

FINAL MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2021

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President Haynes called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Directors present: Michiels, Haynes, Eliante, Butcher
Directors absent: Williams
Staff present: Currey
Staff present via phone: None

2. PRESENTATIONS - NONE

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 Receive Staff Report and Discuss ACID's Drought Operations

GM Currey opened the discussion by stating ACID is working with the City of Redding (COR) for water regarding a request from Clear Creek Community Services District (CCSD). At this time, COR is rescheduling 100% of their water and the Bureau has allowed flexibility for M and I customers and their schedule. ACID has authorized 500-acre feet of water be available to COR for this request but they have yet to request to draw it from us. COR may draw 250-acre feet from ACID in August but that is yet to be determined.

Director Eliante asked if CCSD has had any relief since their situation began to which GM Currey answered just what they have been able to acquire from COR and CCSD is trying avoid penalties by being able to source water elsewhere.

President Haynes asked for clarification on the amount COR pays ACID. COR pays us for 500-acre feet every year whether they take it or not. Anything above that is an acre-by-acre basis and pay that year's rate per acre foot.

Vice President Butcher commented he read that CCSD is buying water from COR at an excess of \$250-acre foot. GM Currey explained there are multiple costs for water: treatment costs, well-water costs, dam costs, what lake it comes from or whether it comes from the Sacramento River. If COR pulls 500-acre feet from ACID, the cost of that water would be a new cost to the city. If they don't use that water, there would be no new costs

GM Currey explained our total diversions and max Bureau diversions are shown with grayed out boxes that cannot exceed the 16,500-acre feet allowance. It is costly if water is taken out of those particular months and used in other months but is trying to get as close

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to zero as possible to have water to utilize in other months needed. Everything July and back are actual numbers, with August and September being estimates through shut down September 30th. President Haynes commented that Churn Creek should be finished with their cycle September 25th to which GM Currey stated they would most likely be in mid-cycle when water is closed September 30th. September Board meeting we will have a better idea if we will have any water left over to go into a day or two of October.

GM Currey included the letter from the State Board relative to our compliance. ACID has filed the 2020 reports with MBK's help timely and accurately. The notice of violation was rectified from previous years reports. President Haynes asked for clarification in regards to a couple of paragraphs calling on having measuring devices to which GM Currey assured the measuring devices we have are compliant with Bureau meters at the sights they are at which includes Churn Creek, City of Redding, and the Dam.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes – Approved the Minutes of the regular meeting July 8, 2021 and the minutes of the special meeting August 3, 2021

The Board requested minutes be tapered back to only what is needed or required for interest of time in taking minutes as well as those reading them.

5.2 Financial Status report for Year-to-Date Through July 2021

President Haynes asked about the amount overtime for staff, comp-time totals, legal fees, as well as the price ACID has spent in hydraulic oil.

5.3 Payroll: Approved Payroll Check Register for the Month of July 2021

5.4 EFTPS & ACH Transactions – Approved EFTPS & ACH transactions for the Payroll Periods Ending June 30, 2021 and July 15, 2021

5.5 Voided and/or missing checks for July 2021

Vice President Butcher moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, Director Michiels made the second with a 4-0 vote.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Consider approval of the Final Cash Disbursements Journal for June 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021

President Haynes questioned Check #5283 in the amount of \$269 for two 20-volt batteries. GM Currey explained the batteries that were replaced were depleted and currently are very expensive at this time.

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President Haynes also enquired about the broken window in the backhoe, more batteries purchased, and vehicle signage.

Director Eliante moved to approved the Cash Disbursements Journal, Vice President Butcher made the second with a 4-0 vote.

6.2 Receive staff report and consider selecting a data management program

GM Currey explained that at the request from the Board at the August 3rd special meeting, he talked to both companies and they did come back with revised, reduced bid amounts. Storm reduced the amount of the set-up fee and year one fees anywhere from \$35,000 to \$45,000 with year two costs remaining at \$4500. Avadine gave percentage discounts on each of their products with a revised costs of \$47,000 for year one with year two costs reduced in their per-monthly fees to \$11,400 per year.

Vice President Butcher clarified with GM Currey that Latis was cloud-based while Storm was server-based.

President Haynes asked GM Currey for clarification on what is the end result of the data management system. It will take our Dichtender database and worksheets and input them into the system where paper is no longer necessary, applications are pre-printed, and accounting is done for us while taking out duplicate data entry. It will develop scheduling, pre-populate scheduling and make any changes necessary with what the Dichtenders input on the tablets.

President Haynes inquired what happens when a Dichtender is in an area with no service. GM Currey stated the tablets will take all data entries and sync to the system when in areas with wi-fi and allow us to know where the water is in real-time and who is irrigating.

Director Eliante is worried what happens if we don't get any more rain this year and whether we should budget differently. GM Currey expressed we are fortunate to have the financial reserves we have at this time to make this decision and make strategic investments. If this decision is not made by mid-September, neither company would not be able to provide a finished product by January 1st, 2022 for implementation. Administrative benefits will happen no matter what. Whether we get the full-benefit when we roll it out to the field will have to be determined on each person's expertise.

Director Michiels moved to approve moving forward with the Storm data management program, Vice President Butcher made the second with a 4-0 vote.

6.3 Review and provide direction for the Oregon Gulch, Spring gulch, Perry's Pond and Dymesich Pond Repairs

GM Currey clarified his priority is the removal of the old debris, concrete and logs and stabilizing the foundations. The staff will start removing vegetation on August 23 and fixing leaks after the irrigation season.

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Staff has developed a cost proposal to address the critical repairs with North Woods Excavating. Director Michiels suggested going ahead with North Woods Excavating.

GM Currey's suggestion is to focus on structure protection, clearing vegetation upstream and downstream, leak repairs, let it go through a season and reevaluate.

GM Currey believes Spring Gulch is the number one priority at this time. Oregon Gulch can be assessed in the Spring to see if any changes have been made, Dymesich Pond access can be reviewed during the winter.

Director Eliante moved to approve work on Spring Gulch, Director Michiels made the second with a 4-0 vote.

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT – SEE ATTACHED

8. DIRECTORS REPORTS

- President Haynes talked about the pipe on Smith Road and Churn Creek and vehicles in the Hillside Ditch.
- Vice President Butcher had no report.
- Director Eliante had no report.
- Director Michels had no report.
- Director Williams had no report.

President Haynes announced the closed session. The meeting was adjourned to a short recess at 4:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

President Haynes announced that the Board of Directors would recess to a Closed Session to take the following actions:

C.S.1 CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Government code section 54956.9. One Case.

C.S.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
(Government Code Section §54957) Title: General Manager Evaluation

The Board of Directors recessed to Closed Session at 4:05 p.m.

The Board of Directors returned from Closed Session and reconvened in Open Session with Directors Haynes, Butcher, Michiels, Eliante and Williams and General Manager John Currey present at 5:03 p.m.

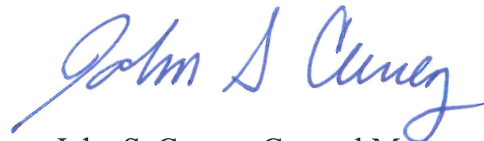
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REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

General Manager John Currey reported that the Board of Directors met in Closed Session to discuss anticipated litigation. There was no other reportable action.

The Board of Directors adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.



John S. Currey, General Manager

TO: ACID Directors
FROM: John S. Currey

Agenda Item No. 7
Meeting Date: 08/12/2021

DATE: August 12, 2021

SUBJECT: General Manger's Monthly Status Report – Verbal

Drought Operations:

- See Discussion

Irrigation and Maintenance Activities:

- Maintenance activities for June 7 – August 6 – see handout.
- Maintenance OT has been authorized when necessary to fix items to keep the water flowing or in the ditch.
- CDFW approved our Routine Maintenance Agreement notice for Oregon Gulch, Spring Gulch and the Churn Creek pumps.
- Vegetation removal at Oregon Gulch and Spring Gulch will start in mid-August
- Tree removal at the Churn Creek Pumps should start after August 23.

Water Transfer:

- San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority – groundwater substitution transfer
 - The total pumped as of June 30, 2021, is 2,238.5 AF or a transfer amount of 1,947.5 AF.
 - The paid transfer amount for May, June and July totals \$1,119,812.50. Payments for May and June have been received.
 - Groundwater levels are holding about 1 foot better than the 2015 levels for the same date and pumping history. If the groundwater levels fall below the 2015 benchmark lows, pumping would have to stop until the groundwater levels recover. I monitor the groundwater levels weekly, as of 8/12/2021.
 - Barney Well is 2.8' above the 2015 low.
 - Crowley Well is 3.51' above the 2015 low.
- The City of Redding continues to refine their current water supplies and demands to determine how many additional AF from ACID will be requested to meet the Clear Creek CSD transfer request.

Office Operation:

- We are scanning and archiving our past minutes so they are searchable. We are back to 1987. So far, we have used them on several occasions to focus our record searches.

Staffing

- Staffing level as of 7/6/2021 - 10 active employees.
 - The West Cottonwood Ditchtender had to resign for personal reasons.
 - Alister (maintenance staff) is a new father, and he will be talking 1 1/2 weeks off.
 - I continue to advertise for Ditchtender

- We started the DT days off in the last half of July. We continue to adjust the schedule to cover all the bases.

Work Request and/or Complaints:

- As complaints and work requests are received, we log them and assign them as time, skills, and resources are available.

Planning:

- Vesta is conducting the biological surveys for the fall project sites
- SAK is developing proposals for pipe lining on Lateral 5, Lateral 29 and the Anderson Creek Flume
- Lateral 29 pipeline patches along Shady Lane as part of the Gateway Apartments paving project.

GM Activities:

- Annual Water Rights Statement amendments for 2018 and 2019 were submitted on 8/12/2021.
- Curtailments – participated in hearing and numerous calls with landowners/irrigators
- BOR Scheduling and review of Contract
- SRSC Water Management Plan – Review documents
- Enterprise Anderson GSA – MC review of entire report

Attachments:

Maintenance activities

GW charts