

Bradford Reclamation District 2059
Meeting Minutes
For a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Wednesday, November 29, 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 bradford2059@gmail.com or (925)209-5480 with questions or if accommodations are necessary or by coming to the address below:

In person Board Meeting
1201 West 10th St. located in Antioch

ZOOM MEETING CALL IN

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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 was determined

Others Present: Attorney Raquel Hatfield by zoom, District Engineer Blake Johnson, District Manager/Secretary taking the meeting minutes, Landowners: Online Brian Elliff, In person, Michael Gonce, Rick Wesson, Alexander Webster, Michael Craig and Scott Diamond. There may have been others present online on the zoom meeting that did not announce themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Presentations or Non-Agenda subject matters brought up by the public on matters that are not on the agenda will not be within the District's jurisdiction to discuss. The District is prohibited by law from discussing issues not on the agenda and brought to them at this time. The subject may be added to a future agenda, or you may make a formal public records request through the District Secretary. The District's public records request form is located on the District's website along with the contact information.

Landowner Brian Elliff initially advised the board that he will be here in a little bit of time. Brian then requested that if there was someone else available to open the ballots then he would prefer this. Brian requested that if Landowner Alexander Webster was present that he open the ballots. Landowner Alex Webster agreed to opening up ballots in Brian's place.

Newer Landowner Rick Wesson commented that he had not received the voting ballot and he advised the board that he was going to exercise his rights and seek legal advice. The District Manager had his replacement ballot available at the board meeting and Landowner Rick Wesson was given the opportunity to go into the back and make a vote, his ballot is present. The Board of Trustees made a motion to allow for him to do so prior to the counting of the ballots. The District Manager/Attorney noted that every effort was made to allow Rick Wesson to vote. Landowner Rick Wesson was provided with his replacement ballot by email. District Secretary noted that an email came in after 5:30 PM on 11/24/2023 notifying the District that he had not received a ballot. There was an email trail showing that a ballot was provided on 11/28/2023 and was advised to cast his vote and was still within the deadline period. A follow up email was sent on 11/28/2023 to landowner Rick Wesson to see if he was going to be able to make it in to vote. Legal noted that she saw the email trails inquiring if Landowner Wesson would be coming in to vote and noted there was an emailed ballot attached. The response email from Landowner Rick Wesson noted that he was at a friend's Birthday Party and could not make it in.

Landowner Rick Wesson briefly discussed providing radios to other landowners and requested that an agenda item be added to the next board meeting to discuss doing so. Landowner Rick Wesson wanted to provide radios to other landowners at his cost. The Board President has allowed for the agenda item to be added to the next board meeting. The landowner was advised that this is not a district matter. The landowner Rick Wesson advised the District Manager that he did not have other landowners phone numbers and email addresses. The District Manager advised the landowner Rick Wesson that she was not allowed to provide confidential information to other landowners. However, she advised him that he could request whose information he wanted and she could request it.

Landowner Rick Wesson noted that he had requested that all contracts that are in place be provided to him by email. The District Manager requested that he re-forward the email to her requesting this information.

M/S/P add an agenda item: Hall/Finta/Davies Louie/Cunningham Abstaining
M/S/P Landowner Rick Wesson
Counsel not setting the president
Hall Not allowing him to vote
Louie Abstaining

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

- C.1 MEETING MINUTES: Review Board meeting minutes. Tabled**
Attachments: RD 2059 Meeting Minutes from the Special Board Meeting held Tuesday, October 10, 2023.
- 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
- C.4 CONSENT AGENDA: DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION on any Consent Items removed from Consent Agenda for Discussion**
- D.1 FERRY MATTERS/TICKET SALES: Report Provided by President Davies**
 - a. Updates on Ferry Matters – President Davies announced that there is an upcoming Ferry meeting coming up 11/27/2023, the agenda for the meeting is included in the board packet.
 - b. Ferry Committee Report (Rob Davies, Smith Cunningham, Bruce Kitchens, Blake Johnson) – Blake announced that the committee met and spoke about vehicles, number of trailers and axels. Blake explained that they came up with three (3) categories. Blake went over the categories. Blake also outlined

that they came up with an annual pass. Auto/Pedestrian/Bike/Motorcycles \$38.75 RV/Motorhome \$46.50 Vehicle's pulling trailers \$77.50 (Get this from Blake) President Davies outlined that the pulled trailer amount would be \$2,500.00 per year for whomever is on your deed this would be covered under your pass. President Davies outlined that if you have a son, daughter or wife on the spouse, they would be able to use it.

- c. Ferry Ticket Pricing – Scott Diamond inquired if there was a report run on the costs run for the ferry and what was collected historically to now. The response was yes.

Prop 218 Year, the landowners had a free ferry hanger pass issued and the amount paid was for non-landowners paying for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Tickets sold \$12,950

Non Prop. 218 year, 2021/2022 \$17,137.50

Non Prop. 218 year, 2022/2023 \$26,969.80

Non Prop. 218 year, 07/01/2023 - 06/30/2024 tickets sold to date is \$23,100

- d. Scott provided his personal opinion on the new ticket pricing. Scott expressed that with the new ticket pricing, the District just killed the island. Scott expressed that not a lot of visitors will want to come to the island due to the new ticket prices. Landowner Michael Gonce inquired on if there was a middle ground. Blake responded to his question. Blake outlined how much the ferry costs annual and outlined that the board needed to come up with a way to recoup this money. Trustee Cunningham outlined that all of this was based on what the ferry cost was and outlined that the ferry days and hours could be cut. Trustee Cunningham advised the board and landowners that it costs \$76 an hour just to operate the ferry. President Davies inquired about Michael Gonce's girlfriends event brought in a lot of money. However, he outlined that this was not a constant income for the ferry. President Davies outlined that it actually costs the District more when they have the events. President Davies outlined that the ferry is not going to fix itself. Davies further outlined that people seem to forget that Jerry Kinnaman accused him of creating the debt of \$400k and President Davies reminded the board that he was not the board president at that time it was President Kuhne. President Davies outlined that he's been on the island a very long time and he also has lot out. President Davies inquires with the board and public how are we going to solve this. Landowner Rick Wesson requests five (5) years of ferry history. President Davies provided the DFA Manager's name to Mr. Wesson and expressed that he would have to get this information from Mr. Forkel. The District Engineer outlined that by cutting days and hours, there is the potential of losing the ferry staff. Blake outlined that in order to keep the ferry captains employed, the ferry committee decided not to cut hours. President Davies advised that District Secretary to add an agenda item to the next agenda regarding cutting ferry days and hours. Bruce the Ferry Captain was online and attended by zoom. Bruce outlined that cutting the hours and days would affect all of the Ferry Captains pay and outlined that he is already struggling and needs the income. Bruce outlined that his personal pay would be cut \$900. Trustee Hall inquired about who is coming up for retirement. Landowner Scott Diamond inquired with Bruce on when he will be retiring. Bruce outlined that he has three (3) years to retire from Cal Trans and outlined that he would like to continue working for the DFA after he retires. Bruce outlined that the other Ferry Captain still has three (3) years until he is retired as well. There was a question regarding the newer Deck Hand in training. Landowner Michael Craig made comment that currently there are 9 trips being made per day. There is always an extra run. Michael Craig expressed that if you cut one of the extra runs out during the week and on Saturday and Sunday; there would be seven (7) runs per week saved. Landowner Michael Craig expressed that the additional costs is due to where is is stored and if they cut this extra run, it would save on Labor/Maintenance and fuel cost savings. Michael Craig estimated savings of \$33,000 per year. Landowner Scott Diamond outlined that he rarely leaves the island and when he does, he is making every effort to make the 5 PM ferry.
- e. Approve and Adopt Ferry Ticket Pricing – The new ferry ticket pricing would go into effect on January 1, 2024 to allow for everyone to decide or come up with the funding Landowner Rick Wesson discussed that economics need to be done and education in economics. The Board President outlined that the District paid SCI Consulting to conduct a Proposition 218 that includes the economic report in it. Landowner Rick Wesson inquired on where the document is located. The District Manager outlined that

this document is online. Soctt Diamond provided his opinion on the ticket pricing. Landowner Brian Elliff provided his opinion and outlined that a Prop. 218 was needed. Landowner Michael Gonce provided his opinion on the ferry ticket pricing. President Davies announced that this subject matter needed to be tabled to conduct more maintenance. Landowner Michael Craig requested that this matter be tabled. Landowner Rick Wesson's question was answered regarding if he could use the placard for his corporation. The response was yes, he could use the placard for his corporation. Trustee William Hall inquired on if the ferry tickets are tracked when maintenance is conducted on the island. Blake responded no. The District Manager outlined that she does track Ron's maintenance for the Subventions Maintenance and charges DWR for the days that he conducts maintenance out on the island and bills DWR. The total billable amount that she billed DWR for this past fiscal year was \$3,286.00 M/S/P by Hall/Finta/Louie/Daives/Cunningham with all in favor and zero opposed to table the ferry ticket pricing.

D.2 2023/2024 ANNUAL BUDGET – Tabled until the District can come up with a ferry ticket pricing income. Blake announced that this is the budget and the board can follow the parameter of it.

- a. Budget update by Blake Johnson, PE. Blake reported that the District had a ferry budget committee and outlined that he prepared a DRAFT Budget to work with, identified that it is \$10k less than the prior year. Blake began to read from the budget and go over each item with the board of trustees.
- b. Discuss Proposed Budget and Adopt Annual Budget – Blake announced that there is a line item on the budget to pay Angelia \$200 per month for her office usage space. President Davies outlined that the District has used her home office and other rented space free of charge over the past several years. Blake outlined that some of the salary for the staff is reimbursed through the State through the Subventions program. Scott Diamond made a compliment to Angelia.

D.3 FEMA/CAL-OES; DECEMBER 2022 AND JANUARY 2023 STORMS: M/S/P by Hall/Finta/Davies/ with all in favor and zero opposed to use Angelia's business address in Bethel Island to be the Districts formal fiscal address and office location.

- a. Report on Meeting with FEMA Personnel, Blake outlined that he's been working with SAM.gov and they will not allow PO Boxes anymore to get funding. Blake announced that a physical address must be shown on a tax statement, utility bill and bank statement. Blake reported that it has been a nightmare to get through the system. Blake outlined that the formation documents from 1921 are non-legible.

President Davies outlined that the District would like to use Angelia's office located in Bethel Island to use for future meetings and meetings with FEMA. President Davies outlined that the District needs a more formal office and an office space to be more formal.

Soctt Diamond has been dealing with the post office because the island is the only water mail route from a distance from the Mississippi river. Scott noted that he worked with someone for over three (3) weeks and the postal man stated that he assigned a number to the landowners on the island to identify them for a mail route.

Landowner Brian Elliff outlined that Bill Hall is the only one with a known mailing address.

D.4 EMERGENCY STORM PREPAREDNESS:

- a. Status Report by Blake Jonnson, PE

D.5 FIRE PROTECTION:

- a. Outcome of Meeting with the CCC Fire Chief by Blake Johnson, PE – Blake reported on this subject and reported that the staff went to a board meeting and the fire district said, NO. Lafco would possibly be able to add us in. Blake reported that the entire island is peet dirt and other factors. President Davies announced that

The District Manager inquired on who had fire trucks out on the island. The District Manager inquired with Trustee Hall if he had a fire truck and he stated yes. The District Manager inquired with Smith Cunningham if he was given a fire truck from Gene Lewis and yes responded yes. The District Manager outlined that we can't count on using landowner's trucks for the District or island because either owner may not be around. The Fire Chief did notify the District that there is a fire surplus store and Trustee Hall emphasized that there maybe some pipe that would be usable to discharge water with.

D.6 ELECTION:

- a. Election Committee to open the ballots received in front of the public.
- b. Tallying of the Ballots
- c. Announcement of the two (2) new Board Members
- d. Provide Instructions to go to a Local Public Notary Office to get Sworn In.
- e. Thank you to my Trustees.
- f. Term Begins December 1, 2023

REPORTS:

- a. **Levee Superintendent – Ronald Mijaes provided a support**
 1. Report on Ongoing Levee Maintenance & Current Projects, vegetation control conducted, earthquake damages sustained as a result of the earthquake. Ron outlined that he has a permit in place for the PGE power pole. Blake announced that Ron is currently out in the field conducting vegetation control. There was comment regarding long horned cattle.
 2. PG&E Power to Pump Station
- b. **District Engineer:**
 1. Tax Lien Sale, the county has two (2) tax lien sales coming up in February and again in May of 2024. There are two (2) parcels outlined on the report and the amounts are announced during the public meeting. Blake provided a brief report on the upcoming tax lien sale.
- c. **Trustees:**
 1. Trustee Comments – Trustee Hall made comment regarding following the agenda.
- d. **District Secretary:**
 1. District Financials
 2. Summary of Activity Report
 3. Property Owner's Delinquent Assessment Report
 4. Secretary's Report(s)
- e. **Attorney**
 1. Updates – Raquel wanted to note that he had to log off at 1 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting: **Tuesday, December 5, 2023 Adjourned at 1:35 PM**

Future Agenda Items:

- Landowner Rick Wesson – Providing radios at his own cost to other landowners.
- Cutting Ferry Hours and Days
- Ferry Ticket Pricing Tabled
- Landowner Rick Wesson – Contracts in place
- Scott Diamond request to add an agenda item
- Rick Wesson – Request for contracts
- Education Committee for Prop
- Fire Surplus Store – Trustee Hall

