

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

May 20, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Patterson Irrigation District held a telephonic regular monthly Board meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1:09 by President Barbaste.

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

Directors Absent: John Azevedo

Others Present: Vince Lucchesi            General Manager  
Mark Smith                            Smith Policy Group  
Dennis Cardoza                      Foley & Lardner LLP

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

The following item was added to the agenda as it came to the attention of staff after posting of the agenda:

General Manager Lucchesi requested Action Item 20, Consider Approval of Water Transfer of 825 AF of PID's 2020-21 CVP SOD AG Water to Westland Water District and Authorizing the General Manager to execute agreements and actions necessary to facilitate the transfer thereto and follow Action Item 19.

Director Trinta made a motion to approve the changes to the Agenda. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the April 8, 2020 Special Board Meeting and April 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, and were reviewed by the Board.

Director Trinta made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 8<sup>th</sup> Special Board Meeting, and April 15<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: Azevedo

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

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

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: Azevedo

Abstain: None

#### **BOARD TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO PID PURCHASING POLICY:**

Lucchesi gave a report on proposed changes to PID's Purchasing Policy. Lucchesi reported that occasions have arisen regarding procurement that have caused staff to bring items for action to the Board when they could have been managed by staff were certain provisions be added to the policy. Items include single source procurement for professional and construction services that meet a certain criteria and small change orders up to 10% of the original contract value with the contractor to be approved by the general manager.

Motion made by Director Trinta to adopt the amendments to PID Purchasing Policy. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: Azevedo

Abstain: None

#### **BOARD TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION 06-2020 ADOPTING JUSTIFICATION FOR SINGLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT FOR STANTEC CONSULTING FOR BENEFIT ASSESSMENT ANALYSIS:**

General Manager Lucchesi provided the Board a staff report on the proposed engineering services contract with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for consulting services to evaluate the Benefit Assessment component of a Federal Feasibility Study to pursue federal funding for the Main Canal Rehabilitation Project. Lucchesi reported the cost proposal received from Stantec on April 15, 2020 was for \$54,750. In compliance with the Purchasing Policy, staff provided a single source justification for retaining Stantec is included as an attached to the proposed Board Resolution.

Director Trinta made a motion to adopt Resolution 06-2020 Adopting Justification for Single Source Procurement for Stantec Consulting for Benefit Assessment Analysis. Included in the motion Director Trinta authorized staff to move \$54,750 from undesignated funds reserves to capital improvements reserves budget dedicated to fund this benefit assessment. Second by Director Reichmuth and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: Azevedo

Abstain: None

#### **BOARD TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO PID BOARD OF DIRECTORS REIMBURSEMENT POLICY:**

General Manager Lucchesi provided the Board with recommended changes to PID Board of Directors Reimbursement Policy. Changes included Mileage and driving, Car Rentals, Meals and Lodging. The goal of the changes are to 1) be consistent with the employee handbook, and 2) make the policy more flexible depending on the situation.

Director Trinta made a motion to adopt the Amendments to PID Board of Directors Reimbursement Policy. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: Azevedo

Abstain: None

### **BOARD TO CONSIDER PURCHASING AND INSTALLING NEW PUMP AND MOTOR AT PUMPING PLANT NO. 5:**

General Manager Lucchesi gave a report on the PP5 pump station improvement project. PP5 is a consistent bottleneck for operations when the district is delivering water to laterals that are all served by the pump station. As a result, during the late spring and early fall months, when PID is wheeling, PP6 then is backed off because PID growers have priority over pumping into the DMC. If PP5 has an additional 15 cfs capacity, flows can match that of PP4 and the fourth lift canal and operations can be more flexible on the 5<sup>th</sup> lift. Staff included price quotes to install a new pump and motor, however electrical and programming quotes were not available yet. In addition due the lead time to procure the pumps, staff stated it would benefit the district to wait and until the end of the season to do this project in preparation of 2021 operations.

No Action Taken

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

General Manager Lucchesi gave a report on recent operations and maintenance activities in the District. Lucchesi added that staff are monitoring the canals for aquatics to make sure that operations stay on top the growth of the moss and weeds. A written report was included in the board packet for review.

### **STATE AND FEDERAL AFFAIRS UPDATE:**

Mark Smith and Dennis Cardoza provided updates regarding potential stimulus packages that could help fund PID's project.

### **DISCUSSION ON WEB BILL PAY AND CUSTOMER PORTAL FOR PID WEBSITE:**

Lucchesi provided information in regards to the possibility of upgrading PID's website to provide account holders the ability to pay their bills via PID's website.

### **DIRECTORS BRIEFING:**

Nothing to report

### **MANAGER'S BRIEFING:**

General Manager Lucchesi discussed various items that he was working on for the month. Lucchesi reported, the Poplar well was having pumping issues, after Don Pedro Pump performed various repairs and modifications, it was determined that the well is past it's useful life and to consider replacement or just pump at a lower capacity. Actuator on 3N has a blown interface board and is currently inoperable, the cost to repair it is going to be \$4,700. The Actuator from 4N to 3N pipeline went out, operations could not push the repair to 2021, this replacement was at a cost of \$17,031.32.

### **DISCUSSION ON SEDIMENT TAILWATER RULES AMENDMENT:**

General Manager Lucchesi reported a hold has been put on changes and amendments to PID's sediment tailwater rules until staff has a better understanding on water quality. The original water quality threshold was going to be based on a measurement of total suspended solids,

however, turbidity seems to be a better metric to check in field. Staff have acquired a portable turbidity for monitoring. Staff will monitor discharges throughout the next couple of months to develop an acceptable threshold on dirty tailwater.

#### **SGMA UPDATE:**

General Manager Lucchesi provided the Board a staff report on SGMA activities for the month of March and a report from the San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority. Lucchesi reported three comment letters went out to the McMullen, Merced and Chowchilla sub-basin GSP's. The comments addressed concerns regarding upper aquifer groundwater levels, surface water-groundwater interactions and subsidence. The Delta-Mendota Sub-basin took issue with varying facets of each with the three GSPs and those comments are agreed to by all members of the Sub-Basin coordination committee.

#### **DRAINAGE:**

Lucchesi reported Growers have recently asked about installing tile drainage systems and plumbing into canals and subs. PID have in the past allowed them to discharge into the canals and subs. Some have been installed without approval. Therefore, Lucchesi reported that future installations will be allowed to be consistent with past practices.

#### **FISHBIO UPDATE:**

General Manager Lucchesi reported Fishbio had a call on May 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss 2020 operations and how COVID-19 impacted the study. Although Fishbio was impacted by COVID-19, they still maintained the fykes and performed various analysis and data collection that complied with COVID-19 related restrictions. Fishbio projects that BCID, WSID and PID may save upwards of \$100,000 from the project due to COVID-19 impacts. FishBio are still going to be doing their work during the summer, but without fykes. The savings to PID could be up to \$33,000.

#### **MANAGEMENT REPORT:**

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

#### **ADMINISTRATION REPORT:**

COVID-19 Response –

- Provided Staff a memo detailing precautions that are needed to be taken when working for PID.
- Have determined all staff are essential to perform the functions of the District
  - This is because we are a very small operation and can't go very long without a specific duty being performed, otherwise all work falls behind
  - Staff now have a letter from the General Manager stating their position is essential to provide law enforcement if needed

#### **WATER OPERATIONS REPORT:**

As of May19,2020 the District has a Shasta Critical Settlement Water allocation of 4,620 AF, the CVP SOD Ag allocation of 20%, PID is currently pumping into the DMC at approximately 30 cfs.

PID pumped 2,017 AF into the DMC for the Month April. 1,400 was under PID's Warren Act, with a 5% loss is at 1,330 AF. For 2020 thus far, PID has 3,021 AF available. 617 AF was for USBR/FWA.

#### **Construction Report:**

##### **Zacharias Annexation**

- No Updates

##### **Villages of Patterson**

- 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.
- Mejia – Provost & Pritchard provided a review of the plans and are waiting for second set of plans for review. Staff are still waiting for copies of the agreements for legal counsel to review.
- Working with the City of Patterson on a license agreement or a master encroachment agreement for all projects that cross PID facilities on 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Walnut, Sycamore, Olive and Eucalyptus Avenue.

## **PROJECTS REPORT**

### **Main Canal Rehab:**

- Waiting for Labor Consultants of California to sign off on Fringe Benefits Payments by Rados.

### **Marshall Reservoir Relocation Design**

- Retained Bedrock Engineering for surveying for the project
- To take advantage of sedimentation benefits of the project, the pump station was originally to be located on the southern end of the pond. However, due to concerns with head loss with the run of pipe and the extension of the electrical connections, Summers recommended that PID move the pump station towards the north side of the pond. In addition with the relocation, there will be the installation of 900 foot long barrier in the middle of the pond to take advantage of the sedimentation benefits of the pond. The barrier will allow water to flow into the pond on the west side, travel along the barrier and make a U-turn towards the pump station.
- USBR announced the FOA for the WaterSmart Program that can provide up to \$800,000 for grant funding for drought resiliency projects. PID's project may be eligible for the grant opportunity, however PID would have to get NEPA performed at an additional cost and the cost for the application \$20-\$30,000. In addition, were PID to pursue the funding, the project wouldn't be going into construction until late 2022 or early 2023. Therefore, staff recommended that we self-fund the project.

### **CLOSED SESSION:**

The Board announced the items that would be discussed in Closed Session. The Board convened into closed session at 3:17 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 – 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
  - ii. California Sportfishing Protection Alliance v Patterson Irrigation District
- c. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT DISCUSSION  
(Government Code Section 54957)

POSITION: GENERAL MANAGER

The Board returned to open session 3:45 p.m. President Barbaste reported closed session item C. Public Employee Employment Discussion has been tabled to the next board meeting.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF WATER TRANSFER OF 825 AF OF 2020-21 CVP SOD AG WATER TO WESTLAND WATER DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS AND ACTIONS NECESSARY TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER THERETO:**

Director Barbaste reported the board approved a temporary water transfer with Westlands Water District for 825 AF of PID's 2020-2021 SOD CVP allocation.

Motion by Director Fantozzi to approve the temporary water transfer to Westland Water District, and authorized the General Manager to execute agreements and actions necessary to facilitate the transfer. Second Director Trinta and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: Azevedo

Abstain: None

**OTHER ITEMS**

General Manager Lucchesi noted to the Board, for the sake of making the meetings more efficient, starting with the next Board meeting a consent calendar item will be added. The consent calendar will include the minutes and financials to be approved under one motion.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Toni Russell – Board Secretary