

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 2035
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
March 4, 2020

1. **Call to Order**

Pursuant to notice of a Special meeting, which was posted and served on the members of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No. 2035 more than 24 hours prior to March 4, 2019, the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No. 2035 held a special meeting at 45332 County Road 25, Woodland, California. The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. by Trustee Christie.

2. **Roll Call**

Trustee Robert Baker and Trustee Christie were present. Trustee Christie noted that there was currently one vacancy on the Board due to Robert Thomas's resignation. Trustee Christie noted that a quorum was present for conducting business. Trustee nominee Kyriakos Tsakopoulos, Mike Hall, District General Manager, Scott Morris, General Counsel, Denise Costa, Will Vasilopoulos and Steve Gidaro were present at the meeting. Marti Holland participated in the discussion on District finances via telephone.

3. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

6. **Board Vacancy-Appointee**

Note – This item was taken out of order in order to fill the vacant Trustee Position.

Trustee Christie stated that the Board received one application to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees, from Kyriakos Tsakopoulos. Mr. Tsakopoulos was determined to be qualified to serve as a Trustee. Trustee Baker moved to appoint Mr. Tsakopoulos to the vacant Trustee position filling out Robert Thomas's term ending on December 3, 2021. Trustee Christie seconded the motion. The motion appointing Kyriakos Tsakopoulos to the Board of Trustees passed 2-0-1 (1 vacancy). Mr. Tsakopoulos then took the oath of office and assumed his role as Trustee of Reclamation District 2035.

Trustee Christie then nominated Mr. Tsakopoulos to the office of President of Reclamation District 2035. The nomination was seconded by Trustee Baker. Mr. Tsakopoulos was unanimously elected President by a 3-0 vote. Mr. Tsakopoulos then assumed the role of President and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

4. **Approve Minutes**

The Board consider approval of the June 20, 2019 and December 20, 2019 Regular Board meetings. After review, Trustee Christie moved approval of both minutes and Trustee Baker seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a 2-0-1 vote, with President Tsakopoulos abstaining as he was not in attendance at the two meetings.

5. **Year to Date Financials to current**

Marti Holland briefed the Board by telephone on the current financial position of the District. Her discussion was based on a handout provided to the Board. She stated that the District currently has \$137,291 in receivables and \$123,537 in payables. She expects to receive significant revenue from water payments in the Spring. She expects that the District will not need to get into reserves to meet its obligations. Using reserve funds requires additional Board action, which is not being sought at this time.

Trustee Baker asked if revenues have been received from the DWR grant yet. Mr. Hall responded that those funds have not been received yet, and expects to receive those in 35-45 days.

No action was taken on this item.

6. **Board Vacancy-Appointee**

This item was taken up at the start of the meeting (see above).

7. **Levee Repair**

General Manager Mike Hall reported on and provided a handout of the PL-84-99 levee repair work resulting from the storms. Sites 1-7 and 9 are now complete. Site 8 construction has been delayed due to landside location and because it is near the canal. It is scheduled for construction beginning in October 2020. He stated the canal will be permanently relocated.

No action was taken on this item.

8. **Siphon Gate Update**

General Manager Mike Hall reported that the District is hoping to start the project two weeks early to ensure completion prior to the start of irrigation (by March 30th).

No action was taken on this item.

9. **Water Rate Analysis**

General Manager Mike Hall introduced this topic and reference the Water Rates Analysis study performed by Davids Engineering and included in the Board agenda packet. Mr. Hall stated that the last time the District examined water rates was in 2016, and the rates

needed updating to raise enough revenue to carry out the District's water delivery functions. Mr. Hall summarized the Water Rates Analysis study for the Board. He stated the study includes recommendations for rate increases (included in the study handout) that includes a \$100,000 sinking fund for reserves and \$50,000 leveraging seed money to apply for grants.

Mr. Hall asked that the Board approve staff beginning to undergo the Proposition 218 process to raise rates. District Counsel Morris summarized the requirements of the Proposition 218 Notice and Hearing requirements, including a minimum 45-day mailed notice to landowners and the requirement that the Board hold a public hearing to consider comments before implementing a rate increase. Mr. Morris also recommended the Board approve an automatic CPI based rate increase as allowed by law for a period of five years.

After additional discussion, upon a motion brought by Trustee Christie, and seconded by Trustee Baker, the Board unanimously directed staff to begin the Proposition 218 Notice process, including an automatic CPI rate increase, and set a hearing date of April 29, 2020 at 9:30 at the District offices for the rate setting hearing.

10. WDCWA Annexation Agreement

General Manager Hall reported that the District approved seeking annexation of the Joint Intake Project site to the District's boundaries, simultaneously with the WDCWA's proposed annexation of the same site to the City of Woodland (for property tax purposes). Mr. Hall stated that since Yolo County and the WDCWA had reached a settlement agreement regarding property taxes, the annexation proposals were no longer needed.

This item was presented for information only and no action was taken.

11. Sierra Railroad Parking Lot Agreement

General Manager Hall updated the Board on the status of the proposed parking lot agreement on the Joint Intake Project site with Sierra Railroad. Mr. Hall stated he hasn't executed the agreement yet because the Railroad needed to provide a survey. Now that the survey is complete, it appears the railroads portable building may be on the pumping plant parcel. Mr. Hall said he will get more information and report back to the Board.

This item was presented for information only and no action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am. The next meeting will be on April 29, 2020 at 9:30 and will include the Public Hearing on a Water Rate increase.

ATTEST:

Secretary, Reclamation District 2035