# BRADFORD RECLAMATION DISTRICT 2059 SPECIAL Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 7:00 PM

### There was 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 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.

Please attend this meeting via computer, tablet or by phone at the address and phone number below:

Tuesday, June 23 at 7:00pm

Online: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/300666061

Call in +(872) 240-3212 Access Code: 300-666-061

Board President: Rob Davies - Present Trustees: Bill Hall - Present

> Brian Elliff - Absent Kevin Finta - Present

Smith Cunningham - Absent

Other's present: Attorney Katie Lucchesi, Engineer Blake Johnson, Levee Superintendent Ronald Mijares and District Manager/Secretary Angelia Tant was taking the meeting minutes Landowners present and visible online: Cate Kuhne, Michael Hamman (Historical Landowner) and Sarah Davis. Landowners who volunteered attendance, Michael Craig, and Jerry Kinnaman, There was a number of other identifiable landowners heard online. However, they chose not to disclose themselves during role call of attendees.

7:00 P.M. Convene, Call to Order, a Quorum was determined

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### D.1 Prop 218 Community Meeting: Informational Workshop on Proposed Assessment

Engineer John Bliss introduces himself and outlines his roll. John Bliss also introduces staff and expresses that they are available for assistance. John Bliss goes over the balloting process and expressed that he spoke with property owners and expressed that his firm was able to mail out the ballots. John expresses that to date, he had received a total of four (4) ballots.

Angelia, Katie and Blake expressed that they had nothing to add. President Davies expressed that he received his ballot, easy to understand and mailed it back already. Further expressed that there should be nothing hard about understanding it that it was very simple and straight forward.

Landowner Cate Kuhne expressed that she felt that this meeting was for landowners' comments and she felt that there isn't anyone on the meeting. John responded and advised her that he put the meeting notice in with the ballot information so that everyone had an opportunity to join the meeting.

Attorney Katie Lucchesi announced that there was an anonymous letter sent to the district that identified some points with regards to the Prop. 218. Katie expressed that the letter identified other things however, she can only go over the items relative to the Prop. 218 due to the meeting being about the Prop. 218 only. Katie expressed that she would go over the questions and read questions aloud.

John Bliss gave some clarification on the Boat Club question that was outlined in the letter. John expressed that the boat club has a benefit, and they look at what is the use of the property. Essentially, he expressed that they have three (3) main

usages. John expressed that agriculture is was one of those codes. The reason they re-categorized the boat club, was due to the fact that it looked like a residential piece of property from and aerial view. John expressed that someone pointed out that it was a boat club. John expressed that it appeared to be subdivided, and the land classification was based on the use and not the ownership.

John responded to the what if the Prop. 218 doesn't pass question in the letter and expressed that it would be a challenge for the board as far as budget and other sources of income. Katie expressed that if it did not pass, they would have to come back to the board and look at the other alternatives for sources of income and that could also be grazing rights.

Landowner Cate Kuhne expressed that the 1<sup>st</sup> Prop. 218 took two (2) efforts to pass, this was not something new. The fact that the question about the ferry had been bantered about for years. Are we going to have a ferry or not was the question and this had been out there forever. Cate Kuhne further expressed that we had looked at it for years and that this was one of the big issues with the last prop. 218. The last prop. 218's vote was why landowners no longer pay for the ferry toll and the ferry hanger was issued. Cate Kuhne inquired on if the hanger would still be portion of the next prop. 218 and landowners would still not have pay to get back on the ferry. If the Prop. 218 failed, would this be re addressed. Attorney Katie Lucchesi expressed that there has been no discussion on the hanger, and it would have to come back to the board for discussion.

John expressed that the \$213k proposed assessment is disconnected from any details like the hanger. John expressed that the prop. 218 had been written to be used for items such as services, maintenance, and operations of some capital improvement of maintenance and drainage.

President Davies expressed that the ferry is needed, and the property is useless with out the ferry. President Davies expressed that we have dealt with this over and over again over the years. President Davies expressed that the ferry is used to bring equipment over, to conduct maintenance on the island and allow property owners to access their property.

John Bliss inquired on when there maybe a future public meeting to have a face to face.

Katie asked for direction from the board on the letter that was received. President Davies expressed that he would like to review and have some time to digest it before it was on any agenda. Trustee Finta agreed and requested a copy of the letter to have time to review the letter.

Landowner Cate Kuhne thanked the board and expressed that some people did not take advantage of this opportunity to address their questions.

John Bliss announced that July 28, 2020 will be the public hearing and there will be the ability to ask questions. Katie announced that she is anticipating that we maybe able to have a future fact to face meeting. Katie expressed that the district has been in communication with the Fair Grounds and they are only allowing 12 people at this time. Katie expressed that the district will continue to look into the alternatives for a face to face meeting if the County Orders will allow it.

## ADJOURNMENT at 7:36 PM: