

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

**November 30, 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, November 30, 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. at the Clavius Club in Stockton, California. Trustees Dennis Gardemeyer, Jim Paroli and Dan Tank were present. Also present were George V. Hartmann, Steve Sinnock, Ed Zuckerman, Mark Croce, Justin Roberts and John Gardemeyer.

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

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the October 26, 2022, regular meeting were previously distributed to the Trustees for their review prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved upon motion by Trustee Gardemeyer, seconded by Trustee Tank, with all Trustees voting in favor.

**3. Public Comment**

None.

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

Tabled for later discussion.

**6. District Counsel Report**

District Counsel's report was taken out of order. District Counsel discussed his meetings with the Delta Watermaster and the Delta Watermaster's staff regarding the necessity of calculating return flows from District drainage pumps in order to achieve a correct understanding of water balance and water use in the Delta, along with the understanding that it really doesn't matter given the consequences of not pumping out the islands. On the other hand, if the districts

are going to be assessed for water use or otherwise criticized for water use, then the return flows matter greatly in terms of determining the net water use of the District.

#### **5. Monthly Financial Review and Warrant Approval**

The \$400,000 principal payment has been made on the seepage loan and the warrants to be issued total approximately \$625,000. The issuance of the warrants was approved on motion by Trustee Gardemeyer, seconded by Trustee Tank, together with approval of bonuses for the bridge tenders as in past years.

There was then a discussion regarding increasing the hourly rate of pay for bridge tenders, and increasing Larry to \$20/hour with a \$1 hourly increase for the other bridge tenders. Trustee Gardemeyer then made a motion to approve an increased hourly pay rate of \$20/hour for Larry Hogan and \$17/hour for other bridge tenders. The motion was seconded by Jim Paroli with all Trustees voting with favor, with the same to be effective January 1, 2023. Jim Paroli is to meet with Larry and to also discuss the bonus amounts being \$500 for Larry and \$250 for the other bridge tenders.

Mr. Croce then stated there are \$2.4 million in warrants outstanding, but the District assessment will be \$1.3 million and will reduce the outstanding warrants by at least fifty percent. The \$2.4 million figure includes warrants being issued at the meeting.

John Gardemeyer then talked about the solar project being considered and the need to come up with a six month advance payment for energy as a deposit to purchase energy, which will be amortized over three to five years. The Delta Legacy Farms solar project is expected to provide electricity to the District at a cost of \$162,500 for six months, but this is not a final number. District Counsel then stated that in order for the District to participate as a customer of Delta Legacy Farms it will have to be demonstrated that doing so is in the best interest of the District and a presentation will be needed to establish this fact.

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

None.

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

Steve Sinnock reported that we are still waiting for subvention review by DWR, which should occur relatively soon.

The District is also waiting for the Army Corps of Engineers inspection report from 2021.

There was then a discussion regarding removing young volunteer palm trees that are springing up on the levee, with an agreement to do so.

Comments on the District's Five Year Plan have been received from DWR, which comments are more statements than comments, about the need for multi-benefit aspects and that DWR will be looking for habitat type projects this next year. PSP's will be released and there was then a discussion regarding habitat projects on McDonald Island.

Trustee Gardemeyer then asked if there had been any progress on getting an emergency use dock for the District in the event the bridge is inoperable. Steve Sinnock talked to Gil Labrie, who is a bridge engineer who suggested anchoring the floating dock to the levee, thus obviating the need for pilings. The District Engineer also stated that it may be best to build the dock near the bridge. Trustee Gardemeyer then stated that the floating dock would be approximately 150 feet in length and instructed the District Engineer to get a proposal to acquire same.

The District Engineer then reviewed profiles done by his firm of the main canals on the north and south of the island. The canals for Camp 23 and 21 are uniform in depth with no high spots. There is a fairly consistent water depth with a one foot difference in water surface elevations. The District Engineer discussed with Trustee Gardemeyer and Ed Zuckerman that the south side canal is not the problem. The problem could be field elevations and the conveyance to the canal.

The west end of the bridge needs work. There may also be an additional need for pump stations for drainage.

**9. Water Diversion Measurement Progress**

Tabled.

**10. Lost Isle**

Tabled

**11. New/Old Business**

The Trustees then discussed holding a December meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> by telephone, solely for the purpose of approving warrants and the same was approved on motion by Trustee Gardemeyer, seconded by Trustee Tank.

Also discussed were the cameras on the bridge, which will help the bridge tenders to see who is waiting at the end of the bridge on the approaches. The cost to install same will be \$3,000, which was approved on motion by Trustee Gardemeyer, seconded by Trustee Paroli, with all Trustees voting in favor.

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

Justin Roberts then presented a habit overview with drone photos of same.

**12. Adjournment**

The next meeting was then scheduled for **Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.** to take place at the Clavius Club in Stockton, California and telephonically.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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GEORGE V. HARTMANN, Secretary