

BRADFORD SECRETARY'S REPORT

06/29/2023

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BOARD MEETINGS:

The District's Next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 1st, 2023 at 10 A.M.

FERRY MATTERS:

The most recently adopted ferry ticket prices are still in effect.

IF YOU ARE HAVING A SPECIAL EVENT, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU GO TO THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE AND DOWNLOAD THE ADDITIONAL FERRY RUNS FORM, IF YOUR EVENT IS IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL FERRY RUNS. REMBER THAT OTHER PEOPLE ON THE ISLAND MAY ALSO BE HAVING GUESTS, PARTIES OR A LARGE EVENT AND NOT EVERYONE WILL FIT ON THE LAST FERRY RUN OF THE DAY.

PLEASE VISIT THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE WWW.BRADFORDIALND.COM AND GO TO THE FERRY TAB TO SEE MORE DETIALS.

- Have your guest purchase their tickets at the Valero Gas and Save
- Notify your guests of the last ferry run time and notify them that there is a chance that they may not fit on the ferry due to the limited # of autos allowed per ferry ride.
- For larger scale events, maybe look into assigning your guests with a leave time corilating with the ferry run time schedule.
- There is a chance that the ferry may not operate aftter the last run and landowners who did not get on the ferry may have to stay over night on the island.

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Today's board meeting's financials reported that the district brought in and spent the following:

Ferry Revenue:	
Ferry Toll	\$ 26,969.80
Total Revenue	\$ 26,969.80
Ferry Exenses:	
Printing Tickes & Hangers	\$ 2,487.83
Regular Assess. \$9 K per mo.	\$ 108,000.00
Pevious years payment	\$ (9,625.00)
Other Ferry Repairs	\$ -
Accounting for Ferry	\$ 6,750.00
Total Ferry Costs	\$ 107,612.83
Assessment Funds After Ferry	\$ (80,643.03)

The ferry did not make enough profit from its ticket sales to sustain the ferry expenditures. **-\$80,643**

DISTRICT'S MAJOR 2022/2023PROJECTS:

FEMA declared our District and county as a FEMA Disaster zone. As a result of the most recent emergency winter storms, the island sustained some significant damages. The District had to spend money to conduct some emergency repairs to ensure the safety and the integrity of the island, landowners, tenants, guests, animals, and other structures. Because the district did not have the funds in their account at the time the damages were sustained, and the proposition 218 not passing, the District ran out of funds and had to borrow from the Bank of Stockton.

As reported by the District's Engineer Blake Johnson at today's Board meeting, The District will be looking into different avenues of funding to get reimbursed for the out-of-pocket expenditures. The District's Engineer, Staff, consultants and the Board are currently working with FEMA on getting the District some immediate reimbursement funds and also future potential reimbursement(s).

The District paid \$58,055.01 for fire expenditures as a result of the 08/2021 Fire on the Island during this fiscal year.

Today's board meeting's financials reported the District spending the following money on larger scaled emergency projects and capital improvement projects on Bradford Island:

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Bank of Stockton Loan:	
Bank of Stockton Loan	\$ 390,000.00
Total Revenue	\$ 390,000.00
FEMA/Emergency Repairs:	
Emergency Cracks	\$ 33,125.40
FEMA Disaster Expenditures	\$ 151,557.58
Pump Station Repairs	\$ 84,089.97
Erosion/Slipouts Emerg. Work	\$ 108,145.64
	\$ -
Total FEMA & Emerg. Repairs	\$ 376,918.59
Net	\$ 13,081.41

DISTRICT BUDGETS OVERVIEW:

At today's board meeting, the District passed the 2022/2023 Budget. The District and the Board of Trustees had many obstacles adopting a budget with Proposition 218 not passing. Historically, The District had exact dollar amounts to implement budget and there were no delays in the adoption. Some of the difficult setbacks & challenges that the District's Board, consultants, and Staff experienced in their attempts are outlined as follows; however not limited to:

- Several meetings with SCI Consulting took place. The District requested the consultants advice on how to move forward with potentially adopting another proposition 218 and inquired on what guidelines the District had to follow to be in compliance to adopt and implement ferry ticket pricing.
- The Pre Budget meeting was held to DRAFT the Budget. This allowed for staff and consultants to prepare and finalize the DRAFT for the upcoming committee meeting(s). Typically, the District has one budget. The staff and consultants had to prepare several options this 2022/2023 fiscal year. One with the intent of the proposition being passed, another without the proposition 218 being passed. There were three (3) budget scenarios put out. Ferry Budget, Subventions Budget and General Budget. Each budget would have their own mechanism to fund itself. Ferry Budget with only Ferry Ticket Sales, Subventions Budget with only subventions funding and General where the \$158,257.80 would be used only for conducting the District's general operations and maintenance. Challenges with this, the STATE did not issue the subventions fund until 06/2023. The ferry ticket sales were not enough to sustain the ferry expenditures.
- There was research on the options on if the State were to take over and having this information available to provide during the committee meetings and regular board meetings.

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- Allowing time for the landowner(s) conducting proposition 218 public outreach to complete their negotiations with the landowners opposing to adopt proposition 218.
- Putting together the budget committee (Trustee's Hall/Finta/Engineer Blake Johnson, District Staff Angelia Tant, Landowner(s) Michael Criag, Michael Gonce & Jerry Kinnaman), coordinating budget meetings, inviting additional landowners to sit in on the budget committee meeting(s) and conducting a detailed overview of the District's financial status at these meetings.
- As the District Engineer announced at today's Board meeting, there was several attempts to adopt the budget and it was decided to allow time for a cooling off period, because of the heated proposition 218 discussions with landowners and texts that had been transpiring with those landowners.
- Board Meetings held to assign the ticket pricing & allowing for a thirty (30) day window to get enough notice out of the new ticket pricing. Trial period for these tickets sales and to address concerns and issues that arose with walk-ons, bike riders and other ferry ticket matters.
- FEMA Disasters, attending late afternoon, night and weekend meetings with OES, meetings with FEMA and dealing with other Island Emergencies, seepage matters and larger scale projects.
- The District had to request a loan from the Bank of Stockton and this took time for the approval from the Bank. There is a lot of work entailed and time required in getting the funding in place, recording the financial transaction with the contra costa county and driving to the County Office and the Bank of Stockton located in Stockton to get the transaction complete.
- State delayed funding this year. The State was two (2) years behind in issuing the subventions reimbursement funding. The District just received the 2020/2021 payment in the middle part of June 2023 (This month).

It's important to have adequate funding to prepare a balanced budget.

2023/2024 BUDGET:

The staff and consultants are working on putting together the DRAFT Budget for the **2023/2024 Fiscal Year**. We typically add this to the agenda and generate a template at the very end of June for the past fiscal year. **Meaning in this time frame.** The District's fiscal year ends on 06/30/2023. The **2023/2024 Budget DRAFT** is DRAFTED, a budget committee is assigned, the budget committee meets, and the budget goes to public meeting for board approval. Please follow the District's board meeting dates and times to follow the status of the annual budget adoption.

DISTRICT FINACIALS:

The District provides financials at every board meeting and they are available for the public's review. The District typically, does provide a year-to-date budget vs actual expenditures report on a quarterly basis. For this 2023/2024 Fiscal year, once the budget is adopted, the District will provide this report on a MONTHLY vs. Quarterly basis due to the financial state of the District.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

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The personal commitment that it takes to be a volunteer trustee on the board takes a lot of effort. The job has zero pay so it's really an effort of support and true empathy for the Island: coming from the Trustee. Some may have to take time off work or take time away from their own personal company to participate. It can be several hours upon hours of volunteer time a month. The Board President's position has more involvement and time. I just wanted to take this opportunity to recognize and thank our humble volunteers. Also, thanking all the historical landowners that served on the board as volunteered trustees.

Thank you.

HONORING THE LEGENDARY MEMORY OF A HISTORICAL TRUSTEE & LONG-TERM LANDOWNER:

Gene Lewis



Gene Lewis was a very humble and very sophisticated gentleman. Gene was always very well dressed, and you could often find him at the board meetings with a can of pop. He was always with his lovely wife Esther, whom we extend our condolences to, as well as his sons. Gene was a long-term landowner who took pride in his property. Gene for many years enjoyed visiting his property and bringing guests out on the island for leisure. He loved boating and you could see him out on the water in his boat showing his guests the island's views by water. Gene served as a Board Member on the Bradford Reclamation District Board for many years. When he wasn't serving on the board, he signed up for and participated in many different committees. Many moons ago, the District would have board meetings and Workshops. After them, everyone would go to dinner and have the best time together. My fondest memories of Gene were of him smiling and laughing. Gene would tell his funny stories during those dinners and all of us would be laughing.

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