

Bradford Reclamation District 2059

Meeting Minutes

For a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Monday, February 20, 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

Join Zoom Meeting

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Board President: Rob Davies

Trustees: Bill Hall

Kevin Finta

Smith Cunningham

Charles Louie

10:00 A.M. Convene, Call to Order, and Determine a Quorum

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Cattle issue on the Island Scott Diamond

DISCUSSION ITEMS

D1 FERRY MATTERS:

a. Ferry Use across Waters of the US - 20 Year Lease Agreement with the State Lands Commission M/S/P by Finta/Cunningham/Davies/Louie with all in favor and zero opposed to approve the ferry landing lease.

President Davies reported that the island was responsible for any infrastructure for any ferry ramps out outlined that there had been failures at the Bradford Island ferry ramp.

b. Public Ferry Rides for Non-Landowners (guests, trespassers)

President Davies outlines the issues of junk being brought onto the ferry and onto the island. President Davies expressed that the District paid a lot of money to repair the locations at the ferry landing. President Davies discussed the matters with the trespasser and the fact the these people had been bringing junk onto the island.

D.3 TRESSPASSERS:

a. Damages to the District's Levees (landowners, guests, trespassers)

Landowner Scott Diamond provided his input on the matter. Levee Superintendent expressed that the CHP had been contacted. There was a lengthy discussion with regards to the Cola family members inviting the trespassers onto the island. Levee Superintendent Ronald Mijares expressed that the Sherriff had recently been out to the island during an incident and did nothing. The Sherriff's expressed to Ron that this was a civil matter. Smith Cunningham expressed his opinion on the matter and expressed that the Sherriff's office and Marine Patrol should be called. Landowner Jake Cruz was asked to inquire on if anyone had spoken to the Ferry Captain on if he had any information on the squatters. Trustee Hall expressed that he had spoken to the executor of the Cola Property and no one is allowed to be on this property. Larry White from the Boat Club expressed that it would be a good idea to contact the Executor of the Cola Property and obtain the formal documents outlining that he is the Executor and that he hasn't given any permission.

There is a brief discussion on informing the executor and the neighbor Stephanie Foster on obtaining a restraining order. The District Manager expressed that each property owner (S. Foster and the Trustee to the Cola Property) should each obtain a civil restraining order and expressed that she would reach out to them and provide them with the Contra Costa County Superior Court Self Help Link to obtain one.

Blake Johnson, PE discusses the cattle matters on Bradford Island. Blake expressed that there had been consistent contact with the cattle owners regarding the ongoing matters with lose cattle on the island. Blake reported that he also called animal control and reported that the District had been corresponding with the cattle owner by text and issuing formal letters. Trustee Cunningham provided his recommendation with regards to the Trespassers out on Bradford Island.

Trustee Hall inquired on how we would stop anyone wanting to go onto the island to ride their quads around. President Davies expressed that the ferry is a public ferry. The land is a private island. The District Manager reads the language from the back of the ferry ticket. "All property on Bradford Island owned by private individuals and by agencies for a specific use. Any unauthorized access on any land on Bradford Island may be a trespass and could result in criminal or civil penalties. Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 602 or Civil Code Section 1708.88.

Landowner Jake Cruz recommended placing a sign at the ferry landing with the above language that is outlined on the back of the ferry ticket.

Blake expressed that he does not feel that the ferry staff would be able to monitor the trespassers. Landowner Scott Diamond provides his personal opinion on the Ferry staff mentoring the trespassers. Scott expressed that he felt that the staff on the ferry should monitor and enforce if someone has a pass to get on the island.

President Davies recommended tabling this item and when the verbiage for signage could be established then, a sign with that language should be placed on the Jersey Island side.

ADJOURNMENT 11:16 AM: Next meeting to be discussed Meeting **Date Tuesday, February 28, 2023**