

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

September 28, 2022

Pursuant to written notice, a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No. 2030 was held on Wednesday, September 28, 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 9:45 a.m. at the Clavius Club in Stockton, California. Trustees Dennis Gardemeyer, Jim Paroli and Dan Tank were present at the meeting. Also present were George V. Hartmann, Steve Sinnock, Mark Croce, Justin Roberts and John Gardemeyer.

All attendants appeared in person, so a resolution regarding holding a virtual meeting was not necessary.

3. Public Comment

This item was taken out of order regarding the steadily increasing power costs and bills from PG&E. Mr. Croce stated there have been dramatic increases and that alternatives are needed, like solar power. The estimate is that it could be \$1,000,000 for the District for power and costs in the current fiscal year, which would amount to a year-over-year doubling of the kilowatt hour price.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 24, 2022, regular meeting were previously distributed to the Trustees for their review prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved upon motion by Trustee Paroli, seconded by Trustee Tank, with all Trustees voting in favor.

4. Habitat Mitigation Site Assessment and Report

Justin Roberts reported that Diane Moore has inspected the habitat and is extremely happy with its condition and access. Plant counts are “perfect” and the trees have grown considerably since the last visit. Diane has a strong conclusion that the goals have been exceeded for transition to long term management, which would be highly advantageous to the District.

5. Monthly Financial Review and Warrant Approval

Mr. Croce discussed PG&E bills which, due to a timing issue in meter reading, are approximately \$100,000 for this cycle. Mark discussed past unpaid bills for fuel from Z-M and Z-H of approximately \$85,000 and Trustee Gardemeyer instructed Mr. Croce to verify that the bills were legitimately owed. After the issuance of warrants at the current meeting, the District's warrant line will be \$1,550,000. Under budget-to-actual, fuel and utilities are high, otherwise everything is within parameters.

Mr. Croce questioned whether \$7,426.00 charged by Zuckerman Heritage for siphon waterside repair is subvention eligible and apparently it is not, unless the siphon is raised, which, in this case, it was. Thus, this amount has been added to the subvention eligible reimbursement total.

The toe berm project is somewhat over budget due to timing, but in totality is only approximately \$50,000 over budget.

The port borrow site for fill dirt has been exhausted and the District is looking for other potential sites.

The checks and warrants were approved on motion by Trustee Paroli, seconded by Trustee Gardemeyer, with all Trustees voting in favor.

6. District Counsel Report

District Counsel reported on Michael George's retirement, current drought conditions and other state level matters of importance.

7. Discussion of MCD L-57B

None.

8. Engineer's Report

Steve Sinnock stated that the final subvention claim is being assembled; it will total around \$900,000.

There has been no further word from the Army Corps regarding PL 84-99 or the SWIF report, as well as the one year old levee inspection, from which there has been no comment.

The Five Year Plan submitted to DWR has not yet prompted any word or comment from DWR.

PG&E's geotechnical team is meeting October 12th with the District Engineer to perform risk analysis of flooding and will tour McDonald Island.

Mr. Sinnock stated there is nothing new with regard to the Holliday PG&E power application.

There was then a discussion regarding an area of PG&E levee that needs some work to offset issues with erosion in area of the fire pump.

The McDonald Island Bridge was then discussed with regard to problems resulting from expansion during hot weather. Approximately two weeks ago during hot weather the clearance for the moveable section of the span being a steel deck was inadequate and the same was rubbing directly against the concrete abutment. The design spec is for two inches of clearance at either end, but the movement of the landside levees and steel expansion has reduced that to zero. The decking itself has been cut back to create greater clearance but there is no way to reduce more from a structural standpoint. The moveable span support structure would have to be moved to allow shortening of the steel deck. The District Engineer has requested that HDR put together a structural proposal to remedy the problem.

Trustee Gardemeyer then said the District needs to “run, not walk” to get a dock put in place to get people on and off the island in case of the bridge being unavailable in an emergency. The bridge is 40 years old and needs comprehensive inspection and evaluation to determine “the state of the bridge.” Trustee Gardemeyer requested a report on structural mechanical and hydraulic systems as well as needed repairs and upgrades. HDR has been asked to provide both reports, with results due in two weeks.

9. Water Diversion Measurement Progress

Steve Sinnock stated he would check on the completion of the polygons for open ET, to determine water diversion and measurement.

10. Lost Isle

Tabled.

11. New/Old Business

The bridge cameras that have been installed are capable of recognizing license plates and can lead to the development of approved lists of vehicles that are allowed or not allowed on the island.

12. Adjournment

The next meeting was then scheduled for **Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.** to take place at the Clavius Club in Stockton, California.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE V. HARTMANN, Secretary