

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

February 28, 2024

Pursuant to written notice, a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No. 2030 was held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at the Clavius Club, Stockton, California.

1. Call to Order

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. Also present were George V. Hartmann, Ed Zuckerman, Steve Sinnock, John Gardemeyer, Mark Croce, Justin Roberts and Frank Morgan.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 24, 2024, 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

Mr. Frank Morgan, also known as “Captain Morgan,” presented his proposal for the Holliday property, which he proposes to turn into a gold star facility for commemoration of gold star families and the heroes of the gold star families. After presenting the proposed use of the Holliday property, the Trustees agreed, and on motion by Trustee Gardemeyer, seconded by Trustee Tank, with all Trustees voting in favor, the Trustees passed a resolution of conditional support which is subject to and conditioned upon resolving access issues, traffic usage of District roads, as well as reimbursement for proportionate levee maintenance, restoration and repair costs and road resurfacing. An additional condition was the proponent of the project providing adequate security to PG&E and other land owners that visitors to the Camp Gold Star would be adequately contained on that property and would not be allowed to cross over the levee into any other part of McDonald Island.

4. Habitat Mitigation Site Assessment and Report

Justin Roberts provided a status report covering the habitat and its progress toward long term maintenance. Trustee Paroli discussed the possibility of supplemental tule planting in the marsh area, and there was further discussion with Justin with no action being taken.

5. Monthly Financial Review and Warrant Approval

Mark Croce then presented his financial report and stated that the bills are normal, nothing out of the ordinary. The District has \$1,975,000 in warrants outstanding after issuing the warrants at the current meeting. Mr. Croce reported that the sum of \$5,742 had been paid to Justin Roberts for his work on the habitat site. The budget is in line with expectations.

Mr. Croce then discussed a payroll analysis he had prepared, which relates to shifting the bridge tenders from employment with the District to being employees of Zuckerman Heritage, Inc. Under the analysis presented, the bridge tenders cost the District \$284,250 in the aggregate, versus a proposed amount of \$240,661 if the employment was shifted to Zuckerman Heritage, Inc., but that number includes an additional employee to reduce overtime. Mr. Croce's payroll analysis was reviewed and discussed and the conclusion was reached that further analysis is needed.

10. Engineer's Report

This item was taken out of order.

Steve Sinnock stated that DWR has completed its subvention inspection report and the final claim should be released for payment with funds arriving likely in July, with any luck.

Mr. Sinnock stated that March 30th is the deadline for filing the subvention application for 2024-2025 and that it would be timely filed.

There has been no change in the status of the District's PL 84-99 compliance; it is apparently stuck in the Army Corps black hole. The District is still approved under PL 84-99 in the meantime.

There is no news on the PG&E risk analysis, but the District Engineer has received a permitting inquiry for drilling new test holes. No permit is needed, but site and boring locations are to be approved and the results will be shared with the District.

Mr. Sinnock provided an update on the bridge repairs and stated that his firm is having discussions with contractors regarding the timing and scope of work, and how long the bridge will be closed.

The next subject Mr. Sinnock covered was the status of various pumps and pump stations. A new gear head is being constructed and fabricated for a pump at Camp 23.

The lowering of line 57B in areas where it has become a shallow obstacle was also then discussed.

With a view toward 2024 levee improvements, Ed Zuckerman stated that he had observed crown settlement in several areas and the matter will be pursued by the District Engineer.

Repairs to the bridge and the apron approaching the bridge was then discussed and described. The road repair package to repair damage caused by PG&E vehicular movements will be delivered.

6. Status of Bridge Repairs

Covered under Engineer's Report.

7. District Counsel Report

District Counsel then reported that he is in favor of having Central Delta Water Agency do future water reporting for the District inasmuch as the process has become so simple that an attorney is not needed to do it and the District is already paying CDWA a fair amount of money every year. District Counsel also discussed return flows and how the concept is being integrated into the satellite measurement and calculation process. District Counsel stated he has been pushing open ET to calculate total Delta consumption as opposed to merely calculating lands that are being farmed and cultivated.

8. Discussion of MCD L-57B

Covered under Engineer's Report.

9. Discussion Regarding Generator Replacement

Tabled.

11. Water Diversion Measurement Progress

Tabled.

12. Lost Isle

Tabled.

13. New/Old Business

None.

14. Adjournment

The next meeting was then scheduled for **Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 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