

**PATTERSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

January 24, 2018

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 1:02 p.m. by President John Azevedo.

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

Directors Absent:

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: Remove Item No.: 11 Approval of Water Transfer.

Director Fantozzi made a motion to accept the changes to the Agenda. Second by Director Prevostini and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

MINUTES:

The minutes of the December 20, 2017 Regular Board Meeting and January 10, 2018 Special Board Meeting were reviewed by the Board.

Director Prevostini made a motion to approve December 20th and January 10th board minutes as received. Second by Director Barbaste 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 December 2017 for Board review.

Russell also presented the 2017 draft budget vs actual report as of December 2017.

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

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE 2018 TO THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:

Lucchesi discussed with the Board changes in PID's Employee Handbook. Lucchesi stated the last update to the handbook had been in 2014 and the current update will bring the District into compliance with the current labor law requirements for public employers. During the discussion Lucchesi touched on changes as well as policies for the Board to consider; Holiday Pay and Emergency Call-back Wages.

Following a thorough discussion Director Fantozzi made a motion to accept the changes to the Employee Handbook. Second by Director Barbaste and passed unanimously.

DEVELOPMENT POLICY ON COUNTY ISLANDS:

At the December 20th board meeting General Manager Lucchesi discussed with the Board an issue that had been brought to his attention regarding landowners who farm within the District that may be annexed as part of a proposed development and 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. At that time the Board requested staff draft a policy and bring it back to the Board for approval at the next board meeting.

Under the terms of the Policy, the property being detached from the District must be owned in whole or part by the immediate family member. The landowner must have submitted a written comment to LAFCO in opposition to the detachment, or testified at a public hearing before LAFCO stating opposition to being included in the detachment. If the conditions are met, after detachment, the District will continue to serve the lands under the same terms and conditions as a property that is within the District's boundaries for as long as the land remains in agricultural production.

Following a discussion, Director Prevostini made a motion to adopt the Development Policy on County Islands and be included in the District Rules and Regulations. Second by Director Reichmuth and passed unanimously.

IRRIGATION SEASON FRINGES OPERATIONS POLICY:

Lucchesi presented a draft policy to the Board that addresses periods when the District ramps up or down at the start and end of the irrigation season. Lucchesi stated the policy is intended to address excessive expenses and to provide guidance to District staff regarding implementation. The policy addresses minimum flow requirements for weekend irrigation during these periods and staffing.

Director Fantozzi made a motion to adopt the Irrigation Season Fringes Operations Policy as written and be included in the District Rules and Regulations. Second by Director Prevostini and passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PATTERSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT VEHICLE USE POLICY:

Lucchesi presented an updated PID Vehicle Use Policy to the Board. Lucchesi stated, from time to time, on an as need basis, the District utilizes contracted outside labor. Lucchesi

explained, as part of the agreement between PID and Labor Contractor, every contracted employee must sign and acknowledge the information contained in the District's Vehicle and Driver's Safety Policy.

Director Prevostini made a motion to approve the Patterson Irrigation Vehicle Use Policy. Second by Director Barbaste and passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS WITH FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY AND USBR TO EXTEND THE RESTORATION WHEELING DEADLINES TO FEBRUARY 28, 2019- PURSUANT TO CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION:

Lucchesi requested the Board consider an Extension of Temporary Agreement for Conveyance of Restoration Flows with Friant Water Authority and USBR dated September 17, 2017. The current Agreement expires on February 28, 2018, PID and Friant are requesting to extend the term of the Agreement to February 28, 2019. Lucchesi stated the extension would give PID additional time to convey the 29,000 acre-feet covered under the original Agreement.

Following a discussion Director Fantozzi made a motion to approve agreements with Friant Water Authority and USBR to extend the restoration wheeling deadlines to February 28, 2019. Second by Director Barbasti and passed unanimously.

DISTRICT OFFICER ELECTIONS:

Director Fantozzi made a motion to re-elect Director Azevedo as Board President and Director Reichmuth as Vice President for 2018. A second was provided by Director Barbaste and passed unanimously.

DISTRICT RULES COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Director Azevedo made a motion to elect Director Prevostini and Director Barbaste to act as the District Rules Committee. Included in the motion was to elect Director Fantozzi as Alternate. Second by Director Reichmuth and passed unanimously.

DIRECTORS BRIEFING:

Director Azevedo gave a brief summary on the Mid-Pacific Conference attended in January.

MANAGER'S BRIEFING:

General Manager Lucchesi discussed various items that he was working on for the month. General Manager Lucchesi did provide an emphasis on an opportunity arising through the WINN act that could provide the District the ability to enter into a "permanent" contract with the USBR. The contract is a conversion from the current 9e section of reclamation law to section 9d. The contract provides a permanent contract that isn't subject to periodic renewals and reviews. He emphasized on the value of the Districts contract regarding revenue generation and that if the District were to have a permanent contract, it wouldn't have to worry about losing it in the future. The conversion, however requires the District to repay its current approximate CVP debt obligation of \$2.8 million due by 2030.

SGMA UPDATE:

None

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.

KAHN, SOARES, AND CONWAY UPDATE:

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

Lucchesi reported, ACWA provides to its members a report on its website where it stands on state legislature effecting water. PID would save the cost paid to Kahn, Soares and Conway by using the services provided by ACWA. Lucchesi said he would work towards relieving the firm.

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 35-37 cfs. PID is splitting 90 cfs in the river for the month of January with Banta-Carbona ID. This flow rate will continue through 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. Monzingo is requesting that the manholes be precast structures, the current plans do not allow for precast.

Main Canal Rehab:

- Working on agreement with Rados
- Will have a preconstruction meeting on the 29th
- Working on getting a testing lab proposals together, planning to get one under contract for the Feb. 21st Board meeting

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board announced the items that would be discussed in Closed Session. The Board convened into closed session at 3:12 p.m. to discuss the items below:

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9)
1 potential case

The Board returned to open session at 3:24 p.m. President Azevedo reported there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni Russell, Board Secretary

