

**PATTERSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**

February 19, 2020

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 1:06 p.m. by President Barbaste.

Directors Present: Richard Barbaste, David Reichmuth, John Azevedo, David Fantozzi, Frank Trinta

Directors Absent: None

Others Present: Vince Lucchesi                      General Manager  
Mark Smith                                  Smith Policy Group – via Conference Call  
Dennis Cardoza                          Foley and Lardner – via Conference Call  
Jeanne Zolezzi                              Legal Counsel  
Jim DeMartini                                Stanislaus County Supervisor

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the January 29, 2020 Adjourned Regular Board Meeting were reviewed by the Board.

Director Azevedo made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 29, adjourned Regular board meeting. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Azevedo, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**FINANCIAL STATUS**

General Manager Lucchesi gave 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 for January 2020. General Manager Lucchesi gave a report on the draft budget through January 2020.

Director Azevedo made a motion to approve the January 2020 Financial Reports. The motion was seconded by Director Reichmuth and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Azevedo, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION OF THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SOLICIT A SCOPE AND FEE ESTIMATE FROM STANTEC TO PERFORM A FEDERAL FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE EAST-WEST CONVEYANCE PROJECT**

General Manager Lucchesi reported to the Board that from the January 2020 water users conference PID met with Reclamation staff to discuss the East-West Conveyance Project. During the meeting, Reclamation staff informed PID that to be able to have Reclamation release construction dollars, the project must have a Federal Feasibility Study completed in addition to NEPA. Staff had a conversation with Stantec, who is working on PID's Main Canal Rehabilitation Project and also performing the Federal Feasibility analysis for the Friant-Kern Canal subsidence improvements, one of the major components that is derived during the Feasibility study is the Benefit Assessment. This component would help the Board of Directors decide as to whether or not they would like to proceed to do a full-blown Federal Feasibility. Staff were informed that this study could be in the range of \$30,000 to \$50,000.

In consideration of the Purchasing Policy adopted by the Board of Directors in 2018, staff requested authorization from the Board to request a proposal from Stantec to perform the benefit assessment portion of a Federal Feasibility Study.

Additionally, Director Azevedo began discussing financing options for the project. President Barbaste appointed an ad Hoc committee consisting of Directors Azevedo and Trinta to work on a plan for financing of the project and evaluating alternatives.

Director Azevedo made a motion to authorize the General Results. Second by Director Trinta and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Azevedo, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION OF PID TAILWATER POLICY:**

General Manager Lucchesi, reported that he has been working on a more streamlined approach regarding the implementation of a tailwater policy for the District. The past policies are difficult to manage and implement, which included permits, water quality test, and sump evaluations. The goal of the new policy would provide staff an easier approach to implement and manage. Current tailwater discharges vary in level of sediment discharged and some discharges are excessive; however, staff don't have the tools available to address these discharges and all discharges equally. Lucchesi noted that he would like feedback on the draft policy provided to the Board and whether or not anything needed to change. The Board provided some feedback, and Lucchesi stated he would amend the rules and regs for this and will bring to the Board in March for one more review.

No action was taken.

**WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

Maintenance & Water Operations Supervisor Steve Trinta gave a report on recent activities and maintenance in the District.

**STATE AND FEDERAL AFFAIRS UPDATE:**

Dennis Cardoza provided a report on activities regarding funding for PID's project in Washington D.C.

Mark Smith provided a report on activities regarding funding for PID's project in Sacramento. This included participation with bond discussions, meetings with legislative staff and discussions with the Water Blue Print for the Valley.

**DIRECTORS BRIEFING:**

Nothing to report.

**MANAGER'S BRIEFING:**

General Manager Lucchesi discussed various items that he was working on for the month. Lucchesi noted to the Board that the modular office is moving forward for the field staff. Mozingo construction has some pipe that is available that could be purchased for about half the price of what it would be brand new and would be a perfect fit to continue to pipe M Lateral between Poppy and Sperry avenues. The WIIN act 9(d) contract conversion should be here soon.

**DISCUSSION ON STORM DRAIN DISTRICT NO 8 PIPELINE:**

General Manager Lucchesi provided the Board a staff report. Lucchesi, discussed what has transpired since the last board meeting and suggested that the Board consider moving forward with executing an agreement to allow PID to utilize the pipeline for irrigation purposes. The board gave direction to work on an agreement.

**FISHBIO UPDATE:**

General Manager Lucchesi provided the Board a staff report from FishBio. The report included work that was performed in January and preparations to take samples in February.

**DRAINAGE UPDATE:**

General Manager Lucchesi provided the Board a staff report from the Westside San Joaquin River Drainage Authority. The most important thing from the last Drainage Authority meeting was the adoption of the 2020-21 budget.

**SGMA UPDATE:**

General Manager Lucchesi provided the Board a staff report on current SGMA activities.

- a) Budget Update – Lucchesi reported that the under funded funds related under the activity agreement with the Northern Delta-Mendota SGMA GSP group had to do with how the reimbursements from grant funds came in and were dispersed versus how the budgets were set at the beginning of the year. The second collection in August would reflect what is owed to the group once all other grant funds come in.

- b) TSS Funded Monitoring Wells – Lucchesi reported that the applications are in for the seven wells with DWR.
- c) GSP Implementation – Lucchesi reported that staff are working on pulling together a GSA policy requiring meters on wells and access for staff to get well readings once a year.

**MANAGEMENT REPORT:**

A staff report was provided to the Board regarding administration, operations, and construction activities

**Administration Report**

General Manager Lucchesi noted that he is working on a 2020 update to the employee handbook. The update will address new employment laws that came in effect for 2020 and various updates that were necessary.

**Water Operations**

As of February 2020, the CVP SOD Ag allocation is at 75% and the District has 100% settlement Water allocation. PID was wheeling at around 36 cfs into the DMC. Due to the dry February, at the start of the water year, the District will begin pumping under its Warren Act to prepare for the possibility of limited pumping capacity on the San Joaquin River in July and August.

**Construction Report:**

Zacharias Annexation

- No Updates

Villages of Patterson

- Staff are working on developing a license type agreement with the City of Patterson for all of the improvements that may cross PID facilities. Since PID doesn't seem to be involved for anything that is constructed in the Right-of-Way, this agreement would at least protect the District with all crossings.
- VOP 2.1 apartments and triplex. Staff are waiting for the developer to sign the encroachment permit and provide a deposit before we will review the plans.

**PROJECTS REPORT**

SGMA Implementation

- Provost & Pritchard performed the latest subsidence measurements in the District. Staff will get a report soon on how things changed from 2018 to 2019. This will be an annual effort to observe changes.
- Monitoring Wells TSS funding – application has been submitted and waiting to hear back from DWR

Main Canal Rehab

- Only certified payroll is left to complete for the project before we release the retention and pay the final invoice.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

The Board announced the items that would be discussed in Closed Session. The Board convened into closed session at 2:36 p.m. to discuss the items below:

- a. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
(Government Code Section 54956.8)  
Property: Water  
Agency Negotiator: Vince Lucchesi, General Manager  
Negotiating Parties: TBD  
Under Negotiation: Instruction to Negotiator will concern price and payment terms
  
- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION  
(Subdivision 9b) of Government Code Section 54956.9)  
1 potential case
  
- c. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)
  - i. Anthony Thill and Felicia Thill v Patterson Irrigation District, Stanislaus County Superior Court Case No. CV-19-004038

The Board returned to open session 2:48 p.m. President Barbaste reported no reportable action taken in closed session.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE FRIANT RECAPTURE WATER WHEELING AGREEMENT WITH THE FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY**

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board of Directors a revised wheeling agreement with the Friant Water Authority, that mirrored 2019-20 water years agreement. The only change to the agreement was the dates and details on the new Warren Act contracts.

Director Azevedo made a motion to authorize the general manager to execute the agreement with Friant Water Authority. Second by Director Reichmuth and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Azevedo, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

#### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR THE TEMPORARY RECAPTURE AND CONVEYANCE OF RESTORATION FLOWS AGREEMENT WITH USBR**

General Manager Lucchesi presented to the Board of Directors the current Memorandum of Agreement with USBR for the recapture and conveyance of Restoration Flows for 2019-20 water year. Lucchesi reports that USBR wishes to renew this same agreement with just different dates for the 2020-21 water year.

Director Azevedo made a motion to authorize the General Manager to execute the new Memorandum of Agreement with USBR for the recapture and conveyance of restoration flows. Second by Director Trinta and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Azevedo, Fantozzi, Trinta


Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Vince Lucchesi, PE – General Manager