

**BRADFORD RECLAMATION DISTRICT 2059**

**Meeting Minutes**

**For a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

**Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 10:00 AM**

**Electronic/Teleconference Meeting - No Physical Location**

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, the physical meeting requirements of the Brown Act have been lifted due to concerns related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Therefore, all members of the Board of Trustees, the District Manager, District Engineer, District Counsel, District Consultants, and interested members of the public will join the meeting via phone/video conference and no physical locations are required at this time.

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**Board President:** Rob Davies  
**Trustees:** Bill Hall  
Brian Elliff - absent  
Kevin Finta  
Smith Cunningham

**Other's Present:** Legal Katie Lucchesi, Engineer Blake Johnson, District Manager, Angelia Tant, and John Bliss from SCI.

**Landowners:** Gene Lewis, Henrick Mann, Michael Craig, Cate Kuhne, Gene Lewis, Sarah Davis, Charles Louie.

**10:00 A.M. Convene, Call to Order, and Determine a Quorum – President Davies determined a quorum was present via verbal confirmations of Trustees Hall, Finta, and Cunningham. Trustee Elliff was absent.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Charles Louie asked about lose cattle on the island and the property directly next to him and expressed that he has a picture of the cow. Katie advised that this is a landowner issue. The District does not have authority over trespassing and he would have to contact the Sherriff's department.

Henrick Mann – Asked a question regarding the ferry schedule. President Davies expressed that he would have Angelia adjust the schedule on the District website to match the normal Ferry hours of 9-5 and one hour for them to be off.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**D.1 DISTRICT ASSESSMENT PROP 218 PROCESS:**

a. Presentation by SCI Consulting Group introducing Prop 218 Process – Engineer John Bliss thanked everyone in attendance and described his background. John expresses that there are three (3) sides to this process.

1. Political
2. Engineering
3. Legal

John expressed that he will go through the slides are read the titles allowed for those not logged into the video GO To Meeting. John expressed that we are here today because the District's current Prop. 218 will sunset on June 30, 2020. John described the assessment process and that goal is to replace dollar for dollar what is expiring. John advised that idea is to continue the level of maintenance and services that has been going on.

John gave an overview of Prop. 218 and expressed that he was happy to go into detail with anyone that has any questions. John expressed that each firm's calculations are conducted in a different manner then other engineering firms.

John explained the differences between special benefits and general benefits and that the three (3) main factors their engineering firms looks at are:

1. Flood Risk Factor – Areas of High Risk would pay more because they are benefiting more
2. Flood Damage Factor – If you have an existing residence or structure that is higher value then it would be assessed higher, and if it is a vacant, dirt lot, it would be at a low risk and you should pay less.
3. Shared Facility Factor – Due to the shape and characteristics of Bradford Island, if the island was damaged in one way, it would affect the entire island. If there was a breach of the levee, it would flood everyone's property relatively equally.

The land Usage was discussed by John. There were five (5) Land Use Codes Discussed:

1	Single Family Residential	1.000	170.97 each + < =0.25 acres
2	Commercial/Industrial	1.274	217.81 acre
3	Agricultural	0.442	75.58 acre
4	Vacant	0.181	30.97 each + < =0.25 acres
5	Non-Assessable	0.000	0.00 acre

Landowner Sarah Davis requested that the next report show what landowners paid historically and what will be proposed. Sarah would like something in bullet points on what led to the classification of each property.

Landowner Henrick Mann – Mr. Mann states that the map with the color coding is so small and requested that John go through what each color meant. Mr. Bliss described the figure and what each color represented for each parcel classification. Mr. Mann would also like to see the financial status of the district is and what the financial status would look like if the current assessment sunsets. Henrick Mann also requested that staff provide a copy of the current District Budget

Mr. Bliss discussed the map coloring:

Purple and Blue – Vacant Single-Family Home - Smaller and look like they were laid out for recreational

Yellow – RD2059 Property owned – The RD does not assess themselves

## Green – Agricultural

Landowner Cate Kuhne – Ms. Kuhne questioned the general benefit assigned and stated the previous Prop 218 did not include any general benefit. Mr. Bliss explained that he included a conservative percentage of general benefit because there can be other unforeseen benefits to others. Ms. Kuhne referenced that debt reduction for the pump station is still occurring even though the historical budget showed this would be paid by a certain date. Mrs. Kuhne questioned whether the Sunset Clause would be discontinued. Mr. Bliss explained that he recommends that the sunset clause expire and not be included in the next assessment because the District costs are going to continue into the foreseeable future and it just costs the District consulting fees to have to do new Prop 218 assessments each time. Mr. Bliss said that if a sunset clause was included, that he would recommend the length be much longer than the previous 5-year term.

Landowner Gene Lewis provided some input with regards to the Prop. 218.

Smith Cunningham provided his input with regards to the Prop. 218 and expressed that he was a part of the budget meetings and expressed that he feels that the District can re assess the budget and reduce the engineering, and that the District doesn't need to pay a District Secretary and that this position is typically non paid.

John Bliss also discussed including a CPI factor to adjust for cost of living increases. Mr. Bliss explained the Sunset Provision and that these costs for maintenance are not going to go away. The District is going to spend this money annually and the Prop. 218 will just cost the district more money. The District is paying an estimated amount of \$40,000.00 for this current Prop. 218. Mr. Bliss went over the Notice and Ballot and how the process of the voting will work. The plan is that on June 23, 2020 the Ballots will be counted, and Mr. Bliss expressed that they will do their best to keep the votes confidential.

John continued to go through the presentation and answer public questions.

### **D.2 REPORTS/COMMENTS:**

a. Trustees – No Trustees Comment

b. District Secretary – Nothing to report at this time

b. Engineer – Nothing to report at this time

c. Attorney – Due to Governor's Coronavirus Order the Brown Act Requirement was lifted and the board was able to meet by phone. The Encroachment Regulations Committee meetings will also be postponed until the shelter-in-place orders have been lifted and will be rescheduled at that time.

**ADJOURNMENT @ 11:59:** Next meeting to be held **Tuesday, May 5, 2020** (Cinco De Mayo)