

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
DELTA FARMS RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 2030**

**May 25, 2022**

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Pursuant to written notice, a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No. 2030 was held on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at the Clavius Club, Stockton, California.

**1. Call to Order and Resolution Regarding Virtual Meeting Under Amended Brown Act**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. Trustees Jim Paroli and Dan Tank were present at the meeting. Trustee Dennis Gardemeyer was not present. Also present were George V. Hartmann, Steve Sinnock, Ed Zuckerman, Mark Croce and John Gardemeyer.

All Trustees present at the meeting appeared in person, therefore there was no resolution to hold a virtual meeting.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the April 27, 2022, regular meeting were previously distributed to the Trustees for their review prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved upon motion by Trustee Tank, seconded by Trustee Paroli, with all Trustees voting in favor.

**3. Public Comment**

None.

**5. Monthly Financial Review, Warrant Approval and First Reading of 2022-2023 Budget**

Mr. Croce stated that there are \$175,000 in warrants to be issued to pay bills and expressed some concern about increases in PG&E power bills which are running high. Trustee Tank stated that the bills are margin based, with a cost plus a margin, which is related to the edicts of the Public Utilities Commission. Mr. Croce stated that the District's power bills were \$86,810 over budget for utilities, with the charges running \$8,000 to \$10,000 monthly over budget. It was suggested that the District try to use more off peak hours electricity as opposed to peak hours, and Ed Zuckerman stated he would look into it. There was then a discussion regarding the power surge that affected Jones Tract, the Nomellini Duck Club, and other casualties involving power distribution panels.

Mr. Croce reported that \$925,000 is still outstanding as far as registered warrant debt, but the District should be in the black after the next assessment is collected and when the subvention funds are received. At that point the District can pay down the higher interest cost seepage loan.

There was then a first reading of the proposed budget for 2022-2023. Mr. Croce stated there are some increases over last year for PG&E and inflation. Also, levee projects will be starting up and the bridge approach needs repair. Trustee Paroli discussed construction by PG&E, which could be a factor in the vehicular damage to the bridge approach. There was a discussion regarding rice growing and the high prices for triticale wheat, rice and corn.

There was then a discussion regarding the cost to remove and replace the PG&E Culvert and billing PG&E for same. It was stated that the culvert is being removed today. Ed Zuckerman stated that approximately \$51,000 had been incurred to date and paid by Zuckerman Mandeville, but had not yet been billed to PG&E. He will address it with Trey Steinhart.

The checks and warrants were approved on motion by Trustee Paroli, seconded by Trustee Tank.

#### **4. Habitat Mitigation Site Assessment and Report**

The Trustees then resumed the discussion of the habitat mitigation site. Mr. Roberts reported that Dave Contreras at CDFW wants to come out and view the habitat site on May 31<sup>st</sup>, and Mr. Roberts is hoping to get approval for changing the status of the habitat site to long-term monitoring.

#### **6. District Counsel Report**

District Counsel then gave his report and reported on his activities, water diversion reporting for McDonald Island, various drought issues and the implementation of open ET for evapotranspiration measurement.

#### **7. Discussion of MCD L-57B**

There was a discussion regarding the canal lowering, and its relationship to PG&E, and that PG&E representatives were present to look at the situation. A company doing hydro-jetting is about to proceed in order to lower the floor of the canal, and PG&E will post appropriate signage to warn people about the presence and depth of the 57B pipeline.

#### **8. Engineer's Report**

The District Engineer reported that the 2020-2021 subvention reimbursement net amount will be just over \$600,000 and that smaller checks are trickling in, and that the District may receive its check by the end of June. The program is still being funded at the same level.

Mr. Sinnock reported that he is still waiting for the Army Corps inspection report which is long overdue since last September. The SWIF report has been completed based on earlier inspection reports, but he is waiting for the last inspection report before submitting it.

The Five Year Plan for the District has been completed and will be updated to show required additional work. Ed Zuckerman stated that we are still waiting for PG&E's levee analysis and reporting, which is still to come. He stated the sea level rise is an unknown and potentially could be three feet, but without having any scientific precision to it.

The Camp 21 pump station was then discussed.

The Port of Stockton filled disposal site was then discussed. Ed Zuckerman is working with the port regarding a dredge disposal site on the west side of main canal on McDonald Island near Camp 8. RD 2030 has to build the right type of settlement ponds in order to receive the dredge material. The District Engineer then made a point about de-watering the effluent so the District doesn't have to pump the water through its drainage system.

The levee improvement project was then discussed, which is now 50% complete. The latest phase will require a new trucking contract since the Allegre contract terms out on June 30<sup>th</sup>, and the same will have to be re-bid. There was then a discussion regarding the availability of bidders in the current environment.

There was then a discussion regarding ground penetrating radar studies of levee foundations in an attempt to identify potential beaver dens.

Mr. Sinnock then stated that he is waiting for a response from PG&E regarding the Halliday entry permit.

**9. Water Diversion Measurement Progress**

Tabled.

**10. Lost Isle**

Tabled.

**11. New/Old Business**

None.

**12. Adjournment**

The next meeting was then scheduled for **Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.** to take place at the Clavius Club, Stockton, CA, with telephone participation available.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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GEORGE V. HARTMANN, Secretary