

**PATTERSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
SPECIAL TELEPHONIC BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

March 18, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Patterson Irrigation District held a telephonic regular monthly Board meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1:02 by President Barbaste.

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

Directors Absent: John Azevedo

Others Present: Vince Lucchesi General Manager
 Toni Russell Secretary/Treasurer
 Mark Smith Smith Policy Group
 Dennis Cardoza Foley & Lardner LLP

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

MINUTES:

The minutes of the February 19th Regular Board Meeting, February 26th Grower Workshop, and March 9th Special Board Meeting were reviewed by the Board.

Director Fantozzi made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 19, February 29th and March 9th Board Meetings. Second by Director Trinta and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: Azevedo

Abstain: None

FINANCIAL STATUS:

Secretary/Treasurer Russell 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 February 2020. General Manager Lucchesi gave a report on the draft budget through February 2020.

Director Fantozzi made a motion to approve the February 2020 Financial Reports. The motion was seconded by Director Trinta and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: Azevedo

Abstain: None

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO PID EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:

Lucchesi discussed with the Board proposed changes made to PID's Employee Handbook. Lucchesi stated the changes to the policy bring PID's employee handbook compliant with new 2020 labor laws.

Motion made by Director Trinta to adopt the amendments to PID's employee handbook. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: Azevedo

Abstain: None

BOARD TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION ADOPTING JUSTIFICATION FOR SINGLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE RELOCATION AND REDESIGN OF THE MARSHALL ROAD PUMP STATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR EXECUTION OF CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT AND TASK ORDER WITH SUMMERS ENGINEERING, INC:

General Manager Lucchesi provided the Board a staff report on the proposed engineering services contract with Summers Engineering Inc, for the engineering and design for the relocation of the Marshall Road Pump Station. The relocation of the Marshall Road Reservoir is priority 1 for the District on capital improvements, the 2020 budget set aside money for the design of the new facility at \$115,000. In compliance with the Purchasing Policy, staff provided a single source justification for retaining SEI is included as an attachment to the proposed Board Resolution.

Director Trinta made a motion to adopt Resolution 01-2020 adopting justification for single source procurement for engineering services for the relocation and redesign of the Marshall Road Pump Station. Included in the motion Director Trinta further authorized the General Manager on behalf of Patterson Irrigation to execute an agreement with Summers Engineering Inc. for professional services. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: Azevedo

Abstain: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION AND PID PARCEL 807 TURNOUT:

General Manager Lucchesi reported on a turnout that is along Fruit Avenue between Sycamore and Elm avenue. About 4 years ago, an adjacent landowner had removed the box that served the property and informed staff that were the landowner of 807 wish to get the box back, they would reinstall. Lucchesi informed the Board that earlier in the month, the landowner of 807 called to get the box back. Lucchesi reported that staff were going to reach out to the adjacent landowner and require them to fund the replacement of the box.

No action was taken

Director Reichmuth left the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PURCHASING SURPLUS 42" CONCRETE PIPE FROM MOZINGO CONSTRUCTION:

Lucchesi reported, PID has an opportunity to purchase surplus 42" concrete pipe from Monzingo Construction. Lucchesi stated the pipe is Class IV T-lock pipe and could be used for

projects around the district. The current price of the pipe from Old Castle is \$120 per foot. Monzingo would sell the surplus pipe delivered to PID for \$60 per foot, for a savings to the District of \$78,000. Lucchesi stated the price of the pipe did not include the gaskets. Staff plan to inspect the integrity of the pipe to see if there are any issues prior to purchase.

Director Trinta made a motion to approve a \$95,000 increase in the capital improvement budget for the purchase of 1,300 feet of surplus concrete pipe and fittings as needed, with the requirement that staff take a staff member from Provost & Pritchard to inspect the pipe to see if it is good. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: Azevedo, Reichmuth

Abstain: None

WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Operations Supervisor Trinta gave a report on recent activities and maintenance in the District.

STATE AND FEDERAL AFFAIRS UPDATE:

Mark Smith and Dennis Cardoza provided updates regarding COVID-19 responses in the State and Federal legislatures. In addition, they both provided updates regarding potential stimulus packages that could help fund PID's project.

DIRECTORS BRIEFING:

Nothing to report

MANAGER'S BRIEFING:

General Manager Lucchesi discussed various items that he was working on for the month. Lucchesi reported, that there are two properties along Marshall avenue that are interested in annexation into PID. In addition, Lucchesi noted that he was working on a well meter policy for implementation for SGMA.

UPDATE ON STORM DRAIN DISTRICT NO 8 PIPELINE AGREEMENT:

Lucchesi notified the Board that an agreement was drafted up consistent with the terms that Rick Scheuber and Pat Alves were looking for and consistent with how the relationship worked with a handshake in the past.

DISCUSSION ON SEDIMENT TAILWATER RULES AMENDMENT:

General Manager Lucchesi provided the Board revisions to the Rules and Regulations with the changes regarding tailwater and sediment from the February Board Meeting. The goal of the changes was to simplify the Rules and Regulations in a way that staff can easily implement. The changes weren't ones that introduced a new rule, but streamlined the process of implementation. Lucchesi requested the Board to review the policy and provide any feedback by the April 15 Board meeting to potentially adopt the revisions.

PID OFFICE FLOOR REPAIR:

General Manager Lucchesi informed the Board that the floor in the front of the office had some water damage caused by the water dispenser. Since the company that had originally supplied the flooring can't secure the same coloring and tiles, staff looked into replacing the flooring all

together. Provided to the Board was various quotes to replace the flooring in the office. Lucchesi noted that once the office trailer is installed, staff will take a harder look at this and consider the best option for repair.

FISHBIO UPDATE:

General Manager Lucchesi provided the Board a report from Fishbio on their activities in the San Joaquin River for the months of January and February.

DRAINAGE UPDATE:

General Manager Lucchesi provided the Board a report from Westside San Joaquin River Drainage Coalition on their activities for the month of February.

SGMA UPDATE:

General Manager Lucchesi provided the Board a staff report on SGMA activities for the month of February and a report from the San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority

- Budget: SGMA implementation costs are going to be closely monitored and hopefully cost savings can be found prior to the August invoices go out to reduce the obligation from PID for the unfunded portion of the Fund balance.
- TSS Funded Monitoring Wells: Lucchesi reported PID has applied for funding from DWR Technical Services for drilling monitoring wells in the district.
- GSP Implementation: At the April Board meeting Lucchesi will be providing the Board the first GSA policy for adoption regarding meters on wells.

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

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

Admin:

Lucchesi informed the Board about concerns regarding COVID-19 and employees who are 65 and older and whether to send them home for their safety. After discussion, the Board directed Lucchesi to provide the employees the option to stay home if they like and use their vacation, sick and other leaves available and management will make accommodations so they don't feel like they have to come to work.

Water Operations Report:

As of March 2020, the CVP SOD Ag Allocation is at 15% and the District has 100% Settlement Water Allocation. PID is currently wheeling into the DMC at 37 cfs.

PID wheeled 1,932 AF for FWA/USBR in February

Construction Report:

Zacharias Annexation

- No Updates

Villages of Patterson

- VOP 2.1 apartments project. Staff provided an encroachment permit agreement to the developer. Still are waiting for deposit and signed agreement.
- Mejia – Staff retained the services of Provost & Pritchard to review plans and specifications on the project. In addition, staff are waiting for copies of the agreements for legal to review.
- City of Patters – Staff are working with the City for a master encroachment agreement for all developments that are to cross PID facilities in the VOP area along, Walnut, Sycamore, Olive, 1st, and Eucalyptus. Since the roads are all City of Patterson Right-of-Way, developers are only providing the City plans to review and sometimes staff find out whats going on while they are in construction. This provides the City the authority to help PID on this.

PROJECTS REPORT

Main Canal Rehab:

- Labor compliance is the final remaining item to close out the project. Hopefully this can be cleared up in April or May.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board announced the items that would be discussed in Closed Session. The Board convened into closed session at 3:31 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)
3 potential cases
- 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 3:45 p.m. President Barbaste reported no reportable action taken in closed session.

OTHER ITEMS

General Manager Lucchesi had nothing additional to provide.

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni Russell – Board Secretary