



BRADFORD RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 2059

BOARD OF TRUSTEES • MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 | 10:00 AM – 12:27 PM | Proposition 218 Discussion

1. Call to Order and Attendance

The meeting began at 10:00 AM. A quorum was determined.

Trustees present: President Robert Davies; Trustee William Hall; Trustee Michael Craig. Trustees absent: Kevin Finta and Charles Louie.

District representatives: Engineer Blake Johnson, P.E.; District Manager/Secretary Angelia Tant (recording minutes).

Landowners identified in attendance: Karen Cunningham, Shawnie Cunningham, Jamie Eddy, Brian Elliff, Larry White, Alex Webster, Rick Wesson, and additional participants joining via Zoom.

SCI representatives participating by Zoom: John Bliss, Tristen Foley, and Heather (surname not recorded).

2. Proposition 218 Presentation

John Bliss of SCI reviewed the Proposition 218 process, ballot procedures, upcoming milestones, proposed rates and benefits, and the public hearing scheduled for November 4, 2025. He noted that the Board approved the updated Engineer's Report on September 16, 2025, and described that report as the required study establishing the proposed rates.

3. Landowner Questions and Discussion

Parcel charges and comparison with other districts. Shawnie Cunningham asked about the annual charge for her parcel. Engineer Johnson referenced the existing "CV" code on the property tax bill and explained that the amount had been established years earlier. In response to her question about what distinguishes Bradford Island from other reclamation districts, he identified the ferry. Ms. Cunningham questioned the fairness and effectiveness of the process; Mr. Johnson discussed the possibility of state intervention and stated that state maintenance would be limited to levees rather than the pump station, ferry, or ditches.

Webb Tract and ferry operations. President Davies discussed Webb Tract's anticipated rice production and a recent ferry discussion concerning whether Webb Tract should pay more during rice harvest. He also mentioned other repairs underway.

Ferry landing ownership and lease. Karen Cunningham asked who owns the submerged land beneath the ferry ramp. A response referred to oversight by the Army Corps and County. Brian Elliff relayed Scott Diamond's view concerning the age and possible state ownership of ferry landing parcels. Engineer Johnson stated that the California State Lands Commission leases ferry landing use to the District. District Manager Tant located the lease and read APNs 027-010-002, 026-050-030, and 026-060-018. A request was made to forward the lease to Brian Elliff, Jamie Eddy, and Karen Cunningham.



Ferry costs, flood protection and passes. Larry White observed that ferry costs remain the same regardless of individual landowner trips. Margaret Reed of Reed Leasing noted that the report discusses flood control and maintenance. John Bliss and Engineer Johnson explained the ferry's role in transporting personnel, contractors, inspectors and riprap for flood-protection work. Shawnie Cunningham disputed the Board's representations about the ferry. Trustee Craig stated that the ad valorem tax roll would cover the ferry and that ferry passes would be provided. Brian Elliff commented on the earning potential of larger parcels.

Potential state involvement and subventions. The District Engineer discussed a prior state presentation and the subventions program. Karen Cunningham requested minutes from the state-takeover meeting, which District Manager Tant emailed during the meeting. Brian Elliff stated that state involvement would not fund the ferry and could result in loss of the 75% subventions reimbursement.

Ballot delivery. Margaret Reed said she had not received her ballot. John Bliss read the address on file, which she confirmed was correct. Ms. Reed also requested the state-takeover meeting minutes.

4. District Manager's Funding and Process Explanation

- DWR is billed for ferry tickets associated with subventions-eligible maintenance.
- The proposed Proposition 218 assessment was described as funding island maintenance, not solely ferry operations. The existing ad valorem tax roll was described as the primary source for ferry costs, with a possible contribution from Proposition 218 funds for flood-control-related ferry costs or overruns.
- The District Manager stated that state intervention could increase landowner costs and affect eligibility for subventions and grant funding; these statements reflect the discussion recorded at the meeting.
- The District Manager stated that the ferry, ditches and pump station would still require landowner funding if the State assumed levee maintenance. Engineer Johnson had obtained a ditch-cleaning estimate.
- The District Manager outlined outreach to date: prior public meeting; emailed agenda and Engineer's Report; website postings; newsletter emailed, posted and mailed as appropriate; ballot mailing with an informational page; the October 7 meeting; and an additional public-comment meeting to come.

5. Additional Questions and Future Agenda Items

Shared resources. Shawnie Cunningham asked about sharing staff and maintenance with other districts. Engineer Johnson said the option had been explored. District Manager Tant referenced the LAFCO Municipal Service Review (MSR) addressing district consolidation.

Ditch cleaning. Karen Cunningham asked why the District did not hire or use equipment directly instead of pursuing a costly bid. District Manager Tant explained that a prior Levee Superintendent had rented an excavator and performed ditch cleaning in-house.

Assessment sunset or reduction. Karen Cunningham asked about a sunset provision. Engineer Johnson stated that the Board could vote to reduce the tax roll if the money was not needed.



Landowner collaboration. Rick Wesson proposed that landowners coordinate equipment rental and island work. President Davies noted that an agenda item for matters not on the current agenda had been suggested earlier in the meeting.

Other funding. John Bliss clarified that the proposed Proposition 218 assessment would be additional to existing tax rolls and other funding.

Historical minutes. Rick Wesson asked what meeting minutes were available online. The response indicated that minutes from 2020 onward were on the District website and that earlier or other requested minutes could be obtained through a public records request.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:27 PM. The source notes do not identify an adjournment motion, second, or vote.

Record note: These minutes have been professionally reformatted from the supplied meeting notes. No motions, votes, or decisions have been added where they were not recorded.

Prepared from meeting notes recorded by Angelia Tant, District Manager/Secretary.