

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, February 28, 2022

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 for the meeting on February 28, 2022 made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Flinn. 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-** Landowner communications and phone calls and emailed reviewed.

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the January 31, 2021 Regular Scheduled Board meeting – A motion to review and approve the Minutes of the January 31, 2021 Regular Board Meeting made by Vice President Flinn, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 5/0/0.
- B. Financial Matters
 - a. Receive and File NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer's Report– Reviewed Monthly Treasurer's Report in the Board meeting packet. A motion to receive and file the NSJWCD Monthly Treasurers Report and approve Arnaudo Construction bill (received late) upon approval by District Engineer and Vice President Flinn and approval of Arnaudo Construction change order for temporary pipeline, made by Secretary Simpson, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 4/0/1. President Valente abstained.
 - b. Receive and File TLID #1 Monthly Treasurer's Report – Reviewed Monthly Treasurer's Report. A motion to receive and file the TLID #1 Monthly Treasurer's Report made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 5/0/0.
 - c. Receive and File ID #3 Monthly Treasurer's Report – Reviewed Monthly Treasurer's report. A motion to receive and file the ID #3 Monthly Treasurer's Report by Treasurer Starr, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 5/0/0.

- C. Annual Form 700s – Form 700s are due April 1, 2022. Reminder only
- D. Review Water Supply Conditions and Operations – EBMUD update.
 - a. Curtailment Order and Compliance – General Counsel Spaletta reviewed the lifted Curtailment Order. NSJWCD is not curtailed at this time and General Counsel Spaletta will continue to watch status.
 - b. Tracy Lake Operations – No update at this time
- E. South System Projects
 - a. SCADA – Daniel de Graaf reviewed testing and Sierra Controls working on replacing equipment on the system.
 - b. Fish Screen – Installed and working at this time.
 - c. Handel Lateral – No update at this time. Project package is being put together. Landowner meetings are being coordinated this time.
 - d. Other Prop 1 Project Work - Project design is in the process and planning to go out to bid in the coming months. Planning for construction mid-year, June/July.
 - e. Dream/Pixley Pipeline- Will be tied into EBMUD's pipeline this week and should be able to operate by the middle of March.
 - f. Sustainable Conservation Flood MAR Field Tour – General Counsel reviewed field tour for Monday, March 7th at 10 AM.
 - g. County Flood Control coordination – No update at this time.
- F. Grant Activity
 - a. SGMA Implementation Round 1 Grant- North System Improvement Project – Phase 1- Petrea with Consero Solutions reported the district is in the Running for \$5 million dollars in funding. The County's consultant, Woodward & Curran, submitted grant for this on February 25, 2022. Applications are being reviewed at this time and moving forward at this time.
 - b. Federal Appropriation – South System Recharge Project – Petrea with Consero Solutions reported that the federal budget will be approved by March 11, 2022. Requests for \$1 Million dollar grant will stay the same.
 - c. IRWMP Round 2 Grant – South System Recharge Project – Petrea with Consero Solutions reviewed the \$3 million dollar request and waiting for new guidelines that will come out in April 2022.
 - i. Amendment to Resolution 2022-01 Authorizing Application for IRWMP Grant- No action taken at this time.
 - ii. Cost Sharing Agreement – General Counsel reviewed cost sharing types and details how the district is working with consultant to compile project sponsors and splitting the cost to put together project information. Additional costs may be associated with the grant, and being discussed at this time for administrative purposes. This item will be brought back for board discussion at the March board meeting.
 - d. Groundwater Recharge/Land Repurposing Grant – Mike Wackman and Stephen Julian reviewed grant details and presented recharge/land repurposing opportunities. Informational item only. Recommendation to assist to get language of grant modified and to support the politically and wait for the next round of funding.

- G. Maintenance-**
 - a. Pump Station Maintenance – Secretary Simpson met with Stockton East Water District and will they will spray weeds at all pumping plants.
- H. Strategic Plan/Financing Plan –** General Counsel reviewed spreadsheet in the board meeting packet and memo attachment 7b in the board meeting packet. Available upon request. The schedule for meetings and preparation are set for plan and will move forward as scheduled. Policy Direction and questions were discussed with Counsel. Draft Fact Sheet prepared by Consero Solutions and feedback discussed by the board and will be put in final draft for distribution on March 9th for small landowner group meetings and incorporated into a district newsletter. A motion to hire MK Elections to assist in Prop 218 ballot proceeding made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Flinn. Motion passed 5/0/0
- I. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act/GWA Activity**
 - a. Water Accounting Framework (WAF) – General Counsel reviewed responses to DWR’s comments due in June. General Counsel will discuss WAF at a later date.
- J. Contracts**
 - a. District Engineer contract – Board discussion and questions to Daniel de Graaf. Secretary Simpsons and Vice President Flinn met with Daniel to go over contract and details. A motion to approve revised Task order up to the limits for Attachment A- for DE GRAAF Engineering Inc. as presented in the board meeting packet with Tracy Lakes time and materials made by Secretary Simpson, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 4/0/0. Note: Vice President Flinn had an appointment and left the meeting prior to the vote.
- K. Landowner communications –** No update at this time.
- L. Discussion of Board Planning Calendar –** No discussion
- 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 –** Reviewed summaries of the status of current projects, upcoming work to be completed, and the anticipated schedules and project milestones.
 - D. Consero Solutions – Grant activity –** Petra reviewed appropriations request and attachment 10 in the board meeting packet.
 - E. Committee Reports –** No report at this time.
 - F. Other –** No reports at this time.
- 5. Public Comment –** Public comments were received.
- 6. Closed Session –** The Board entered closed session at 4:29PM, came out of closed session at 4:55 PM and immediately returned to open session. President Valente reported that there was no reportable action.
- 7. Adjournment -** Motion to adjourn the NSJWCD Regular Meeting on February 28, 2022 made by Director Wilber, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0. Meeting adjourned at 4:56 PM.

The next regular scheduled Board Meeting March 28, 2022, 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 February 28, 2022.

Respectfully submitted:

Shasta Burns, Deputy Secretary