Finance	X				
Personnel			X		
Public Information & Gov Affairs				X	
Policy					X

LIAISON					
Calpella CWD			X		
City of Ukiah	X				
Hopland PUD			X		
Millview CWD					X
Redwood Valley CWD		X			
URRWA					X
Willow CWD				X	

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Remote and Hybrid Meetings: GM Salomone reviewed the staff report and received direction from the Board on logistics for future Board meetings. Consensus was to hold hybrid meetings at the new District Office Board Room, using an air filter, and to explore published recommendations on safety precautions. An item will be added to the January 2023 Board meeting to consider moving meeting time to 5 PM

2023 Calendar

GM Salomone reviewed the proposed calendar of holidays and Board meetings.

Vice President White moved to approve the 2023 Regular Meeting Schedule, changing the July 4th meeting to the July 10th. Trustee Rodrigue seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

REGULAR BUSINESS, INFORMATION, AND REPORT ITEMS

7. Consent Calendar

- a) Acceptance of the November 2022 Financial Report
- b) Approval of November 7, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
- c) State of Emergency

GM Salomone reported the two payments to GM Salomone of the same amount shown in the October financial reports were reviewed and affirmed by the District's Accountant.

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

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

8. Trustee & Committee Reports

- a. Ad Hoc: Budgeting for Strategic Plan Implementation: did not meet since last meeting.
- b. Ad Hoc: GM Evaluation: did not meet since last meeting.

No other reports were offered by Trustees.

9. General Manager Report & Correspondence

GM presented the written report, sharing additional information on the Russian River Water Forum, a review of the ACWA Conference held November 29 – December 1, 2022, and updates on the Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency work. Comments and questions were offered by Trustees and Bree Klotter (Redwood Valley resident and former Redwood Valley County Water District Board Director.)

10. Direction on Future Agenda Items

*Potential Board Meeting start time change from 5:30 PM to 5:00 PM. *Ad Hoc Committee updates.

*Presentation on FIRO.

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10. General Manager Report & Correspondence

GM presented the written report, sharing additional information on the Russian River Water Forum, a review of the ACWA Conference held November 29 – December 1, 2022, and updates on the Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency work.

Discussion was held regarding the feasibility study for the Coyote Valley Dam improvements. Sean White, City of Ukiah Director of Water Resources, provided further information on the topic.

11. Direction on Future Agenda Items

*Ad Hoc Committee updates. *Presentation on FIRO.

ADJOURNMENT

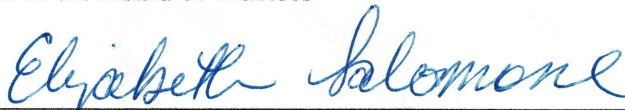
Trustee Reardan moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. Vice President White seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED by Board of Trustees on February 6, 2023



President of the Board of Trustees



Secretary of the Board of Trustees

President
Christopher Watt

Vice President
Alfred White

Treasurer
John Bailey

Trustee
Tyler Rodrigue

Trustee
John Reardan