

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

**June 28, 2023**

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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, June 28, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at the Clavius Club, Stockton, California.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:05 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, Ed Zuckerman, Steve Sinnock, John Gardemeyer, Mark Croce and Justin Roberts.

**7. Status of Bridge Repairs**

This item was taken out of order to deal with an emergency involving the inability of the McDonald Island Bridge to open and close. Trustee Gardemeyer declared an emergency situation with the bridge, which now cannot be opened. He stated that the Coast Guard must now be notified of the closure. If the bridge was opened under current circumstances it easily could have become stuck open, which would have caused a lack of access to and from the island. Trustee Gardemeyer's motion to declare a bridge emergency was approved on motion by Trustee Gardemeyer, seconded by Trustee Paroli, with all Trustees voting in favor.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the May 30, 2023, 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.

**8. District Counsel Report**

This item was taken out of order for the District Counsel to present his report. District Counsel provided his report regarding current flood operations and coordinated reservoir operations in the state to deal with snow melt runoff, and summarized various meetings that he

had attended involving state and local emergency operations, and projections of potential flooding or the lack thereof.

**10. Discussion Regarding Generator Replacement**

This item was taken out of order. The replacement or upgrade of District generators was then briefly discussed, and the subject is ongoing.

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

Justin Roberts stated that he met with Fish and Wildlife at the habitat site and that he is hopeful that the District will have final accreditation of the excess habitat soon.

**9. Discussion of MCD L-57B**

Tabled.

**11. Engineer's Report**

This item was taken out of order.

Steve Sinnock stated that he has not seen any subvention reimbursements yet as to any other reclamation districts. Mark Croce then stated that the state is out of money, and that subvention reimbursement for RD 2030 probably won't be paid until October. The estimated amount of the reimbursement is \$653,000.

Mr. Sinnock stated that all of the items required to be submitted for certification under PL 84-99 have been submitted.

PG&E's ongoing risk analysis was then briefly discussed.

MidCal Engineering is preparing preliminary drawings for evaluation of an emergency dock adjacent to the bridge if needed to evacuate people and property from McDonald Island.

The Camp 8 and Camp 23 worn out pumps will be repaired shortly. New bowls have been received and Moorman is fabricating the equipment needed for the diesel pump, but is waiting for other parts for Camp 8.

**5. Monthly Financial Review and Warrant Approval; Second Reading and Adoption of 2023-2024 Budget; Review and Approve Audit Engagement Letter**

The next item discussed was the adoption of final budget for 2023-2024 and the second reading thereof. After review, there was an extensive discussion regarding the need to increase fees and charges to deal with unprecedented cost increases for energy and other expenses of the District. It was agreed that District Counsel would retain the services of a consultant to advise on compliance with Proposition 218, including the addition of an annual CPI

escalator. The budget was then presented for adoption, as amended, and following the second reading, the same was approved on motion by Trustee Gardemeyer, seconded by Trustee Tank, with all Trustees voting in favor.

Mark Croce then presented the standard audit engagement letter from Schwartz, Giannini, Lantsberger & Adamson and it was approved by Trustee Gardemeyer, seconded by Trustee Tank, with all Trustees voting in favor.

The checks and warrants to be issued were then reviewed and approved on motion by Trustee Gardemeyer, seconded by Trustee Tank.

**6. Fees and Charges**

In order to deal with dramatically increased expenses, the Trustees then approved an increase of fees and charges for Category A to \$1,900,000 and Category B to \$1,500,000, subject to such compliance as Prop 218 may require. The motion was made by Trustee Gardemeyer, seconded by Trustee Tank, with all Trustees voting in favor.

**12. Water Diversion Measurement Progress**

Tabled.

**13. Lost Isle**

Tabled

**14. New/Old Business**

None.

**15. Adjournment**

The next meeting was then scheduled for **Wednesday, July 26, 2023, 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