

## MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

October 2, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Riverdale Irrigation District met in regular session on October 2, 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, Jim Petty- RPUD Board Member, 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 and Jim Petty Board Member for RPUD to answer any questions the Board may have regarding the Easement Agreement. The Board had no questions for them and stated they would discuss this matter with the Board under the agenda item. After discussion, no action was taken at this time.

### Minutes

The Secretary mailed a copy of the minutes of the September 4, 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 \$40,000 was transferred from the Valley Strong Checking Account into the Money Market Account. On September 24, 2024. On September 25, 2024 \$60,000 was transferred from the Money Market Account in to Checking Account for October payroll and bills that are due the beginning of October.

The Treasurer reported the following account balances as of September 30, 2024: Checking - \$61,425.07. Money Market Account - \$802.52, Valley Strong Account- \$3,450.74 and State L.A.I.F. - \$5,622.14. The total amount in all accounts is \$71,300.47.

The Treasurer presented a list of the bills received after the September 4, 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 October. 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 October. A copy of the list of bills is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

### Report of Correspondence

Valley Ag Water Coalition- Received notice from Valley Ag Water Coalition requesting payment for the 2024 Membership Dues invoice that was sent in January. The Board revisited this matter from the February meeting. After discussion, it was the unanimous decision of the Board not to proceed with paying these dues at this time.

### Report of Attorney

Attorney Kahn shared the KRWA has higher expenses projected with differed maintenance and raising rates. Their five-year contract will be ending soon and the new contract is increasing about 40% from \$1.6 million to \$2.4 million.

Update on North Fork Kings GSA

President Mendes reported the GSA has close to 80% of the parcels signed up. Deadline to get the parcels registered is quickly approaching. Laguna Irrigation has held workshops at their location for their landowners. President Mendes also shared the GSA is working with the County on the jail property located on Elkhorn and 41.

Old Business

Update on Blythe Ave. Recharge Basin Project:

President Mendes shared he will be contacting Kevin Fees to see when he will be returning to complete the work. Secretary Yareli also shared she heard back from Engineer Trevor Sa on grant payment. Engineer Trevor stated the District should be receiving grant payment something this month. After discussion, the Board took no action.

Update on Proposed Joint Powers Agreement:

President Mendes shared the JPA will be meeting soon to discuss the buy in values, waiting for the next meeting to be scheduled. After discussion, the Board took no action.

Riverdale Public Utility District Access and Pipeline Easement:

The Board reviewed the revised easement agreement, after discussion a motion was made by Director Fontes, seconded by Director Acquistapace and unanimously carried to approve and authorize President Mendes to sign the RPUD Easement Agreement.

Cal Trans:

Secretary Yareli shared the Cal Trans Agreement had to be signed before October 1<sup>st</sup>. Attorney Kahn reviewed and approved the Agreement with the condition for the Board to ratify its approval at the next Board Meeting. Agreement had been previously approved with the condition to add verbiage as per Attorney Kahn's request. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Fontes, seconded by Director Acquistapace and unanimously carried to approve the agreement and move forward with the sale of District Property 055-220-35 to Cal Trans.

Manager Thomas' Report

Manager Thomas stated that everything is going well, spraying weeds. Secretary Yareli shared employee Robert Mattos had brought in a medical note placing him on light duty from September 18, 2024 to November 1, 2024. Secretary Yareli requested a follow up on the mobile home and the wrecked pickup that was discussed at the May meeting. The Board had given Manager Thomas six months to remove both the mobile home and the wrecked pickup from the premises. Manger Thomas confirmed both mobile home and pickup have been removed. Secretary Yareli also requested proof of valid insurance from Robert Mattos and David Paul – RID Employees as stated in the District Handbook. Manger Frank Thomas will request this information from them, the Secretary will keep these on file. After discussion, the Board took no action.

Closed Session

The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 8:58 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 9:00 a.m. and stated that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

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Yareli Zarate, Secretary