

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

June 17, 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, John Azevedo, David Fantozzi, Frank Trinta

Directors Absent:

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

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CONSENT ITEMS:

Agenda Items 4 – 5: Board to Consider: a) May 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes, b) Financial Report, Cash Disbursements Report, Accounts Receivable Report, Draft Budget Report, and PID Reserves Report, for month ending May 2020.

Director Fantozzi made a motion to approve the Consent Items for May 2020. Second by Director Trinta and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Azevedo, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

BAORD TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION 07-2020 ACCEPTING WORK BY STEVE P RADOS FOR THE SCHEDULE A IMPROVEMENT OF THE MAIN CANAL REHABILITATION PROJECT AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ISSUE THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH STANISLAUS COUNTY AND TO RELEASE RETENTION WITH BANNER BANK:

General Manager Lucchesi reported, on June 14, 2019 MWH (Stantec) notified PID Steve P. Rados Inc. (Rados) had achieved substantial completion of Schedule A improvements for the

East-West Conveyance Project with a list of items to finish the contract. May 28, 2020 Rados completed all the remaining list of items from the June 14, 2019 notice.

Director Azevedo made a motion to approve Resolution 07-2020 accepting work by Steve P Rados, Inc. for the Schedule A Improvement of the Main Canal Rehabilitation Project, and authorized the General Manager to record the Notice of Completion with Stanislaus County and release the retention held in escrow. Second by Director Trinta and passed unanimously

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Azevedo, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

REPORT ITEMS:

WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Operations Supervisor Trinta 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. Director Azevedo questioned the cost of using aquatic herbicide and chaining to control moss and weeds in the canal versus chaining only. Lucchesi stated he would provide a cost comparison and have it available at the next board meeting. 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.

2020 BOARD ELECTIONS:

Secretary Russell reminded the board members who are up for election in November. Russell stated due to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines, candidate filing is by appointment only. Appointment scheduling begins on July 1 by calling to make an appointment.

DISCUSSION ON FENCING OF PID LATERALS IN CITY OF PATTERSON:

Lucchesi reported Fernando Ulloa, City of Patterson reached out to staff in regards to the Sheriff's Department receiving a complaint from homeowners that back up to PID canal stating that homeless people had made an encampment along the PID canal between Sperry and Poppy Avenue. The Sheriff's Department has recommended installing a fence with an access gate to prevent the issue from reoccurring.

The Board was in agreement not to fence PID's Lateral, but to have staff looking into the cost to pipe the section between Sperry Avenue and Poppy Avenue and then put a fence up.

SGMA UPDATE:

General Manager Lucchesi provided a staff report in the board packet in regards to:

- Budget Status with SLDMWA
- TSS Funded Monitoring Wells – Staff was notified on May 28th that DWR had accepted PID's request for 7 monitoring wells throughout the PID GSA.
- SGMA Well Owner Workshop – PID GSA to host a well owners workshop after COVID restrictions are lifted
- GSP Implementation

OUTSIDE AGENCY/ORGANIZATION REPORTS & UPDATES:

Lucchesi provided Agency and Staff reports on the following:

- Family Farm Alliance
- San Joaquin Valley Water Blueprint Effort

- Storage Projects
- Drainage Authority Update
- FishBio Update
- IRWM/SWMP Update

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Lucchesi reported the 2019 Audit has been completed. Auditors will present their report to the Board of Directors at the July meeting.

Lucchesi provided a staff report in the board packet on the following:

- 9(d) Contract Conversion Update
- Administration Report
- Construction Report
- Projects Report
- Water Operation Report

DIRECTORS BRIEFING:

Nothing to report

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

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board announced the items that would be discussed in Closed Session. The Board convened into closed session at 3:00 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. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION
(Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

1 Potential case

- d. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT DISCUSSION
(Government Code Section 54957)
POSITION: GENERAL MANAGER

The Board returned to open session 4:07 p.m. President Barbaste reported closed session item d. Public Employee Employment Discussion.

Action Item:

BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF GENERAL MANAGER EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT:

Director Fantozzi made a motion to authorize Board President Barbaste to sign on the board's behalf, the Employment Contract between PID and General Manager in the form that was distributed at the meeting after closed session effective July 1, 2020. 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 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni Russell, Secretary