

NORTH SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lodi Grape Festival Grounds – Barrel Room
413 E. Lockeford Street, Lodi CA
Zoom - Teleconference Meeting

Monday, September 25, 2023

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**CONDUCTED BY TELECONFERENCE IN COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S
EXECUTIVE ORDER RELAXING BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS DUE TO COVID-19**

1. **Call to Order - Roll Call - Acceptance of Agenda** - The meeting was called to order by President Valente at 2:03 pm. A motion for the acceptance of the Agenda, made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Colombini. Motion passed unanimously 3/0/0.

President Joe Valente - Area 3
Vice President Jason Colombini - Area 2
Secretary David Simpson – Area 1
Treasurer Charles Starr – Area 4 -Absent
Director Marden Wilber – Area 5 - Absent

General Counsel Jennifer Spaletta
Special Counsel Roger Masuda - Absent
Daniel de Graaf – District Engineer
Deputy Secretary Shasta Burns

2. **Correspondence/Announcements-** Marden Wilber was selected into the Agriculture Hall of Fame by the Stockton Chamber of Commerce. Dinner will be October 19, 2023. EBMUD Pardee BBQ is on October 6, 2023.

3. **Action Items** Note: Votes recorded as: For/Against/Abstention (name)

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Scheduled Board meeting on August 28, 2023- A motion to approve the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes on August 28, 2023, made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Colombini. Motion passed 3/0/0.

B. Financial Matters

1. Receive and File September 2023 NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer's Report and Summary of Accounts and Transfers presented to the board. Perla from Butterfield + Company prepared financial statements for Board action. A motion to approve September 2023 NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer's Report, by Vice President Colombini, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 3/0/0

2. Approve Payment of Bills- A motion to approve payment of bills recommendation listed on page 11-13 in the board meeting packet with the addition of a late Arnaudo Invoice presented by Bob Granberg in the amount of \$53,460.34 for class GW Recharge Operations and Maintenance Reynolds Recharge- Summary of Bills made by Vice President Colombini, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 3/0/0.

3. ACWA Fall Conference Registration – Review of memo in the board meeting packet from General Counsel Spaletta. Vice President Colombini is interested in attending as well. A motion to approve Registration and Travel Expenses for General Manager Schwaubauer and Vice President Columbini to attend Fall ACWA Conference in the amount not to exceed \$6,000, made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Colombini. Motion passed 3/0/0.
4. Resolution 2023-11 Approving Warrant Agreement with Farmers and Merchants Bank for Line of Credit- Authorize the negotiation of the Warrant Agreement. No resolution at this time. Will table until October Board Meeting. Direction to have General Counsel Spaletta negotiate terms with Farmers and Merchants Bank.

C. Contracts

1. General Manager Employment Contract – General Counsel reviewed unclear severance pay to clarify termination without a clause reviewed in board meeting memo. A motion to revise provision 8.1 in revised Final General Manager Employment Contract made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Colombini. Motion passed 3/0/0
2. Recharge Project Lease Agreements – General Counsel reviewed Lease Agreements for direct groundwater recharge projects in 2023 that auto-renew unless the district provides notice to terminate. Direct staff regarding renewal or changes to Reynolds and Miller Recharge Lease Agreements. Will discuss again at the October and November Board Meeting. Miller recharge lease discussion and pump option discussion. Will reviewed electric pump costs at the October Board Meeting.

D. System and Projects

1. Engineer's Report – Engineer deGraaf gave an overview of where the district stands on each project – Report was presented at the start of the board meeting and is available upon request.
2. North System -
 - i. Reynolds Recharge Update- Update above in the Lease Agreement Action Item. District Engineer de Graaf reviewed in District Engineer's Report. No standing water at this time and will continue to operate.
 - ii. Progressive Design-Build Procurement Update – Bob Granberg updated board and will have Progressive Design Build done and ready for posting at the end of the week.
3. South System
 - i. South System Phase II Update -
 1. Arnaudo Contract Change Orders
 - a. South System Second Pump – District Engineer de Graaf reviewed South System Pump Addition. Direction for Arnaudo to prepare a revised Change Order including electrical costs and costs for a large Hp second and smaller Hp third pump with individual flow meters.
 - b. Extend Pipe North to Next Standpipe and Adjust Time Schedule- A motion to approve

Change Order PCO 06a in the amount of \$156,400 for an additional 340 Linear Feet for of pipe made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Colombini. Motion passed 3/0/0.

c. Sierra Controls SCADA/Meters Contract – A motion to approve proposal from Sierra Controls for the amount of \$376,110.72 made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Colombini. Motion Passed 3/0/0.

d. DREAM Extraction Pipeline Repair (Exigency Item added to agenda due to critical timeliness) - A motion to approve Change Order PCO 08 in the amount of \$33,864.16 for repair of air vents on DREAM extraction pipeline as long as repairs are approved by the landowners and EBMUD made by Vice president Colombini, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 3/0/0.

ii. South System Improvements Phase III Design Plan – Daniel de Graaf presented South System Improvements Phase III Design plan. End of the week 30% plans will be completed to submit with WaterSmart grant application.

iii. Update on Stockton East Exchange Deliveries – District Engineer is working with Stockton East and working on estimates for measuring water coming in and out of the District.

4. Cal-Fed/Woodbridge – Water has been run through the system and final run will be done with water is applied to the Costa Recharge project. This will allow measuring of the system and what is being applied and where the flow is going.

5. Tracy Lake ID – Sierra Controls has finished the new system and it is functional. District Engineer will make sure that meters are working, and everything is functioning correctly for the district.

E. Grant Activity

1. Consero report – Bob Granberg presented grant activity report for Consero Solutions in the board meeting packet. The district and SSJID were awarded a SWEEP Block Grant of \$5 million dollars. SWEEP eligibility and application details will be provided in the coming months.

2. **Resolution 2023-11 (Note: Resolution renumbered)** Regarding South System Phase IV/ WaterSmart Grant- A motion to approve **Resolution 2023-11** Authorizing and Directing that application be made to obtain a grant under the United States Bureau of Reclamation WaterSmart Drought Response Grant Program and Authorization to Provide Assurances and Enter Into an Agreement Related to the Grant made by Vice President Colombini, second by Secretary Simpson. Roll call vote: Colombini; Aye, Simpson; Aye. Valente; Aye. Absent; Starr and Wilber. Resolution passed 3/0/0.

3. **Resolution 2023-12 (Note: Resolution renumbered)** Regarding Local Project Sponsor Agreement for IRWM Grant for South System Phase III Project- A motion to approve **Resolution 2023-12** Authorizing Execution of Local Project Sponsor Agreement for Grant Under the 2021 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant Program – Round 2 made by Vice President Colombini, second by Secretary Simpson. Roll call vote: Colombini; Aye, Simpson; Aye. Valente; Aye. Absent; Starr and Wilber. Resolution passed 3/0/0.

- F. Strategic Plan Activity
 - 1. Newsletter – Fall 2023- Newsletters will be mailed in November
 - 2. Website Update -New website will be launched at the end of October 2023.
 - G. Groundwater Charge- Few additional appeals have been received.
 - H. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act/GWA Activity – Vice President Colombini attended the last meeting of the year.
 - I. SJC Mokelumne River Application Update – General Counsel Spaletta reviewed a tour will be scheduled at the end of October.
 - J. Bay Delta Flow Program Update/Voluntary Agreements – Project description for Habitat Improvement goals for North Fish Screen and intake meets funding agreement in the amount of \$3 million dollars will be sent in.
 - K. Landowner Communications – No update at this time
 - L. Board Planning Calendar- No update at this time
- 4. Director and Staff Reports**
- A. Director’s Report – No report at this time.
 - B. General Counsel Spaletta – No report at this time.
 - C. District Manager/Engineer – No report at this time.
 - D. Consero Solutions – No report at this time.
 - E. Committee Reports – No report at this time.
 - F. Other – No additional reports at this time.
- 5. Public Comment – No comments at this time.**
- 6. Closed Session –** The Board entered closed session at 3:58 PM, came out of closed session at **4:12 PM** and returned to Open Session. President Valente reported there was no reportable action in Closed Session.
- 7. Adjournment -** Motion to adjourn the NSJWCD Regular Meeting on September 25, 2023 made by Vice President Colombini, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 3/0/0. Meeting adjourned at 4:13 PM.

The next regular scheduled Board Meeting October 30, 2023, from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Location and method TBA due to COVID-19 Executive Order.

The above minutes of the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting of September 25, 2023.

Respectfully submitted:

Shasta Burns, Deputy Secretary