

BRADFORD RECLAMATION DISTRICT 2059
Meeting Minutes for
For a SPECIAL Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 7:00 PM
Location: 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:

Wednesday, July 22 at 7:00pm
On Line: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/498346285>
Call in 1 (224) 501-3412
Access Code: 498-346-285

Board President: Rob Davies - Present
Trustees: Bill Hall – Present
Brian Elliff – Not on the call
Kevin Finta – Present
Smith Cunningham – Present

Present: Landowners Esther and Gene Lewis Present by Video: District Manager Angelia H. Tant, John Bliss, SCI Engineering, Attorney Katie Lucchesi, Engineer Blake Johnson, Brandon Vanleuven, SCI Engineering, Landowner Cindy Hall, Sarah Davis, Larry White, Nedim Tosyail, Christopher Kenny with Bay View Boat Club, and Cate Kuhne, by phone Michael Craig, Henrick Mann, Cindy Windsor Bay View Boat Club, and Ezra Lange.

7:00 P.M. Convene, Call to Order, and Determined a Quorum

DISCUSSION ITEMS

D.1 Prop 218 Community Meeting: Informational Workshop #2 on Proposed Assessment -

John Bliss thanks the members of the board, public and property owners. John introduces his firm and goes over what his firm does and what they have been hired for. This is the second community meeting that the District is having for the Prop. 218. The board voted approximately a month ago to go forward with the Prop 218 balloting. SCI has mailed out the ballots with a secure envelope. John announces that they have had approximately 10-15 ballots returned and that the process is going along well. John goes over the balloting procedures and the process for the counting of the ballots at the Public Hearing on July 28th. Brandon and John will tabulate the ballots, if landowners do not return a ballot, those ballots will not be counted. The number of votes per ballot depends on the assessment amount for each parcel. An example would be if you pay \$1,000 in assessments then you would have 1,000 votes. They will total the yes and no votes. Once the total is tabulated, it will be memorialized in a resolution.

Sarah Davis inquires on how the votes will be tabulated. Sarah expressed that historically, this would be done at the Antioch Fair Grounds. We are constrained by county policy on gatherings and by the Fairgrounds on how many people that we can have in the room. To comply, we can only have in the room, the board of trustees, the staff and consultants. The District plans to tabulate the ballots, others will be participating and able to watch by camera. The tabulation will be done in a public view. SCI will have replacement ballots available at the fairgrounds if they are needed. Landowners are also able to vote and put their ballot into the ballot box on the day of the meeting. Katie expressed that this meeting is not for public attendance, however, the ballot box will be outside the door for people to be able to place their ballots into, but landowners may only participate by a virtual meeting.

Larry White expressed that one or two (2) participants are not on mute and he can hear some paper wrestling and people in the background. John Bliss would like to go around and introduce everyone online. Katie expressed that John did a good job of explaining the process and felt it would be a good time to turn it over to the public.

Landowner Michael Craig would like to know if the ballots will be made a public record and would like to know if they will be posted on the district website. Katie expressed that the document will be a public record but private information will have to be redacted. However, the district would not be posting the ballots on the website. Landowner Michael Craig inquired on if a public records request needed to be made.

Henrick Mann inquired on if this would be posted on the website such as he saw in the past. It was a list of landowner's names, APNs and the outcome of the votes. District Counsel reiterated that the actual ballots and votes made by each individual landowner will not be posted, but results by APN will be shared. Henrick Mann asked John to go over the options on if the votes are not passed.

Landowner Sarah Davis would like to know if some people have a larger number of votes then others seems like an antiquated system. John responds this being a special assessment and this is the method that every Reclamation District uses, and it is required for this type of Prop. 218 assessment. Sarah inquires on if it is a dollar a vote and the response is yes. A residential has a higher rate, then commercial and then agricultural. It is a dollar per vote. Sarah feels that this public forum is great and she expresses that the politics of the island and what the island wants isn't covered.

Cate Kuhne expressed that her question piggy backed what Sarah Davis expressed. Cate Kuhne has two (2) questions and she outlines those two questions to John Bliss about proportionality and general vs. special benefit. Cate expressed that John identified certain properties and changed the code of these properties. John responded to Cate's questions that the Engineer can identify each parcel by type and justify it in the Engineer's report. John expressed that he stands by his Engineers report methodology.

John explained the methodology and the use of the property is determined by the Engineer. John expressed that he looks at the county records, the arial reports and other information to determine the use code. John expressed that he is happy to meet with landowners and review additional information if they believe that he has categorized their property incorrectly. Katie expressed that Prop. 218 needs to be supported by a detailed engineers report. Katie expressed that the financial side needs to be justified and supported as well.

Gene Lewis has a question on page 7 of the minutes of the meeting. On the last page, there is a one sentence description. Board ended up with a formal vote that was as follows:

1. 2 year sunset
2. 8% reduction in budget

Katie expanded on the explanation to Gene Lewis, expressed that these minutes he referenced were in DRAFT Format, and had not been reviewed or approved by the board. Angelia expressed that those meeting minutes were requested by Trustee Smith Cunningham and in the email it was explained that those where DRAFT Meeting Minutes not approved by the board.

President Davies comments that there appears to be misinformation being spread by landowners. The Board had included a 2 year sunset provision in the proposed assessment as requested by certain landowners. He reiterated that it is important that landowners vote and share their opinion because there could be significant consequences. Without proper funding the District could lose levee services, reduce ferry service days, flood risk can go up and he was on the island during the 1983 flood.

Christopher Kelly from the Boat Club wanted to express his support for the proposed assessment.

Michael Craig expressed that funding cutbacks could lead to dewatering of the island because running the pumps is not covered by State funding. Parcels could be completely inundated with water if the District's pumps don't run.

ADJOURNMENT 8:01 PM: