

The Board of Directors of the Riverdale Irrigation District met in regular session on September 4, 2024. Directors present were John L. Mendes-President, Leonard Acquistapace-Vice President, and Tony Fontes. Others present were Vincent Romero - RPUD Superintendent, Matt Kamp – RPUD Engineer, Yareli Zarate-Secretary, David Kahn-Attorney, and Frank Thomas-Manager.

President Mendes called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Audience of Unscheduled Appearance

Matt Kamp of Provost and Pritchard was present along with Vincent Romero, Superintendent of Riverdale Public Utility District to answer any questions the Board may have regarding the Easement Agreement. Attorney Kahn stated he sent indemnity language over to RPUD's attorney to add to the agreement. The Board will review the revised agreement at the next Board meeting. After discussion the Board took no action.

Minutes

The Secretary mailed a copy of the minutes of the August 7, 2024 meeting to the Directors. After discussion, Director Acquistapace made a motion, seconded by Director Fontes and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as mailed.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that \$25,000 was transferred from the Money Market Account in to Checking Account during the month of August and \$25,000 was transferred from the Valley Strong account into the Money Market on August 28, 2024. On September 3, 2024 \$20,000 was transferred from the Money Market Account into the Checking Account for September payroll and bills that are due the beginning of September.

The Treasurer reported the following account balances as of August 31, 2024: Checking - \$13, 181.30. Money Market Account - \$34,496.35, Valley Strong Account-\$49,450.74 and State L.A.I.F. - \$5,622.14. The total amount in all accounts is \$102,750.53.

The Treasurer presented a list of the bills received after the August 7, 2024 meeting that were paid with the discretion of the President and Secretary, and a list of bills received as of today that are due and payable in September. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Acquistapace, seconded by Director Fontes and unanimously carried to ratify the action of the President and Secretary in payment of the bills listed as paid, and authorize payment of the bills listed as due and payable in September. A copy of the list of bills is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Report of Correspondence

RPUD-Received a notice of public hearings on proposed water & sewer rate increases. Rate Revenue is set to increase 6% each year for the next 4 years. After discussion, the Board took no action.

County of Fresno Registrar of Voters- Notice of uncontested candidate seat. Candidate will be appointed in lieu of election by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors at the October 8, 2024 Board meeting. Candidate must complete a BCC Application and submit it to the Clerk of the Board no later than noon October 3, 2024.

Report of Attorney

Attorney Kahn shared that the KRWA had 1.6-million-acre feet of runoff snow. Currently have 1.4-million-acre feet at the river. KRWA had some carry over from last year. There's currently 200 CFS running from Friant/ Kern Canal into Fresno Irrigation.

Update on North Fork Kings GSA

President Mendes reported the GSA has 100,000 acres signed up and have about 40,000 acres that still need to sign up. Deadline to register before facing any penalties is October 31, 2024.

Old Business

Update on Blythe Ave. Recharge Basin Project:

President Mendes stated he will be reaching out to Trevor to see when the Contractor Kevin Fees will be coming out to complete the project. After discussion, the Board took no action.

Update on Proposed Joint Powers Agreement:

President Mendes shared the JPA met last month and discussed contributions, equipment and any started cash needed. The JPA will present the final numbers next month. President Mendes stated he will have the costs at the next meeting for the Board to review. After discussion, the Board took no action.

Riverdale Public Utility District Access and Pipeline Easement:

This Agenda item was discussed and reported under Unscheduled Appearances.

Cal Trans:

Attorney Kahn will review the revised agreement and discuss at the next meeting. No further action was needed at this time.

New Business

Collector's Deeds on unpaid Parcels:

The Board discussed parcels with delinquent taxes for over five years. The Secretary reported that Manager Thomas has hand delivered letters regarding the District's ability to take a Collector's Deed on these parcels in the past. These letters have prompt Landowner's to pay off their delinquent taxes. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to authorize the Secretary to issue these letters and have Manager Thomas hand deliver them.

Manager Thomas' Report

Manager Thomas stated that everything is going well. President Mendes asked if there are any major problems that need to be addressed. Manager Thomas stated there was a gate needing repairs. President Mendes addressed an issue with the canals running up high and breaking to the North, the problem wasn't caught until the following morning at 9 AM. President Mendes suggested contacting Sierra Hydrographics to come out and add a measuring device to the canals to monitor and prevent anymore incidents. President Mendes stated the District would benefit from adding these checks. After discussion, the Board took no action at this time.

Closed Session

The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 9:19 a.m. for the following:

- i) Closed Session-Conference with Legal Counsel-Pending Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). The Board of Directors will meet in closed session to confer with counsel regarding *James Irrigation District v. Kings River Water Association, et al.*

- ii) Closed Session-Conference with Legal Counsel-Pending Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). The Board of Directors will meet in closed session to confer with counsel regarding *Kings River Water Association v. R.D. #761, et al.*
- iii) Closed Session-Conference with Legal Counsel-Pending Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). The Board of Directors will meet in closed session to confer with counsel regarding *State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, KRWA Petition for Change Re License No. 11521.*
- iv) Closed Session-Conference with Legal Counsel-Pending Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). The Board of Directors will meet in closed session to confer with counsel regarding *State Water Resources Control Board, Petitions to Revoke or Revise the Declaration of Fully Appropriated Stream Systems with respect to the Kings River System.*
- v) Closed Session-Conference with Legal Counsel-Pending Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). The Board of Directors will meet in closed session to confer with counsel regarding *State Water Resources Control Board, Semitropic Improvement District of Semitropic Water Storage District v. Kings River Water Association, et al: Complaint in Support of Petition to Revise and/or Revoke Declaration of Fully Appropriated Stream System for the Kings River.*
- vi) Closed Session-Conference with Legal Counsel-Pending Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2). One Potential Case.

Reconvene to Open Session

President Mendes reconvened the meeting to open session at 9:30 a.m. and stated that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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Yareli Zarate, Secretary