

Bradford Reclamation District 2059

Meeting Minutes

For a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. (P.S.T.)

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 or by coming to the address below

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Bethel Island, CA 94511

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 849 3013 3262

Board President: Rob Davies
Trustees: Bill Hall
Kevin Finta
Smith Cunningham
Charles Louie

10:00 A.M. The meeting was convened, a quorum was determined:

Present: Attorney, Raquel Hatfield, Engineer, Blake Johnson, Levee Superintendent, Ronald D. Mijares, District Manager/Secretary Angelia H. Tant is taking meeting minutes. Landowners present, Larry White, and landowner Brain Elliff.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS, there were no public comments

CONSENT ITEMS (Items listed as C.1 through C.3 on this Agenda) M/S/P by Hall/Louie with all in favor and zero opposed to adopt all consent items.

C.1 MEETING MINUTES: Review Board meeting minutes.

Attachments: RD 2059 Meeting Minutes from the December 06, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

C.2 PAYROLL: Review Appropriation warrant for \$10,000.00 deposit to Replenish Payroll Account.

Attachments: Payroll documents for three (3) 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.

D2 FERRY MATTERS/TICKET SALES:

- a. Ticket Pricing for Walk-Ons – M/S/P by Finta/Hall with all in favor and zero opposed that walk ons will be paying \$7.75 per ticket. The District's vote includes a waiting period of thirty (30) days to be effective on 02/10/2023. The motion is to include some legal language regarding bicycles, motorized bikes and non-motorized bicycles and or any other type of rideable elements. The District Manager/Secretary is to send a notice out to the landowners outlining the new ticket pricing for walk ons, the effective date and the language provided by the District's legal counsel. President Davies commented that he spoke with Bruce the Ferry Captain and the new pricing and sales for tickets went great.
Public Comment by Brian Elliff: Brian felt that the Board should take into consideration a new Senate Bill # 2594 that was passed and would be going into effect regarding veterans and people who held purple hearts to have free rides on the ferry. There was a comment made that this bill would take effective in 2025. Brian made a suggestion of a walk on ticket price being \$5.00 per walk on. Brian felt that this would be a fair price for families struggling with economic matters. There was brief discussion on autos being parked on Jersey Island Road temporarily and over night and the concerns. Blake commented that the District's levee regulations outline that there is no parking on the District's levees.
Public Comment with Larry White from the Boat Club, wanted to ensure that there is a clear path with bicycles.
- b. Kevin Sharp's Invoice - The Board discussed the invoice and the fact that the District needed to pursue a claim with the auto's insurance company for any claims made for the district.
- c. Personal Claim(s) for Damages – Landowners will have to personally pursue their own individual claims with the insurance company.

D.3 2022/2023 ANNUAL BUDGET COMMITTEE:

- a. Budget Committee update by Blake Johnson – Tabled
- b. Discuss DRAFT Proposed Budget & Adopt Annual Budget – Tabled

D.4 DWR LONG TERM MITIGATION:

- a. Project Update provided by Blake Johnson, Blake reported that the State has up to 2.5 million dollars to maintain the Mitigation Site (Tract 17). The District would get a PFA (Project Funding Agreement) from the State (DWR) and the District would be running the project. The District would take the original plans that had been provided during the original construction and work within that scope of work outlined. Blake reported that a new fence would be built and that there was a requirement for total acreage of mitigation site. It was reported that, this project would be 100% funded by the State (DWR).

D.5 Five Year Plan

- a. Project Update provided by Blake Johnson, there has been an extension provided on this project until March of 2023.

D.6 EMERGENCY DROUGHT BARRIER

- a. Report on Results from Geotechnical & Surveyor from District Engineer Blake Johnson, reported that the manufacturer has been assisting with getting the data up to date to provide to the District. Blake reported that there was some conversations that had to be made between himself and the DWR. The data will assist in determining if additional water had come in as a result of the barrier project. It was reported that the cracks on the barrier side of the island were a result of the barrier project. The District Engineer had instructed the Levee Superintendent Ronald Mijares to monitor the cracks and all other locations throughout the island with any other issues of concerns; during the storms. Trustee Louie had a question with regards to if there was a time frame to determine when the cracks would be addressed. Blake responded to the question and explained that had they taken the rock (rip rap) from the barrier project that they took out and placed it at the toe of the District's levees, this would have taken care of the issues. Blake explained that the DWR had taken the rock to another location. Trustee Louie inquired about the work needed on the North Side of the Island. Blake responded to the questions and explained that there would have to be some funding applied for and using the emergency grant funds (\$450,000) to repair the low spots.

b. Emergency Cracks Identified on the False River Side. Blake emphasized that the grant money is not guaranteed to be used for these repairs but expressed that it could be a possibility. Blake would have to ask for such permissions to do so.

D.7 LEVEE SUPERINTENDENT: DISCUSS/POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Report on Ongoing District Maintenance – Hole open up at 198 that was addressed on 01/09/2023. There are some other areas of work required. Ron reported that they picked up a spare and in the near future they would get to work on that. The pumps are currently working, and when he is off of the island he has other people checking the pumps for him. Ron addressed that Blake, Angelia and himself have been in contact with the OES and have been on the call on calls. Ron expressed that the district staff is monitoring the storms. Ron thanked everyone individually. President Davies outlined that we currently have both pumps running. President Davies expressed that he had received several calls from landowners regarding standing water on their property. President Davies expressed that he's been on the island over 30 years and certain parcels flood no matter what and outlined the following properties as being some of those: Mr. Mann, Kinnaman, Cunningham's, Hoover's, Flores', and Finta all flood every single year no matter what. There is now way for the water to get back to the ditches. President Davies expressed that the landowners need to understand that these properties do flood and the District has been working on getting power back to the pumps. Trustee Louie thanked the staff and board and expressed that he personally felt that everyone was doing a great job.
- b. Status on the purchase of Spray Rig & Sickle Bar.
- c. Hiring an on-call laborer for Pump Checks

D.8 REPAIR OF THROUGH SEEPAGE & BEAVER/RODENT DEN: Blake Johnson, PE reported:

- a. Update on Through Seepage (2 locations on north side of island, 1 location on west side of island) Blake reported that he would like to table this item. Blake expressed that OES, the Contra Costa County and the State of California has identified a state of emergency. Blake felt that FEMA would possibly come in and potentially pay for these sites to be report. Ronald Mijares expressed that the Mayor and Governor Newsom declared an emergency declaration that dated ten (10) days prior, back to the initial rains. Blake further expressed that he wanted to speak with legal counsel and other agencies regarding how to move forward with obtaining the funding. Blake conducting some additional research on the needs for muscle wall and reported that he will be requesting muscle wall from the DWR. Blake would like to monitor the need for this due to the fact that we have king tides coming in.
- b. Hiring of a Concrete Pumping Company to backfill rodent holes along False River levee and near the ferry landing.

D.9 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR WINTER:

- a. Update on Emergency Preparedness

REPORTS:

a. Trustee(s)

b. District Secretary: provided by Angelia H. Tant

1. District Financials – Profit and Loss
2. Summary of Activity Report – List of Incoming/Outgoing Correspondence. Notified the board that I had updated the letterhead with an updated version of the logo. Angelia suggested that the board find a logo designer to professionally design an updated logo due to it being out of date to use for the future.
3. Property Owner's Delinquent Assessment Report
4. Secretary's Report(s) provided throughout the month to the landowners.

c. District Engineer

1. Upcoming Grant from DWR – Multi-Benefit Project

2. PG&E power to island, Blake reported that we are currently still waiting on the electrical components due to arrive in February of 2023 to complete the electrical project. President Davies provided a brief report on the PGE power outages.

d. Attorney

1. Updates, Raquel Hatfield wished everyone a Happy New Year, and noted that she had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT 11:01 AM: Next meeting to be discussed Meeting **Date Tuesday, February 07, 2023**