

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

Lodi Grape Festival Grounds – Barrel Room
413 E. Lockeford Street, Lodi, CA

Monday, April 29, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

- 1. Call to Order - Roll Call - Acceptance of Agenda** - The meeting was called to order by President Valente at 2:00 p.m. A motion for the acceptance of the Agenda as explained, made by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed unanimously 4/0/0.

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

General Counsel Jennifer Spaletta
Special Counsel Roger Masuda - Absent
Daniel deGraaf – District Engineer
Deputy Secretary – Shasta Burns
General Manager – Steve Schwabauer

- 2. Correspondence/Announcements** – No announcements at this time.

- 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 March 25, 2024. A motion to approve the Corrected Minutes handed out at the meeting, of the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on March 25, 2024, made by Treasurer Starr, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0.

B. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. East Bay Municipal Utilities Water Supply Report – EBMUD Hydrologist Christopher Potter presented the water supply report for the Mokelumne Basin via Zoom. Water supplies are forecast to be average to slightly below average. Copy available upon request.
2. Receive and approve April 2024 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 April 2024 NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer’s Report, made by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 4/0/0.
3. Approve Payment of Bills. A motion to approve payment of bills recommendation listed on pages 11-13 in the Board meeting packet, made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Colombini. Motion passed 4/0/0.

4. Provide Further Direction to Staff on Proposed Charge Amount for Purposes of the Notice and Hearing on the Imposition of the 2024-25 Groundwater Charge- General Manager Schwabauer reviewed that letters will be going out this week. No action taken at this time.
5. Authorize Staff to propose cost split for Pixley Pump Generator between irrigation customers, District and EBMUD- President Joe Valente stepped out for this action item of the meeting. General Manager Schwabauer reviewed pumps on Pixley Slough, and the need for PG&E power. Generators have been used and GM Schwabauer reviewed how costly that is. Negotiating DREAM 2.0 at this time. Authorization for GM Schwabauer to negotiate with landowners to split costs to make the project run successfully. A motion to authorize GM Schwabauer to proceed with the cost split for Pixley Pump generator between irrigation customers and EBMUD made by Secretary Simpson, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 3/0/1 (President Valente outside for this action)
6. Authorize Staff to Publish Notice of Public Hearing to Set the 2024-2025 Groundwater Charge not to exceed \$20/Acre Foot – A motion to Publish Notice in the newspaper made by Treasurer Starr, second by Vice President Colombini. Motion passed 4/0/0

C. Contracts

1. Award Phase 1 Progressive Design-Build Agreement with Garney Pacific, Inc. of Tracy California for the North Pump Station Improvements Project- General Manager Schwabauer will meet with General Counsel and District Engineer deGraaf to discuss details about costs and bring back to the board for action in May.
2. Authorize General Manager to Enter Contract with Denise Wiman for Contract Right of Way Acquisition Services- A motion to approve **Resolution 2024-04** Authorizing General Manager to enter into Contract for Services with Denise Wiman for Contract Right of Way Acquisition made by Vice President Colombini, second by Secretary Simpson. Roll Call Vote: Simpson; Aye, Starr; Aye, Colombini; Aye, Valente; Aye Motion passed 4/0/0
3. Authorize District Engineer to contract for East Ditch Survey Work – District Engineer reviewed on call packages received last year for this work. A motion to Authorize Staff and General Manager Schwabauer to enter into contract for East Ditch Survey Work made by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 4/0/0
4. Adopt Resolution Authorizing General Manager and Board President to enter FDRE Funding Agreement for North Station- A motion to adopt **Resolution 2024-05** Authorizing Entry of FDRE Funding Agreement for North Station (approximately \$330,000) made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Colombini. Roll Call Vote: Simpson; Aye, Starr; Aye, Colombini; Aye, Valente; Aye Motion passed 4/0/0

D. System and Projects

1. Engineer's Report and Operations Plan. District 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. Adopt Environmental Document for Borra Project- General Manager Schwabauer reviewed Borra property on the river. A motion to approve release of draft initial study of mid dec for public comment for the Borra Project made by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 4/0/0

3. South System - No update at this time

4. South System Phase III Design Plan, Approve Plans and Specifications and Authorize Issuance of Bid Package for South System Phase 3 Project - District Engineer deGraaf reviewed South System Phase III Design Plan. A motion to approve South System Phase III Plans and Specifications and authorize staff to issue a Bid Package for the Project made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Colombini. Motion passed 4/0/0

5. Cal-Fed/Woodbridge – No update at this time.

6. Tracy Lake Improvement District

i. Ratify General Managers contract with Arnaudo Construction for Tracy Lake Pump Station Inspection – A motion to approve payment to Arnaudo Construction for work at the Tracy Lake Pump Station Inspection up to \$14,000 made by Secretary Simpson, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 4/0/0

E. Grant Activity

1. Consero Report – Information was provided on the staff report included on pages 150 and 151 of the agenda. Due to time constraints, no additional information was provided.

F. Strategic Plan Activity – No update at this time

G. Groundwater Charge - No updated was provided.

H. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act/GWA Activity

1. Provide Direction to Staff on Kautz Land use Request to County to approve Major Subdivision in Lockeford CSD- General Counsel Spaletta and President Joe Valente and General Counsel Spaletta stepped out for this portion of the meeting. A motion to take no action on the Kautz Land Use Request made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Colombini. Motion passed 3/0/0. President Valente and General Counsel Spaletta were not present for this action.

I. SJC Mokelumne River Application Update – Information was provided regarding County spending and the list that Project Manager Granberg will compile.

J. Bay Delta Flow Program Update/Voluntary Agreements – General Counsel Spaletta provided information regarding Voluntary Agreements now being referred to as Healthy River and Landscape Program and a workshop held on April 24-26.

K. Landowner Communications – No update was provided.

L. Board Planning Calendar – No update was provided.

4. Director and Staff Reports

A. Director’s Report – No report at this time.

B. Committee Reports – No reports at this time.

C. Other – No reports at this time.

5. Public Comment – None.

6. Closed Session – The Board entered closed session at 4:13 p.m. and came out of closed session at 4:44 p.m. **Return to Open Session –** President Valente returned the meeting to open session and announced there was no further reportable action.

7. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn the NSJWCD Regular Meeting on April 29, 2024 made by Vice President Colombini, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 4/0/0. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

The next regular scheduled Board Meeting May 20, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The above minutes of the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting of April 29, 2024,

Respectfully submitted:

Deputy Secretary- Shasta Burns