

**PATTERSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

December 20, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Patterson Irrigation District met in its office at 948 Orange Avenue, Patterson, California for a regular monthly Board meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Vice President David Reichmuth.

Directors Present: David Reichmuth, Richard Barbaste, Steve Prevostini,
Director Fantozzi

Directors Absent: John Azevedo

Others Present: Vince Lucchesi General Manager
 Toni Russell Secretary/Treasurer
 Jeanne Zolezzi Legal Counsel

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

General Manager Lucchesi requested the following changes to the Agenda: Item No. 13: Notice of Award for the Construction of Schedule A Improvements of the Main Canal Rehabilitation Project, and Item 24: Closed Session, be removed from the Agenda. Lucchesi also requested under Item No. 5: Financial Status, add, Item 5b. November Cash Disbursements, 5c. November Accounts Receivable, and 5d. Year to Date Budget to Actual.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

MINUTES:

The minutes of the November 15, 2017 Regular Board Meeting and December 5, 2017 Special Board Meeting were reviewed by the Board.

Director Barbaste made a motion to approve November 15th and December 5th board minutes as received. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Secretary/Treasurer Russell submitted a report to the Board on bank accounts and fund balances the District holds in investment accounts. The report also included an accounts receivable aging summary report and a detailed list of cash disbursements in November 2017 for Board review.

Russell also presented the 2017 budget vs actual report as of November 30, 2017.

Director Fantozzi made a motion to approve the Financial Reports for November 2017. The motion was seconded by Director Reichmuth and passed unanimously.

CHANGE DATE OF THE JANUARY 17, 2017 BOARD MEETING TO JANUARY 24, 2017:

General Manager Lucchesi made a request to adjourn the January 17th Board Meeting to January 24th to accommodate the Board attending the USBR Mid-Pacific Region Conference.

CONSIDER REFUND TO KERN-TULARE WATER DISTRICT:

At the December 5th meeting, General Manager Lucchesi gave a report on current hydrology, San Luis Reservoir storage and CVP allocation outlook for the 2018-2019 year.

Lucchesi reported he had been working with Erick Johnson from the Water Agency to reduce the quantity of water to be transferred to Kern Tulare Water District by 1,360 AF for possible carryover to the 2018-2019 water year. Lucchesi stated, this water would be available to PID should an additional source of water be needed during construction of the Main Canal Rehabilitation Project. The reduction in transfer water would require PID reimburse KTWD \$159,623.20, the amount paid to PID for 1,360 AF.

Director Barbaste made a motion to approve a refund to KTWD in the amount of \$159,623.20. Second by Director Prevostini and passed unanimously.

CONSIDER REPLACEMENT OF 3S-27 SUB-LATERAL PIPELINE:

Lucchesi presented the Board, the cost to replace 3S-27 Sub-Lateral cast in place concrete pipeline with 860 feet of 18" PVC pipeline. Lucchesi reported the pipeline is cracked and for the past six (6) years has been an issue for the district. As Growers convert from flood irrigation to pressurized sprinkler systems that use the current cast-in-place line the current pipeline is not able to hold up to the pressure and is in need of constant repair. The estimated cost to install the pipeline is \$16,004.04, and includes materials and district staff to install the line.

Director Prevostini made a motion to approve the cost to replace 3S-27 Sub-Lateral pipeline with a 18" PVC pipeline. Second by Director Barbaste and passed unanimously.

CONSIDER PARTICIPATION AND COST-SHARING IN FISH BIO EXPENSES FOR SAN JOAQUIN RIVER PREDATION MONITORING PROGRAM WITH WEST STANISLAUS AND BANTA-CARBONA IRRIGATION DISTRICTS:

Lucchesi and PID Legal Counsel discussed with the Board predation monitoring of non-native fishes in the San Joaquin River. In 2017 PID, WSID and BCID in a joint effort contacted FishBio to conduct a study to determine the actual impact predator fish have on salmon in the San Joaquin River. The findings of that study would be printed and distributed and provide scientific backup to combat against the State Water Resources Board's Bay Delta Plan, to increase flows in the San Joaquin River to increase salmon population. At that time the Board was provided a modified timeline budget and projected work schedule for the project, and the Board approved entering into a one (1) year agreement with FishBio for predator monitoring services. Lucchesi explained the monitoring program is a three (3) year process with 2018 being the second year. Lucchesi stated the estimated budget for 2018 was significantly less than previously anticipated, with the total budget for 2018 not to exceed \$372,000. PID's portion of the budget would be \$124,000.

Following a thorough discussion Director Fantozzi made a motion to approve participation and cost-sharing in the 2018 effort for predation monitoring in the San Joaquin River. Seconded by Director Prevostini and passed unanimously.

2016 EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE BONUS ADJUSTMENT:

The Board discussed making an adjustment to the 2016 employee performance bonus.

Following a brief discussion Director Prevostini made a motion to provide a \$500 adjustment to the 2016 employee performance bonuses. Second by Director Barbaste and passed unanimously.

CONSIDER CLOSING BANK OF WEST BANK ACCOUNT:

General Manager Lucchesi recommended to the Board, to consider the closing of the account the District holds at the Bank of the West. Lucchesi stated the account was not currently used and it would be in the District's best interest to transfer the funds to the District's LAIF account.

Director Fantozzi made a motion to approve closing the checking account PID holds at the Bank of the West. Seconded by Director Prevostini and passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE RULES AND REGS:

Lucchesi discussed revisions made to the District Rules and Regs that had been discussed and agreed upon at previous meetings. Following the discussion, the Board requested clarification and changes to sections of the Rules and Regs which had not been previously discussed. The Board requested staff make the changes and bring the final revised copy back for approval at the next board meeting.

DIRECTORS BRIEFING:

Director Prevostini made a suggestion that PID's Night Patrol have the ability to contact growers in the event of a power outage, or district pump failure that would cause an interruption of an irrigation event.

MANAGER'S BRIEFING:

General Manager Lucchesi reported on his current activities and projects

NEWSLETTER DISCUSSION:

Lucchesi provided a Draft newsletter for Board review. The newsletter would provide a summary of events and recap of the previous year, and a 2018 outlook.

KAHN, SOARES, AND CONWAY UPDATE:

A report was included in the board packet on current legislation effecting water and agriculture for October.

SGMA UPDATE:

Lucchesi reported he attended a meeting and joint northern and central GSA groups represented by the Water Authority had approved a contract with Woodard and Curran to develop and coordinate the GSP for the northern and central Delta-Mendota region.

STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSION:

Lucchesi reported the District would use the board room at the Water Authority for PID's Strategic Planning Discussion for January 31st. As part of the Strategic Planning, PID Legal Counsel would be present to have a presentation and training for the board on the topics of the Brown Act and Conflict of Interest issues.

DEVELOPMENT WATER SUPPLY POLICY:

Lucchesi discussed with the Board an issue that has been brought to his attention regarding landowners who farm within the District that may be annexed due to LAFCO requirements to not create islands within an annexation. These lands may be lands that are currently farmed and want to stay farming and have no interest in the development that may occur. The consideration that was asked is that if said landowner protested to the city and LAFCO at the hearings considering the annexation, that maybe the property of the landowner would not be considered out of District and enjoy the same benefits that landowners within the District enjoy. The Board considered this as reasonable and requested Lucchesi to draft up a policy for their review at the next Board meeting.

WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

A written report was included in the board packet on recent activities and maintenance in the District.

ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS REPORT:

A written report was included in the Board packet regarding administration, operations, and construction activities.

October 30th, the District stated wheeling restoration water into the DMC at a flow rate of approximately 40 cfs. PID is splitting 70 cfs in the river for the month of December with Banta-Carbona ID. This flow rate will continue into January and PID will continue with its diversions.

Del Puerto and Sperry Avenue Intersection:

Project has been awarded, Monzingo Construction is performing the underground work for the project. Received submittal on pipe material to review.

Main Canal Rehab:

- Bids were received on December 14th
- Three addendums were issued for the project
- Executed contract with Labor Consultants of California
- Temporary Construction Easements:
 1. Executed lease with Michael Fantozzi
 2. Met with the Lopez's

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni Russell, Board Secretary

