

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

Teleconference Meeting

Monday December 21, 2020

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 2:02 pm. A motion for the acceptance of the Agenda for the meeting on December 21, 2020, made by Vice President Flinn, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed unanimously 5/0/0.

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

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

- 2. Correspondence/Announcements-** Land use applications from the county were reviewed by President Valente. EBMUD Frank Beeler Award was given to our own Charlie and Mamie Starr!
- 3. Action Items** Note: Votes recorded as: For/Against/Abstention (name)
 - A.** Approval of the Minutes of the November 30, 2020 – A motion to review and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting made by Treasurer Starr, second by Vice President Flinn. Motion passed unanimously 5/0/0.
 - B.** Financial Matters
 - a.** Receive and File NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer's Report– Monthly Treasurer's Report in the board meeting packet was reviewed. A motion to review and approve NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer's report for the month of December and to include the late bills for Moore Biological to be paid before the next scheduled Board Meeting, made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Flinn. Motion passed unanimously 5/0/0.
 - b.** Receive and File TLID #1 Monthly Treasurer's Report – Reviewed Monthly Treasurer's Report. A motion to review and approve the TLID #1 Monthly Treasurer's Report, made by Secretary Simpson, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed unanimously 5/0/0.
 - c.** Receive and File ID #3 Monthly Treasurer's Report – Reviewed Monthly Treasurer's report. Deputy Secretary has mailed out the annual assessments. A motion to review and approve the ID #3 Monthly Treasurer's Report made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Flinn. Motion passed unanimously 5/0/0.
 - C.** Review Water Supply Conditions and Operations – General Counsel Spaletta

reviewed storage, releases and flows. If dry weather pattern persists, NSJWCD may not receive water in 2021.

- D. Election of Officers** - A motion to keep all positions as-is for the upcoming year made by Director Wilber, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed unanimously 5/0/0.
- E. South System Projects** -
- a. South Pump Station Project – District Engineer reviewed all South Systems Projects together. Materials for gate on South System catwalk will be galvanized and installed the first week of January. Weed and vegetation control was discussed and recommended to request proposals for this work to be done.
 - b. Brandt/Tretheway Project – Manual controls and flowmeters should be completed in January but electronic actuators are backordered and scheduled for delivery in April 2021. Daniel de Graaf will work with Sierra Controls.
 - c. East Side Ditch Project – Nothing to report at this time.
 - d. Dream/Pixley Pipeline –
 - i. Addendum to Mitigated Negative Declaration for Project (MND) – General Counsel reviewed MND included in the Board Meeting packet and is working with Daniel de Graaf and Water Resources Director and is attaching it to the CEQA document that was previously approved.
 - ii. Status Report/Schedule – Full application is being submitted for the permitting portion of the project from Moore Biological and will follow up with the Mosher Slough portion in the coming week. District Engineer is working with Arnaudo Construction and moving along at this time. The pipe has been delivered and ready for installation.
 - iii. Contract with Foothill Resources Ltd for Historic Resources Evaluation Report for Bear Creek Bridge – General Counsel reviewed Bear Creek Bridge and its requirements for the Federal Governments checklist to have specialist prepare a report and hire archeological historian to perform Historical evaluation of the Bridge. A motion to authorize contract with Foothill Resources Ltd for Historic Resources Evaluation made by Secretary Simpson, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed unanimously 5/0/0.
 - e. WaterSMART Grants – No updates at this time. Still evaluating applications at this time.
 - f. Improvement District No.3 Updates – Interested property owners have contacted District wanting to join ID#3 and will amend ID#3 in January. John Ferreira emailed Board and would like to formally be taken out of the ID#3. Will review at the January Board Meeting. Quarterly meetings will be set up.
- F. Pump Station Maintenance Report** –
- a. Signage – All signs are done and properly hung at this time and will add decals for electrical hazard information.
 - b. North Pump
 - i. Clean-up Status– Secretary Simpson reviewed Jessie the Tree Guys work that was performed. A motion for Secretary Simpson spend up to \$1,000 for an electrician to investigate what it will take to turn power on safely made by Director Wilber, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed unanimously 5/0/0
 - c. South Pump
 - i. Vegetation control, fallen tree – Moore Biological will come out and see what it will take to clean up.
 - d. Tracy Lake

- i. Staff Gages – Surveyor will benchmark elevation marks and Board will purchase proper Staff Gages for necessary installation.
- ii. Lake Elevation Sensor – Discussion above. No action at this time.
- iii. Tesco web interface Sensor – Monthly meetings will be held until project completed.

G. North System Prop 68 Grant Application

- a. Revised Resolution **2020-06** Approving Proposition 68 Grant Application for The North System Improvement Project – Phase One. A motion approve Revised Resolution 2020-06 Approving Proposition 68 Grant Application for The North System Improvement Project with corrected dates from 2019 to 2020 and match to December 21, 2020 – Phase One made by Treasurer Starr, second by Director Wilber. Roll Call vote: Wilber; Aye, Starr; Aye, Simpson; Aye, Flinn; Aye, Valente; Aye. Motion passed unanimously 5/0/0.
- b. Landowner Outreach – A review of letters received at this time. Additional efforts to contact for landowner letters are being made.
- c. Support Letters from Landowners, Community other GSA's – Discussion above.
- d. Possible Habitat Project with EBMUD – Direction to have General Counsel work with Michelle Workman at EBMUD would improve habitat conditions in the river for fish and pump station.

H. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act – No update at this time.

I. Discuss Strategic Plan Process/Public Outreach – No update at this time.

J. Landowner communications – No updates at this time.

K. Discussion of Revised Board Policy Manual – Will be brought back for suggestions at the January Board Meeting.

L. Discussion of Board Planning Calendar – Working draft presented.

4. Director and Staff Reports

- A. President'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. Committee Reports – No report at this time**
- E. Other – No reports at this time.**

5. Public Comment – Public comments were addressed.

6. Closed Session – No Closed Session at this time.

7. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn the NSJWCD Regular Meeting by Director Wilber, second by Vice President Flinn. Meeting adjourned 3:28 PM. Motion passed 5/0/0.

The next regular scheduled Board Meeting January 25, 2020, 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 December 21, 2020.

Respectfully submitted:

Shasta Burns, Deputy Secretary