

# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Reclamation District No. 341  
Sherman Island

9:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, April 11, 2023

306 Second Street  
Isleton, California

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## CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Trustee Rob Black called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Jesse Barton conducted the meeting. In an effort to control the discussion, the Board will speak, followed by District staff and employees, and the public will have the final opportunity. He called roll call. Present: Trustees: Jas Gill, Rob Black, and Mark Icanberry; District Attorney: Jesse Barton; Accountant: Perla Tzintzun-Garibay; Engineer: Neil Favor; District Manager: Morgan Johnson; District Superintendent: Joel McElroy; Yolo County RCD: Amy Williams; Rio Vista Windsurf Association: Don Ross; Landowner(s): Rey Campos, Ceci Giacoma, and Jamie Renwick; District Secretary: Cindy Hill

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Ross reported the Rio Vista Windsurf Association will be holding their annual spring clean up on April 22, 2023. It will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. They will be organizing the volunteers at 4466 W. Sherman Island Road.

## DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Morgan Johnson did not have anything to report.

## ISLAND SECURITY

Neil Favor reported camera maintenance is being performed. The NW and South County Park cameras have condensation inside the cameras and will need to be replaced. The solar panel is missing on the Eddo's camera. They will be putting together a cost estimate to replace the cameras and solar panel and present it at the May meeting.

**MOVED AGENDA ITEM 14 UP IN THE AGENDA DUE TO SCHEDULING FOR MR. CAMPOS:**

**ENCROACHMENT PERMIT NO 2023-1 (CAMPOS LEVEE ACCESS RAMP)**

Neil reported that he had been working on the EP, however, after the EP was prepared, he was advised that Mr. Campos brought in additional fill. Neil does not recommend approval at this time. Mr. Campos explained that he needed to extend the ramp because he has an easement on the property. He stated that people using his property were unable to get in or out of the property. Jesse advised Mr. Campos that he should have contacted the District prior to bringing in the new material. Neil explained that he advised Mr. Campos not to make any adjustments until after the EP was approved. Mr. Campos said it was an emergency. Morgan asked if this is the cell tower easement owners and said they should have access, however it appears they are accessing the cell tower from a different direction. He said they are pushing for an easier access path. Jas Gill said we should look at the deeds to determine the easements before we decide on any penalties. Rob Black asked why this constituted an emergency. Jaime Renwick said someone dropped cement blocks several years ago on the east side to build the original ramp. Neil said he will take additional photos and provide a map. Jas will look up the easements. This will remain on the agenda for the May meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed minutes of the regular meeting of March 14, 2023. It was MSP (Rob Black/Mark Icanberry) to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 14, 2023 with correction. This passed 2-0, 1 absent.

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND RECEIVABLE**

Perla Tzintzun-Garibay reported the accounts payable for April 11, 2023. The transfer of \$150,000 from the general fund is required to cover current month cash disbursements pending approval of \$109,539.24 plus 4/20/23 and 5/05/23 payroll checks and related liabilities. Financial statements reflect an ending balance of \$46,149.98 after the before mentioned transactions are approved.

#### **Notes:**

- 3/15 Check 10716 to AT&T Mobility for \$696.66 (cameras, cell phones)
- 3/15 Check 10717 to Visa for \$191.65
- 3/23 Deposit \$2,197.02 -JPRIMA 20-21 dividends (\$456.45), RD 1601 Shared Habitat payment (\$929.57), Rio Vista Dodge DMV fees refund (\$811)
- 3/29 Deposit \$251.51 US Bank Card (2022 Q2 & Q3 rebate)
- 4/04 ACH auto payment to Kludt Oil for \$3,578.16
- 4/06 EFT to PERS for \$3,954.35
- 4/11 Payroll E-check to Mark Icanberry: Gross \$350, Net \$320.08

#### **General Fund:**

Balance in general fund account \$165,288.34

Perla reported PG&E has been higher than normal; Mark Icanberry asked if there is anything we can do to reduce the cost. Jesse said the only thing we can do is reduce use

and be mindful of the peak hours. Perla confirmed that the District uses off-peak hours most of the time. Morgan stated that we have to pump when needed and cannot always pump during off peak hours. Morgan stated that we need to replace the pumps as they are not kicking on when we need them to due to reduced power from PG&E. Perla stated that the District received approximately \$12,000 in bills after the cut off of the accounting report. They were from AT&T, Core Equipment, Grow West, and Radial Tire. She said due to the extra costs we need a second transfer to cover these additional expenses in the amount of \$15,000. Perla stated Mr. Malladi's assessment is still outstanding. Perla sent the financials to the Board prior to the meeting for their review; Rob Black signed off on the invoices prior to the meeting. It was MSP (Rob Black/Mark Icanberry) to approve the April 11, 2023 accounts payable, receivables, and two transfers. This passed 2-0, 1 absent.

### **ENGAGE IN MVP SERVICES IN PESTICIDE/HERBICIDE TRAINING AND LICENSING**

Morgan reported that the District needs to perform herbicide work and recommends training the staff. The cost for the training is \$550 and it will cost \$250 per person for applicator licensing. Jamie Renwick asked if this can be done for free through the Ag Commissioners. Morgan said that the testing is free, however they do not train the staff or prepare them for the testing. Jas asked how long the permits will be good; Morgan said 3 years with annual continuing education. It was MSP (Rob Black/Mark Icanberry) to approve training, applicator licensing and MVP Services will also inspect our facilities. This passed 2-0, 1 absent.

### **NEW HOLLAND TRACTOR OWNERSHIP**

Jesse Barton notified the Board that Twitchell has a New Holland Tractor which was purchased by the SMFA and is on their books. However, this tractor is used by RD 341. Jesse said the ownership should be transferred to RD 341. He said that a bill of sale must be completed. It was suggested that the tractor be purchased for \$1.00. Jesse will bring this to the Twitchell Board at their next meeting.

### **BOARD VACANCY**

Preston Good has resigned his position with the District. Jasbir Gill has been nominated for the Board by DWR. It was MSP (Rob Black/Mark Icanberry) to approve the nomination of Jasbir Gill to the District Board. This passed 2-0, 1 absent.

### **PESTICIDE/HERBICIDE TRAINING AND LICENSES**

Duplicate Agenda Item

### **BOARD TO HEAR A STATUS UPDATE AND SEEK APPROVAL TO ENGAGE IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH A NEW INSURANCE CARRIER**

Jesse Barton reported the new insurance carrier recommended that we wait until the new rates come out instead of getting a partial rate.

### **PERMIT NO. 2022-4 (PG&E GAS TRANSMISSION DIG)**

Neil Favor reported PG&E is estimating a July 10 start date with a 3-week construction period. At this time they are working with DWR to acquire their final permit. Morgan asked if they have determined a game plan in getting this work done. Neil said they will excavate near the levee crest. There will not be any construction at the toe – this area will only be used as access. PG&E should provide a long-term solution. Neil will discuss with PG&E and provide a copy of the permit and plans to Morgan.

#### **ENCROACHMENT PERMIT NO. 2022-6 (CALTRANS 160 MITIGATION SITE)**

Neil said there are no updates at this time. Jesse asked if they have a plan on removing the stumps. Neil said not at this time. Rob Black asked if we have heard anything about the accident that occurred. Jesse said the District did address this with Caltrans, but they have not responded.

#### **HIGHWAY 160 TURNOUT BARRIERS**

Neil Favor reported NorthStar received comments from Sacramento County on the Record of Survey on April 4, 2023. They advised Neil they will be submitting the plans by the end of the week.

#### **DRAINAGE PLAN**

Neil reported they identified all ditches critical to the District drainage infrastructure. New ones were located due to the weather. Neil said that he will schedule a meeting with Morgan and Joel to discuss the drainage plan and present at the May meeting.

#### **PUMP 3 REHABILITATION**

Neil Reported the trash rack construction is planned for this summer. Shannon & Wilson performed Cone Penetration Test on April 6, 2023; this analysis will help the District determine the depth of piles for the trash rack installation. He received two trash rack proposals from Hydro Component Systems, one for approximately \$75,000 (45 ft width) and the other for approximately \$49,000 (30' width). Each has an estimated shipping cost of approximately \$7,000. Currently, evaluating design alternatives to reduce the cost of the trash rack. The trash rack has an estimated lead time of 8-10 weeks for manufacturing. Neil requested conditional approval up to \$75,000. Ceci asked if reducing the size would affect efficiency. Neil said that he is looking at that as well. Jas said with labor it looks like it will cost more than \$100,000. Ceci asked if we are considering a screw-style pump. Jesse and Neil asked if this is an Archimedes pump. Ceci said she was unsure, but that this pump is a fast-moving pump. Neil said that they can look at it but does not think that the infrastructure can handle that type of pump. Rob Black asked if we should get a bid from a contractor with the cost of the trash rack included in the construction bid. Jas said if this is done with a contractor, we can hold the contractor accountable to complete the entire project. Neil said that the bid for pump 2 was roughly under \$500,000. Neil said the high cost is why they decided to complete the work this way. They do not have any bids for this work. Neil will provide a full cost estimate with line items at the May meeting. Perla asked for a timeline with cash flow.

**PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT SH 10-2.11 – (HWY 160 CONSTRUCTION)  
AGREEMENT TO ADD A DRAINAGE SYSTEM TO THE PORTION OF THE LEVEE  
EXPERIENCING SEEPAGE PROBLEMS ALONG THE SACRAMENTO RIVER AT  
STATIONS 870+00 THROUGH 940+00**

Neil Favor reported they submitted the Draft Completion Report to DWR on March 22, 2023. US Army Corps of Engineers notified us on March 31, 2023 they closed out our Section 404 permit. An extension of time through December 31, 2023 was requested on March 31, 2023. Joel said there is a car parked that appeared to be possibly an Army Corp vehicle. He said it was not a Caltrans vehicle. Neil said he was not notified of a visit.

**DWR “SUBSIDENCE MITIGATION FUNDING AGREEMENT” – AGREEMENT TO  
BUILD SEVERAL HUNDRED ACRES OF WETLAND IN THE WESTERN AND  
CENTRAL PORTION OF THE ISLAND IN AN EFFORT TO REVERSE SUSIDENCE,  
SEQUESTER CARBON, AND REDUCE GREENHOUSE GASES.**

David Julian is unable to attend. Jesse said there are issues that need to be addressed. He spoke with Bryan Brock, Bob Wagner, and Rob Black due to concerns with the risers. They do not work. Morgan said the ditch is now draining. Neil said they have set a meeting for April 17 with Bryan, David, Bruce, Morgan, and Joel. Amy Williams reported work at Whales Mouth is being performed. They are looking at other areas to begin planting. She said they will be working onsite April 18 and will have a group of high school students.

**PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT SH 17-1.0 SP - PHASE 1 OF SAN JOAQUIN  
SETBACK LEVEE/HABITAT BENCH MULTI-BENEFIT PROJECT (STATIONS 175-  
199)**

Neil Favor said the liquidation of Prop 1 E funds has been extended to June 30, 2028. They will be submitting a request for an extension of time to June 30, 2027 due to this extension. He said they are in coordination with PG&E to get a new representative to move forward on the project.

**ENGINEERS REPORT**

Neil reported on Canal No. 3 – Irrigation Canal Crossing

- Currently, the No. 3 Canal crossing underneath the Irrigation Canal is only a 24-inch steel pipe. This crossing is notorious for getting clogged with debris or by beavers.
- Since the crossing drains the Highway 160 Scour Lake and half the SH-10-2.0 Project, he suggested that the crossing be upgraded to a larger diameter pipe to reduce the likelihood of clogging while improving drainage.

Neil reported on the Sacramento River Waterside Erosion Area, Sta 1008+00 – 1023+00. He provided photos.

- After the March Board meeting, they inspected waterside erosion at the confluence of the Sacramento River and Threemile Slough.

- The work is subventions eligible and can be completed under the maintenance agreement, completing 100' sections at a time. We are preparing a plan and cost estimate for next Board meeting.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Joel McElroy reported they have been working with the dozer on the spoils at the #3 canal. Carter cleaned the perimeter ditch at Whales Mouth. DWR levee inspection is April 13. Joel stated they began mowing. He said there is a mower that is with the New Holland tractor that we may want to consider with the purchase. He said Brad is doing well with his return to work.

**There being no further business to come before the Board, the public meeting was adjourned at 10:54 A.M.**

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**The presiding Trustee of the April 11, 2023, meeting hereby certifies that the above minutes were approved as read.**