

FINAL MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 08, 2021

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Ray Eliante, Director
Rick Williams, Director

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President Haynes called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

Directors present: Michiels, Butcher, Haynes, Eliante, Williams
Directors absent: none
Staff present: Currey, White, Loffmark
Staff present via phone: none

2. PRESENTATIONS - NONE

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS - NONE

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes – Approved the Minutes of the regular meeting March 11, 2021

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

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

5.4 EFTPS & ACH Transactions – Approved EFTPS & ACH transactions for the Payroll Periods Ending February 28, 2021 and March 15, 2021

5.5 Voided and/or missing checks for March 2021

Director Eliante moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, Director Williams made the second with a 5-0 vote.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Consider approval of the Final Cash Disbursements Journal for March 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021.

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Present Haynes wanted clarification of echo blocks and why there was such a large purchase to Payless. The GM stated that echo blocks are large concrete blocks used for a canal bank repair. Also, additional boards were needed to accommodate the anticipated low Sacramento River flows for this season and some boards were also used for wedges in Olney Creek.

President Haynes asked if boards are reused to which Currey confirmed that they are reused until they are no longer serviceable.

Director Eliante asked if our staff were in line with OSHA requirements. Currey ensured that we are following OSHA protocols as we have purchased new buoys, lines, safety belts and life vests, as needed for the equipment's age or condition.

Director Williams moved to approve the Cash Disbursements Journal as submitted, Vice President Butcher made the second with a 5-0 vote.

6.2 Discuss and consider Wyndham Siphon leak and repair.

Currey presented the Board a video of an 8" diameter hole in the pipe that is about a foot and a half undergrade which cannot be repaired from the inside. Per the Routine Maintenance Agreement with Fish and Wildlife, a request has been submitted for their approval which has not been returned yet as of the time of the Board meeting.

Currey explained that we had received a call Wednesday afternoon regarding a leak at the siphon. Scott, along with GM and Sunrise Excavation, assessed the issue and verified that about an 18" spout was coming out the ground into Canyon Hollow Creek but as of 6pm that evening it had dissipated.

The plan is to work on Saturday, April 10th to clear access from the South from brush and small vegetation so that Sunrise Excavation can access the pipe on Monday and pump out any water. A mortar patch will be used both inside and out as that is the timeliest to affix to the damaged area. There was no prior patch and we cannot confirm what caused the damage.

Director Eliante asked if there is access to the pipe by someone other than our staff as well if there was vandalism done. Currey reported that at any given time there is a steady flow inside the pipe and that there is no evidence of vandalism but we cannot be sure.

GM stated that unless there is any objection from the Board, he will continue to expedite the repair with ACID and Sunrise Excavation.

President Haynes asked if the crews are currently busy to which Currey answered they have been fully engaged in cleaning and preparing the dam for release of this year's water.

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Director Michiels confirmed that due to the patch possibly taking two days to cure that would mean water would not be released until Wednesday of next week. Currey stated that Wednesday would be at best with Friday, April 16th being worst case scenario. He informed the Board that Sunrise Excavation would not be available Tuesday due to another commitment so will only be able to work with us Monday and Wednesday. We will also need to complete a biological survey if we need to remove trees or foliage.

President Haynes wondered what if we did not receive an answer from Fish and Wildlife that we should still plan to move forward with repairs on Saturday to which Currey confirmed that would be the plan so that we can try and get the repairs finished by Monday.

Director Williams moved to approve the repairs to the Wyndham Siphon, Director Michiels made the second with a 5-0 vote.

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Currey asked the Board if they had any questions in addition to the material that had been sent.

Director Michiels stated that on Lateral 5 crew dumped only one load of water. Currey confirmed that was correct as there were only root ball masses which were plugging the pipe which have all been sucked out. Crew took more time than originally thought to complete due to all the masses so he will be working on a proposal to line the pipe in the future for long-term maintenance.

Currey informed the Board that on Shady Lane South of Balls Ferry at Lateral 21 water was found cascading into our pipeline from the City of Anderson which they are currently investigating the source of.

Currey stated that we have videoed the remainder of Anderson Creek and is working on three proposals from SAK regarding long-term maintenance.

Currey informed the Board that to date we have sprayed 1200 gallons of material mixed which comes to about 32.9 miles sprayed or roughly 110 acres treated. The objective for the coming year is to start removing young saplings from the canal banks.

President Haynes asked if all areas of Anderson were sprayed to satisfy Fire Chief Lowe which was answered by Currey where access on both sides for the canal exist up to 40 feet of the canal throughout all of Anderson had been sprayed.

President Haynes inquired if our crews have sprayed. Currey stated that no, our crew has not sprayed as they have been working on the dam and canal. Currey, Passmore, and Poliak, in the course of five days, cleared the way ahead of the sprayer. Currey also informed the Board that our crew at the moment are not equipped to have a focus on spraying but do

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know that more brush needs to be cleared which we plan to get the crew out during the summer and fall to take care of what we would've liked to see done earlier in the year.

Director Eliante inquired how much water was utilized for spraying. Currey responded with between 20 to 25 gallons per acre was used.

Director Butcher asked if rain was needed to activate the spray. Currey stated yes that the pre-emergent works best if there is rain within the next 3 to 6 weeks. However, a high rate of Roundup and Milestone was used so if there is no rain, we will have good control for the season.

President Haynes asked if blackberries were sprayed for to which Currey answered that a few bushes were sprayed but that we will add that into the mix for next year.

General Manager Currey stated that JJ Pumps reinstalled the well ahead of schedule and we were just waiting on electrical to finish.

Currey stated that a landowner has inquired about the private ditch designation on their property. Currey stated that it appears that unless there is an underlying easement for a ditch, then they are designated as private. Carol Grimsman has asked that ACID reconsider the current private designation of a pipeline (formerly open ditch) on her property that she believes was constructed by ACID. Currey plans to review our easements and gather information from Carol.

Director Williams asked if she was disputing a repair that had been previously been made to which Currey stated no, her inquiry is about the long-term upkeep of the pipeline.

President Haynes informed Currey that in the past, staff in the field have made decisions whether to complete repairs or not without the guidance of the board and this particular instance may have been one of them.

Currey informed the Board that on Lateral 29, in part with NRCS, we are helping to lay 600 feet of pipe so our crew can learn how to lay pipe correctly per NRCS standards for future projects.

Currey stated we are still looking for a Ditchtender as one had accepted but had a medical emergency and one was offered but declined.

President Haynes inquired about the status of the parcel subdivision above Hillside Ditch off of Rancho where the new subdivision is currently being built. Amen Lane crosses the ACID Canal and Currey has until April 18th to submit comments for this project. President Haynes asked if drainage is going East to which Currey stated he will look at the map to confirm.

President Haynes informed the Board that City of Redding had installed a pipe into ACID's part of Hillside Ditch without acknowledging ACID of what had been done and believes that COR should be paying for drainage.

Director Williams asked where does COR believe drainage should go to which President Haynes replied to properties along the ditch.

Director Eliante asked that we investigate further and Currey said he hopes to establish a relationship with COR for future issues.

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President Haynes stated that we had not heard from Enterprise Anderson Groundwater Sustainability Agency regarding water budgets to which Currey informed them that the management committee is reviewing the water budget chapter and has until April 24th to make comments on how ACID is portrayed.

8. DIRECTORS REPORTS

- President Haynes asked Currey if we have heard about Maverick Truck stop to which he replied no.
- President Haynes would like to have the Board take a tour of the ACID area around mid-summer or early fall.
- No reports from Vice President Butcher, Director Michaels, Director Eliante, or Director Williams.

President Haynes announced the closed session. The meeting was adjourned to a short recess at 3:02 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

President Haynes called Closed Session to order at 3:17 pm.

C.S.1 CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

(Government Code section §54956.8)

Confer with District negotiators (John Currey and Counsel Dustin Cooper) regarding Terms and Condition of a potential 2021 Water Transfer with buyer located South of the Delta

C.S.2 CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

(Government Code section §54956.8)

Confer with District negotiators (John Currey and Counsel Dustin Cooper) regarding the terms and conditions of a potential amendment to the current long-term water transfer with Bella Vista Water

C.S.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

(Government Code Section §54957)

Title: General Manager Evaluation

President Haynes reconvened open session at 3:40 pm.

C.S.1 CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

(Government Code section §54956.8)

Vice President Butcher motioned to approve the terms and conditions of the 2021 Water Transfer with buyer located South of the Delta. Director Michaels made the second with a 5-0 vote.

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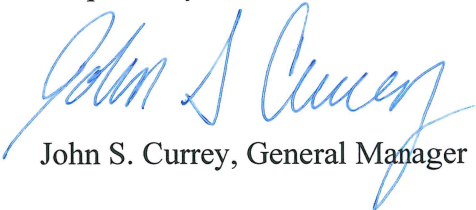
C.S.2 CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
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Director Michaels motioned to approve the terms and conditions to the amendment to the current long-term water transfer with Bella Vista Water. Director Williams made the second with a 5-0 vote.

C.S.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
(Government Code Section §54957) – No action taken in closed session.

1. **ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted.



John S. Currey, General Manager