

NORTH SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lodi Grape Festival Grounds – Barrel Room
413 E. Lockeford Street, Lodi CA
Zoom - Teleconference Meeting

Monday May 24, 2021

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**CONDUCTED BY TELECONFERENCE IN COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S
EXECUTIVE ORDER RELAXING BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS DUE TO COVID-19**

1. **Call to Order - Roll Call - Acceptance of Agenda** - The meeting was called to order by President Valente at 2:04 pm. A motion for the acceptance of the Agenda for the meeting on May 24, 2021, made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Flinn. Motion passed unanimously 4/0/0.

President Joe Valente - Area 3
Vice President Tom Flinn - Area 2
Secretary David Simpson – Area 1
Treasurer Charles Starr – Area 4
Director Marden Wilber – Area 5 - Absent

General Counsel Jennifer Spaletta
Special Counsel Roger Masuda - Absent
Daniel de Graaf – District Engineer
Deputy Secretary Shasta Burns

2. **Correspondence/Announcements**- No correspondence or announcements at this time.

3. **Action Items** Note: Votes recorded as: For/Against/Abstention (name)

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the April 26, 2021 Regular Scheduled Board meeting – A motion to review and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting including the removal of “Cotta” in the Minutes under Action item “E” the Minutes should read only Ferreira for Dream Easements, not Cotta and Ferreira. Further action on this item will be taken at the May Board Meeting, made by Treasurer Starr, second by Vice President Flinn. Motion passed 4/0/0.

- B. Financial Matters

- a. Receive and File NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer’s Report– Reviewed Monthly Treasurer’s Report in the board meeting packet. Discussion of all Financial Matters were discussed together and action taken at once in Action Item B. c.

- b. Receive and File TLID #1 Monthly Treasurer’s Report – Reviewed Monthly Treasurer’s Report.

- c. Receive and File ID #3 Monthly Treasurer’s Report – Reviewed Monthly Treasurer’s report.

All financial matters were discussed and voted on in one motion. A motion to review and approve Treasurer’s Report for the month of May 2021 as presented and to include and accept memo from Consero Solutions made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0.

- C. Review Water Supply Conditions and Operations – Chris Potter from EBMUD

gave a presentation on the Mokelumne River Operations Water Year 2021 and is available upon request. Last winter was the second driest ever recorded in the Mokelumne River basin. NSJWCD will not receive water during the irrigation season.

- D.** Report on South System Recharge Project Applications Submitted for Federal Appropriations Process – Petrea Marchand with Consero Solutions reviewed process and the grant applications the two grant applications being submitted and the formal letters sent to congressional reps asking for their support.
- E.** Budget Matters, action as necessary:
 - a. 2020-21 Third Quarter Budget Review – General Counsel Spaletta reviewed memo prepared for the Board.
 - b. NSJWCD 2021-22 Budget – Proposed Budget was discussed in detail. A review of funding needed for grant applications at the federal level were discussed and a recommendation to add Engineering funds to strengthen budget. A Special Meeting will be held 6/11, 10 AM, NSJWCD office, to discuss the budget in more detail prior to adoption and the next scheduled Board Meeting.
 - c. Proposed Consero 2021-22 Budget – Petrea Marchand from Consero Solutions reviewed scope of work presented for 2021-22 work and attached in the Board Meeting packet. A motion to accept the presented scope of work for Consero 2021-22 Budget made by Treasurer Starr, second by Vice President Flinn. Motion passed 4/0/0.
 - d. Governor’s Budget Update – Applications were submitted for Federal Appropriations Process, Consero Solutions memo included in the Board Meeting packet.
- F.** South System Projects
 - a. South Pump Station Project – Status Report from Daniel de Graaf. Sierra Controls will perform a walk through of the project in the next few weeks.
 - b. Brandt/Tretheway Project – Sierra Controls has installed equipment and pipework for the flowmeters with Arnaudo Construction. Sediment found in the piping and need to investigate where it is coming from. Actuators are installed and need to be calibrated at this time.
 - c. East Side Ditch Project – No update at this time.
 - d. Dream/Pixley Pipeline – Waiting on final permits at this time. Item will be revisited at the Special Board Meeting. The pipeline needs to be finished in July and District Engineer will work with Arnaudo Construction to get a timeline in place for completion.
- G.** Pump Station Maintenance Report - No report at this time.
- H.** Sustainable Groundwater Management Act –
 - a. Proposed GWA 2021-22 Budget and Cost Allocation Method; Action as Necessary. – General Counsel Spaletta reviewed budget scenarios and back up issues for the size of budget and method of allocating costs and explanations for each. Vice President Flinn and General Counsel Spaletta will represent the board at the next meeting and address policy issues for the district.
- I.** Discuss Strategic Plan Process/Public Outreach – Third landowner meeting has been scheduled. The District will keep its efforts moving forward with landowner meetings by holding 2-3 more smaller format meetings, and then move toward a larger format to include more landowners before the Draft Strategic Plan is

brought to the board for formal action.

- J. Landowner communications – Discussion above in Strategic Plan/Public Outreach discussion.
- K. Discussion of Revised Board Policy Manual – Board Policy Manual is under revision at this time and will be brought back for board review in the coming months.
- L. Discussion of Board Planning Calendar – No updates at this time preparing for landowner meetings at this time.

4. Director and Staff Reports

- A. President's Report – Attended WID Board Meeting and Water Advisory Meeting.
- B. General Counsel Spaletta – Reviewed extreme drought issues from SWRCB. The unavailability and methodology and the correcting. Policy issues will be discussed the first week of June.
- C. District Manager/Engineer – No report at this time.
- D. Committee Reports – No report at this time.
- E. Other – No reports at this time.

5. Public Comment – Public comments were addressed.

6. Closed Session – The Board entered into Closed Session at 4:15 pm.

7. Adjournment - The Board came out of Closed Session at 4:35 pm. President Valente reported there was no reportable action. Motion to adjourn the NSJWCD Regular Meeting on May 24, 2021 made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Flinn. Motion passed 4/0/0. Meeting adjourned 4:36 PM.

The next regular scheduled Board Meeting June 28, 2021, from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Location and method TBA due to COVID-19 Executive Order.

The above minutes of the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting of May 24, 2021.

Respectfully submitted:

Shasta Burns, Deputy Secretary