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Solano Irrigation District, Operation
& Maintenance

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2024 at 7:00 pm

The Rural North Vacaville Board of Directors met in regular session on this date.

Roll Call: Present were Elizabeth Miles, President; Ken Swenson, Vice President; Patrick Sweeney, Director; Bob Whitehouse, Director; Steven Strickland, Director; Dale Motiska (GM); Nancy Veerkamp, Clerk/Admin; Brenda Kane, Billing Manager.

Absent: None

Public (speaking): Jim Miles, Eileen Smith, Brenda Kane, Bob Kane

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of the Agenda

The meeting was called to order by President Elizabeth Miles at 7:00 pm.

Director Steve made a motion to approve the Agenda and the motion was seconded by Director Patrick.

All present approved.

Public Comments (Non Agenda Items): None

5. Consent Items: Public Comment: None

a) Consider for Approval the Meeting Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting December 12, 2023.

b) Consider for Approval November and December Financials.

Director Steven made a motion to approve items a & b. Director Patrick seconded the motion. Approved by all present.

6. General Managers Verbal Informational Report- Public comment: None

a) Financial status of the District- A spread sheet was handed out showing a balance in checking of \$85,364 and reserves of \$145,934. Dale asked the Board for permission to move up to \$94,000 from Reserves to the checking account to pay the CoBank loan due February 20th. Director Bob made a motion to move up to \$94,000 from Reserves to checking. Director Patrick seconded the motion. Discussion. GM is working on refinancing the CoBank loan or looking for other choices to raise revenue or a line of credit. Brenda; Who set up loans for sale of water rights. Director Bob: The Board approved the sales and loans at the interest rate that was in effect at the time. Jim: The board needs to prepare an assessment or rate increase proposal that people will understand. (See item c under New Business). Patrick: Inflation has hit us hard.

Vote: Approved by all present.

b) SID Contract- It is in SID's court to finalize the contract. When the contract is received it will go to our attorney for review. We have concluded meetings with SID.

b) Status of the Arsenic Filtration System- The read out controller screen unable to be read correctly. Chart Industries is replacing the screen under warranty. Well #2 is running 40% of the time – but not on the weekends to save overtime costs. Well #1 control station shorted out-it looks like a design problem. \$1200 was spent on a new controller.

b) April 1, 2024 county construction of new Cantelow bridge-Ghillotti Construction is the contractor for the bridge work being performed by Solano County. The district will be charged \$59,000 for moving the water line. That charge will be paid by the district over time. The County has agreed to pay for two valves in the 12" line - one on each side. The road will be closed for approximately 3 months.

b) Coastland Hydrology Modeling Report- The final report will be complete by March 5 and upon receipt will be sent to LAFCo.

b) English Hills LLC – “reserved water right” . A letter was sent to the owner to release the water right back into the district inventory. The Owner agreed and will not purchase the water right. President Elizabeth requested a copy of the letter to be placed in the Meeting Minutes as a copy was not in the meeting package. Dove Creek will be purchasing one water right.

7. Continuing Business- Public Comment: None

a) Consider for discussion Revision of Rules and Regulations Section 18. FOR SALE CONNECTIONS: *The District has allocated 10 new water rights for a total of 543. These connections are available for*

Secondary Dwelling Unit (SDU). Additional Dwelling Units (ADU) and other approved lot splits and development subject to District Engineer evaluations of the Hydrology Model capacity at each location. Water rights are For Sale in accordance with the District Fee Schedule. (Action Item). Director Steve made a motion to approve the additional 10 water rights. Director Ken seconded the motion. Discussion: After discussion Director Ken made a motion to table this motion awaiting the final Hydrology report. Director Bob seconded the motion.

Vote: All present approved tabling this item.

8. New Business- Public Comments: None

a) Consider for approval the RNVWD Water Management/Strategic Plan. (Action Item) President Elizabeth made a motion to have the GM meet with Director Patrick and make the edits from a prior meeting with LAFCO, the former GM, current GM and Director Patrick. President Elizabeth requested that they send the edits to her for review before presenting the Plan for approval at the next meeting. Director Patrick seconded the motion.

Vote: All present approved tabling this item.

b) Consider for discussion review of District water right financing (Discussion Item). Board members have heard from some district members that financing would make the sale of water rights more attractive. In an emergency, such as a well failing, some members would not be able to come up with the full price immediately. The Board will decide on the terms of new contracts: interest rate, duration of loan, down payment requirements, etc. at a future meeting. Public: Is there a late fee on loans? Late payments can be placed on the tax rolls.

c) Consider for approval presenting a 3 year \$600 per year assessment to the District Members. \$959,400 would be raised. (Action Item) Director Steve made a motion to move forward with an assessment. Director Patrick seconded the motion. Discussion: The GM needs to come back with a proposal from NBS on the cost of facilitating the Prop 218 process and the cost for their study to determine how much would be ultimately be needed for assessment that would best serve the district over time. Director Bob made a motion to table this item until we have a quote and more information from NBS. Director Steve seconded the motion.

Vote: All approved tabling this item.

d) Consider for approval an Engineering report to estimate the cost of emergency protection measures to the two water mains exposed in the English Creek at the base of the Cantelow landslide. (Action Item). Director Steve made a motion to request an engineering report. Director Ken seconded the motion. Discussion: How much would this cost? GM: approximately \$800-\$1,000.

Vote: All present approved.

Final Comments from Board:

Bob: We are going on the right track with an assessment, it's not going to be easy and will be painful.

Patrick: Well said Bob

Steve: I agree with Bob

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm by the President.

The next **Regular Meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2023, at 7:00 pm the Vacaville Fire Protection District, Fire Station #67, 4135 Cantelow Road, Vacaville, CA 95688.**

Minutes submitted by Nancy Veerkamp, Clerk of the Board

Minutes approved by President

Signature: Patrick J. Sweeney
Patrick J. Sweeney (Mar 13, 2024 09:22 PDT)
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March 13, 2024

Date