

**GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 2074**

April 18, 2023

Pursuant to written notice, a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No. 2074 was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at 3425 Brookside Road, Suite A, Stockton, California.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. There were present at the meeting Trustees Nelson Bahler (via telephone), Robert Ripken and Dennis Shore. Also present were George V. Hartmann, Tony Lopes, Rhett Kilgore and Mark Croce.

A motion was made by Trustee Ripken, seconded by Trustee Shore, with all Trustees voting in favor, to allow for teleconference participation pursuant to the amended provisions of the Brown Act which allow for telephonic participation to deal with COVID-19 related issues.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 21, 2023, General Meeting were previously distributed to the Trustees for their review prior to the meeting, and said minutes were approved on motion by Trustee Shore and seconded by Trustee Ripken, with all Trustees voting in favor.

4. Communication From Members of the Public

The District Engineer reviewed his call log and discussed various items.

5. Review of Financial Statement

Mark Croce stated the District has \$4.1 million in its aggregate funds, the details of which are set forth on page five of his written report. Normal bills are being paid this month, but Mr. Croce has segregated various expenses into a separate category for FEMA reimbursable amounts related to January and March storms, such as levee patrol.

6. Checks and Warrants

The Secretary presented the following warrants from the General Fund:

No. 5038 to The Hartmann Law Firm for \$11,820.00
No. 5039 to Siegfried Engineering, Inc. for \$66,485.00
No. 5040 to Chem-Weed, LLC for \$1,500.00
No. 5041 to Hammer Head Protection Inc. for \$1,265.00
No. 5042 to Critter Control Operations, Inc. for \$1,651.00
No. 5043 to River Pirates Enterprise LLC for \$2,400.00
No. 5044 to Robert Burns Construction, Inc. for \$39,124.00
No. 5045 to Dorhmann, an Alera Group Insurance Agency for \$29,662.00
No. 5046 to California State Lands Commission for \$627.70
No. 5047 to RD 2074 for \$422.10

And the following warrants from Special Fund #83:

None

And the following checks:

2371 Nelson Bahler \$140.70
2372 Robert Ripken \$140.70
2373 Dennis Shore \$140.70
2374 Nelson Bahler \$134.00 (replacing check 2334 from 05/17/2022)

The Trustees then took up the subject of the District's warrants and checks. Upon motion by Trustee Shore, seconded by Trustee Ripken, all of said warrants and checks were approved for payment, with all Trustees voting in favor.

7. Engineer's Report

The District Engineer stated that in order to receive the final payment under the subvention claim for the prior year, the District has to plant three trees to offset the lose of one tree. Evergreen Tree Service has provided a quote to plant same at South Buckley Cove using larger trees since the trees have to be kept alive for three years. The total cost for planting the trees will be \$2,400, including acquisition and planting in box elders, as well as arranging irrigation. Chem Weed will water the trees as needed during the spring and summer until they are established at a minimal charge of \$200 per watering. The HOA maintains that area and Trustee Bahler suggested that Don Oliver be contacted to check on the sprinkler system and get it operating. On motion by Trustee Shore, seconded by Trustee Bahler, the Trustees approved planting the trees and obtaining the necessary periodic inspections, as well as irrigation.

There has been no further movement or cracking in 10 Mile Levee, and the cracks were filled with a bentonite slurry.

A FEMA reimbursement for the December-January storms is being processed. The early March storms reimbursement will likely follow based on the necessary declarations. The reimbursement amount so far is approximately \$100,000 for the March storms but no disaster declaration has yet been issued.

The tree restoration projects for trees that fell in the storms have been completed.

The Kinder Morgan pipeline that runs through the EBMUD easement area was discussed. A new line is being pulled to replace the existing line, and the District Engineer was charged with obtaining pertinent information regarding same.

The State Lands lease was next discussed. Proposed changes suggested by District Counsel were rejected by State Lands. District Counsel explained that it was likely better to get the lease in place and then seek amendment. On motion by Trustee Shore, seconded by Trustee Ripken, all Trustees voted in favor of approving and executing the State Lands lease.

Rhett Kilgore reported that recent high water is pushing beavers around and Fish and Wildlife has been notified. It is tougher to obtain permits for depredation and the District Engineers Report contains information regarding USDA and services it might offer with regard to animal control for burrowing animals and, if it works, would be a no cost option based on an annual reimbursable agreement. Trustee Bahler and Trustee Shore are in favor of working with USDA, as is the District Engineer. On motion by Trustee Shore, seconded by Trustee Ripken, all Trustees voted in favor of proceeding with USDA to determine whether it would be a feasible alternative.

No encroachment permits were submitted for consideration.

The spring semi-annual inspection of the levees is scheduled for the 24th of the month.

8. State Lands Lease/State Land Agreement.

Previously covered.

9. Report of District Counsel

District Counsel reported on his attendance at regular OES and regional meetings concerning flood threats from snow melt, reservoir operations and flood prospects arising based on the rate of melt of the giant snow pack in the Sierras. District Counsel gave further reports on same as did the District Engineer.

10. Capital Expenditure Projects

Tabled.

11. Ten Mile Levee Issues

Previously covered.

12. New/Old Business

None.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was then adjourned. The next regular District meeting was scheduled to occur on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. to be held at 3425 Brookside Road, Suite A, Stockton, CA 95219.

GEORGE HARTMANN, Assistant Secretary

Robert Ripken, Trustee