

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

March 27, 2024

Pursuant to written notice, a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No. 2030 was held on Wednesday, March 27, 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, Donnie Hernandez, Justin Roberts and Trey Steinhart.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 28, 2024, 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 Gardemeyer, with all Trustees voting in favor.

3. Public Comment

None.

13. New/Old Business

A matter of old business was taken out of order. There was a discussion regarding the employment of bridge tenders and workman's compensation insurance costs as District employees. Trustee Gardemeyer and his son John are directors of a self-insured workman's compensation insurance company and receive compensation in their role as directors. Should the District seek to use that company based strictly on the costs of coverage, there could be an issue section 1090 of Government Code, which was discussed by District Counsel, but pursuant to sections 1091.4 and/or 1091.6 there are exceptions to the general rule of Government Code 1090 when the action proposed to be taken even though in the face of a conflict is demonstrably in the best interest of the District. This will be addressed to a greater extent if there are demonstrable savings from switching carriers to the one that Trustee Gardemeyer and John Gardemeyer are directors of.

4. Habitat Mitigation Site Assessment and Report

Justin Roberts reported that cover is being added to the freshwater marsh on a growth basis and has grown demonstrably since the spring 2018 start date. Justin estimates that one more monitoring report will be required to be able to stop monitoring and shift into long term maintenance mode. Justin is also looking for a more practical way to produce monitoring data since there is so much vegetation and the vegetation is so dense that counting plants has become impossible.

5. Monthly Financial Review and Warrant Approval

Donnie Hernandez presented the monthly financial report and covered the checks and warrants to be issued at the meeting, with a total of \$325,000 in warrants to be issued. The current District warrant line after the issuance of warrants at this meeting will be \$2.3 million.

Donnie Hernandez then performed a year-to-date budget comparison and analysis, which shows that the District has expended 56% of its projected annual budget on a year-to-date basis, which is substantially under budget and largely relates to the timing of certain maintenance and construction activities.

10. Engineer's Report

This item was taken out of order.

Steve Sinnock presented the annual subventions resolution for Categorical Exemption from CEQA and the same was approved for execution by District Counsel on motion by Trustee Tank, seconded by Trustee Gardemeyer, with all Trustees voting in favor. District Counsel signed the resolution and the same was given to the District Engineer for filing.

Mr. Sinnock then reported that all subvention inspections have been completed by the relevant state agencies and no apparent issues were raised by DWR, who will be reviewing invoices and documentation under more intense scrutiny than in the past.

The scheduling of asphalt repairs was then discussed, taking into account PG&E traffic and vehicles used for re-working wells. Steve is ready to go to bid for road repairs, but Trustee Gardemeyer suggested putting the project on hold until PG&E completes its well work. Ed Zuckerman then stated that the work does need to be done before potato harvest begins. The bid documents proposed by the District Engineer were reviewed and approved.

The trash racks have been repaired, except for one that is in process at Camp 12. At Camp 23, Ed Zuckerman suggested that the District obtain a canal bottom survey to determine why the flow is the way it is, and that even with the pumps running full time, the water is too high and the ground is too wet to farm in areas along the canal serving the pump station.

Siphons at Camp 21 need to be replaced and the same was discussed. There are two siphons, one being 14 inches in diameter, and the other is 24 inches. Pictures of the siphons

to be replaced are attached to the District Engineer's Report. Trey Steinhart has obtained quotes for pipe, with 400 feet of pipe made from polypropylene, costing \$62,000, or about \$45/lineal foot. There was then further discussion regarding pipe replacement issues and design.

6. Status of Bridge Repairs

Tabled.

7. District Counsel Report

Tabled.

8. Discussion of MCD L-57B

Tabled.

9. Discussion Regarding Generator Replacement

Tabled.

11. Water Diversion Measurement Progress

Tabled.

12. Lost Isle

Tabled.

14. Adjournment

The next meeting was then scheduled for **Wednesday, April 24, 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