

BRADFORD RECLAMATION DISTRICT 2059
Meeting Minutes
For a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. (P.S.T.)
Location: Antioch Fair Grounds
1201 West 10th St Antioch, CA

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders, the physical meeting requirements of the Brown Act have been lifted due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The State and Contra Costa County Orders have prohibited public gatherings, so physical attendance by members of the public is not possible at this time. Therefore, interested members of the public may participate in the meeting via phone/video conference. Please Contact the District Manager at angelia_bradford@sbcglobal.net or (925)209-5480 with questions or if accommodations are necessary.

Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone at:

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Board President: Rob Davies

Trustees:

Bill Hall

Brian Elliff

Kevin Finta

Smith Cunningham

Other's Present: District Engineer Blake Johnson, Levee Superintendent Ronald Mijares, Attorney Raquel Hatfield, District Manager/Secretary Angelia Tant is taking the meeting minutes – **Landowners:** No landowners announced that they were online

10:02 A.M. Convene, Call to Order, and Determine a Quorum

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT ITEMS (Items listed as C.1 through C.3 on this Agenda) – M/S/P Hall/Elliff/Finta by with all in favor and zero opposed

C.1 MEETING MINUTES: Review Board meeting minutes.

Attachments: RD 2059 Meeting Minutes from April 14, 2021

C.2 PAYROLL: Review Appropriation warrant for \$8,000.00 deposit to Replenish Payroll Account.

Attachments: Payroll documents for two (2) Employees

C.3 GENERAL WARRANTS: Review Warrants for General Expenses/Work Agreements

Attachments: List of Warrants

DISCUSSION ITEMS

D.1 CONSENT AGENDA: No Consent Items were removed from Consent Agenda for Discussion.

D.2 DWR LONG TERM MITIGATION: Blake reported on the following items:

a. Purchase of a Herbicide Sprayer, Utility Vehicle and Storage container – Cost for Storage Container is an estimated \$2,000 - \$4,000; Cost for a Utility Vehicle was discussed, Blake reported that there are several

different models in the estimated price ranges of \$13,600 - \$18,000. Blake reported the utility vehicles carry an approximate weight of 1000 lbs and towing capability is approximately 2000 lbs. Cost out the door is \$14,500 for a Kawasaki model and is considered to be a three (3) seater. Reported that was another Kubota model that costs approximately \$13,000 + tax and license. President Davies inquired on if Blake inquired about the Military version that Trustee Cunningham brought up at a prior meeting. Blake responded by expressing that he had looked into this. Reported that they had high mileage, damage, rust, etc... Blake reported that the maintenance could be a nightmare on these military vehicles. Trustee Elliff inquired on what the warranty was on the utility vehicles. Blake reported that the District could purchase an extended warranty for approximately \$1,500. Trustee Elliff provided input expressing that he felt that Kubota seemed to be taking over the equipment market and expressed that they had a local repair shop that could conduct repairs. Trustee Finta provided input expressing that maintenance and parts availability is a big part in the purchasing decision of a utility vehicle.

M/S/P by Elliff/Davies/Finta/Hall with all in favor and one abstaining Smith Cunningham, Trustee Cunningham stating that not enough information was being provided for him to vote. The motion allows for the District Manager/Secretary to write a check of up to \$18,000 payable to Kubota for the utility vehicle and a two (2) year warranty. The District Manager/Secretary will seek reimbursement from the State. The State will reimburse the District within an estimated 30 days.

The District Engineer discussed sending out a request for qualifications (RFQ) to establish a list of qualified construction contractors to assist the District to eradicate blackberries along mitigation site fence line (\$25k). Blake reported that he would have a list of qualified contractors to conduct work on the island.

M/S/P by Hall/Elliff/Finta/Davies/Cunningham with all in favor and zero opposed to allow for the District Engineer to put a list of qualified contractors together. Allowing the District Engineer/District Manager/Legal to work together to put together a contractor list to go from.

District's legal inquired about the maintenance for the Blackberry bushes. Blake reported that the District's Levee Superintendent was able to rent some equipment to knock over some of the blackberry bushes.

D.3 FERRY MATTERS:

a. Report from President Davies on Ferry Damages and Repairs – President Davies Reported:

- Expiration Date to coincide with the Prop 218 expiration date of 07/2022. Ferry Passes – The pass will expire when the 218 expires if the prop 218 passes, then the pass is still good for use.
- Ferry Placard NEW Color of Ferry Pass
- Landowners having to pay to take the ferry if they are delinquent on their property taxes
- Landowners with Delinquent Assessments, have Legal DRAFT Letter for Assessment Delinquencies
- Grant – President Davies reported that the Ferry District could get up to \$60k in funding. President Davies reported that they are 2/3 of the way into the process of the Grant Application. The money has to go into the ferry repairs and the Ferry needs ramp repairs, decking repairs, and could be used to paint the entire ferry reported President Davies. It was further reported that they are proceeding forward with the county.
- President Davies voiced concerns of a boat tied on with rope that could potentially be an issue with the new drought barrier installation. The Ferry Authority Manager and Ferry Captain also voiced a concern with regards to this same matter with the Board President.

D.4 ENCROACHMENT REGULATIONS: Tabled

a. Encroachment Committee meetings postponed until the COVID-19 meeting restrictions are lifted.

D.5 DELTA LEVEE MAINTENANCE SUBVENTIONS PROGRAM FOR 2021/2022:

a. 2021-2022 Delta Levee Maintenance Subventions Program Application Amounts By Priority (Amounts Awarded)- The District Engineer gave a brief report on this and expressed that this is not guaranteed and if the State does not have this money, the District may not get this amount and expressed it's good to have in there just in case.

D.6 STAKEHOLD OUTREACH RPP PLANNING:

a. Possible Wildfire Assistance for the District – CDF Regarding Fire Protection – The District Engineer provided a brief report on this subject. Blake reported that he had spoken with Dave Forkel with Webb Tract and Dave also expressed that they are in the same situation as the District with no fire protection nor equipment to fire fight. Dave expressed to Blake that he would be willing to work with the District in coming together with an MOU. Blake reported that he was looking into a CalFire Grant however this was only for urban areas. President Davies expressed that the Governor is coming up with more funding for the fires. Trustee Elliff expressed that our Island appeared to be getting a little more poplar and has an increased amount of traffic. Brian Expressed that we may be able to get more fire services if we had a road out to the island with regards to the Salinity barrier coming. Brian Elliff gives a brief report on his personal opinions on how to increase the value of the property with a bridge and a gate being installed in the next five (5) years and expressed that he personally feels that this would cost less than the ferry. Brian Elliff feels that have a gate guard could potentially be cheaper than running the ferry.

D.7 REQUESTING COUNTY SUPPORT FOR STATE SPECIAL DISTRICT COVID 19 RELIEF

a. Board Discussion & Decision on Participation M/S/P by Elliff/Hall/Davies/Finta with all in favor and one NO by Trustee Cunningham.

D.8 EMERGENCY DROUGHT BARRIER

a. Existing Permit – Provided to the Board for review prior to the Board meeting
b. New Permit Conditions add addendum re: Ferry Damage Repairs – Include addendum into existing permit with regards to ferry damages and repairs.
c. Construction Project – Blake discussed the upcoming drought barrier project. The Board authorized to allow for the District Manager to continue to notify the landowners of DWRs upcoming visits to the island. Blake reported that historically, we had a difficult time getting the velocity data from the State. Blake reported that the State was supposed to conduct a Biometric survey, one historical and one recent to do a comparison on scouring. Blake reported that there are two (2) gentleman that are on the project from last year and then there are some newer staff in which Blake reported updating historical issues with the project.

D.9 LEVEE SUPERINTENDENT:

a. Ron reported that there was a power pole installed out on the island and further reported that landowner Jake Cruz owes the District an encroachment permit. Mr. Curz reported to Ron that he had a permit in had to sign and turn in however, had not done so yet. Ron reported that he is only running the larger pump at this time. Ron reported that there is an issue with the Willow trees being overgrown on the fence line at the Mitigation site. Ron reported that the workers hired from the state do not have chain saw certificates yet. Ron reported that he assisted with clear 800 ft along the fence line with a rented excavator. Ron expressed that he would like to purchase a tow behind mower for the utility vehicle.
b. Report on Ongoing Vegetation Control

D.10 ANNUAL DISTRICT BUDGET:

a. The Board of Trustees appointed an Annual Committee to work with District Manager/District Engineer for Annual District Budget – M/S/P by Elliff/Hall/Finta/Davies/Cunningham with all in favor and zero opposed

- District Engineer Blake Johnson
- Angelia Tant – District Manager
- Trustee Hall

REPORTS:

a. **Trustee** – Trustee Elliff – Courtesy Notice to Farmers Re: Electrical UTV Program for 2059. The State is reimbursing a certain percent for Farmers

b. District Secretary: Angelia Tant Reported:

1. District Financials
2. Summary of Activity Report
3. Property Owner's Delinquent Assessment Report
4. Annual Property Tax Assessments – Will be submitting the annual tax rolls for collection to the Contra Costa County

c. Engineer Blake Johnson Reported:

1. Rock Slope Protection needed at Northwest Corner of Island – Landowner Georgianna Archmiede reported that there was some significant rip rap missing and reported that the Levee Superintendent provided the District Engineer with some pictures of the site. District Engineer reported wanting to repair this site prior to the barrier coming in and having this site change as a result of the barrier install.
2. Blake reported that he would be purchasing AB aggregate base rock for district roadway.
3. There are two (2) Permits for Landowner(s) Scott Diamond & Jerry Kinnaman that Blake would need to finalize this upcoming week. Blake goes over the scope of work for both permits.
4. Mosquito & Vector – Blake reported that he hasn't spoken with them in over a month or so. Blake provided a report with regards to historical communication with Mosquito & Vector Control and the share of cost that they are proposing. Trustee Smith Cunningham expressed that they District may have some liability that they may want to look into with regards to making decisions on behalf of landowners properties for spraying. The District Manger reads from an email received from the Mosquito and Vector to the Board of Trustees.

Subject: Re: Mosquitos

Hello Angelia,

Currently, our District has not been servicing Bradford Island at the request of the Bradford Board and certain landowners. To my knowledge, our previous General Manager, Program Supervisor, and technician responsible for that area met with your Board and offered help and were requested to not step foot on the island. In addition, our technician was shot at while on a neighboring island. This is all water under the bridge from my point of view, just offering historical context.

Our District has a new General Manager and I have been the Program supervisor for several years and an employee of the district for 19 years.

To answer your question, yes, your island does pay property taxes. Our District receives approximately \$3,400 annually.

Our mosquito program is 99.99% larvicidal and .01% Adulticiding. Your island presents several operational restrictions.

Currently, you have large numbers of *Aedes washinoi* for us to bring them under control we would need to fog. We fog at dawn or dusk depending on the species of mosquito. The ferry operates from 9am to 5am which precludes us from being able to get a truck over there to fog. This leaves us with a helicopter option which total cost of \$6,000. This provides treatment for existing mosquitos and not for any new mosquitos.

Our District wants to create a short-term/long-term plan, it would not be appropriate to just fog each year without a source reduction plan in place.

I want to get out there and help asap, I need to be able to assure the safety of my employees and that we are all on the same page moving forward. Our District establishes contracts with landowners and other agencies within contra costa county that need services that are above and beyond. I hope this is helpful, if you need anything else please let me know, my goal is to get the helicopter out next week.

Thank you

d. Attorney

1. Update on COVID Orders – It was reported that the Governor is anticipating lifting the order with restrictions on June 15, 2021. Legal counsel suggested that the Board hold the meeting in person for July 2021.
2. Board Approval to Spend Legal Fees on Investigation – There were no further updates at this time.

ADJOURNMENT at 11:36 AM: Next meeting to be held **Tuesday, July 6, 2021 – The meeting date will change to July 13, 2021 will be the next board Meeting date in person.**

Next Board Meeting Agenda Items:

Bridge and Roadway

Order Ferry Hangers- New Color - Expiration Date for Hangers

Spend Funds to have legal draft a property owner letter re: Ferry Hangers for NON Assessment Payers

Purchase Tow Behind Mower

Enter into a Contract with the California Conservation Corps – Blake Johnson

Fire Protection MOU with the DFA

EDB Permit Amendments

Annual Budget Adoption

Time Frame for Prop. 218