

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

July 15, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Patterson Irrigation District held a telephonic regular monthly Board meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1:06 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
	Steve Trinta	Water Operations/Maintenance Supervisor
	Mark Smith	Smith Policy Group
	Jared Rifis	Foley & Lardner LLP
	Jeanne Zolezzi	Legal Counsel
	John Blomberg	Blomberg Certified Public Accountancy

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

Agenda Items 4 – 5: Board to Consider: a) June 17 and June 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes, b) Financial Report, Cash Disbursements Report, Accounts Receivable Report, Draft Budget Report, and PID Reserves Report, for month ending June 2020.

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

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: Azevedo

Abstain: None

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTION OF NOTICE OF DETERMINATION FOR MARSHALL RESERVOIR PUMP STATION PROJECT:**

General Manager Lucchesi discussed the initial study of the project and negative declaration.

- President Barbaste announced and opened public hearing at 1:09 p.m.
- Board received no public comments
- President Barbaste closed the public hearing at 1:10 p.m.

**BOARD TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION 08-2020 ADOPTING A NOTICE OF DETERMINATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MARSHALL RESERVOIR PUMP- STATION PROJECT:**

General Manager reported, on June 15, 2020, Patterson Irrigation District provided notice of its intention to adopt a Negative Declaration to the public, and Stanislaus County Clerk Recorder. The public review period ended on July 15, 2020; no comment letters were received.

PID has determined that the construction of this project will provide critical water supplies through the recapture and recirculation of up-to 7,000 acre-feet of agricultural drainage water and operational spill and installing additional facilities to distribute this supply through significant acreage on the southern side of PID.

PID as lead agency, expressly finds that the Negative Declaration reflects PID's independent judgement and analysis.

Director Fantozzi made a motion adopting Resolution 08-2020 for approval of the Marshall Reservoir Pump Station Project in consideration of comments received, review and adoption of the Initial Study and Negative Declaration and authorization and direction to staff to file a Notice of Determination with the Stanislaus County Clerk Recorder. Second by Director Trinta and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: Azevedo

Abstain: None

**PRESENTATION OF AND ACTION ON 2019 PATTERSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

John Blomberg, CPA with Blomberg & Griffin Accountancy Corp., the Independent Auditor for PID reviewed with the Board the Fiscal Year 2019 Financial Audit Report. Blomberg was on hand to address any questions the Board may have in regard to the Audit. Blomberg reported that PID once again received an unqualified opinion for the Fiscal Year 2019 Audit.

Director Trinta made a motion to accept the 2019 Financial Audit Report as presented. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: Azevedo

Abstain: None

**BOARD TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBER TO BE SIGNATORY FOR PID BANK ACCOUNTS:**

General Manager Lucchesi requested the Board consider appointing an additional authorized signatory to PID OVCB checking account.

Director Fantozzi made a motion to add David Fantozzi and Frank Trinta as additional signatories on PID OVCB checking account. Second by Director Trinta and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: Azevedo

Abstain: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ACQUIRING, INSTALLATION AND EQUIPPING PUMPING EQUIPMENT FOR PUMPING PLANT 5:**

General Manager Lucchesi discussed with the Board, the need to increase pumping capacity at PP5. Lucchesi reported PP5 provides water to M Lateral, 5 North, 5 South and to PP6. When the laterals are at capacity delivering water to PID Growers PP6 is backed off allowing less water to be pumped into the DMC. PP5 is a consistent bottleneck for operations. Increasing PP5 by an additional 10-15 cfs would add more operational flexibility on the lower end of the system. Lucchesi reported the equipment that would be installed is surplus equipment in PID's yard, they only purchase would be a new lift pump. The estimated cost for the new pumping facilities is \$72,500.

Director Trinta made a motion increase the Capital Improvement budget for 2020 by \$72,500 for the removal and replacement of an increased capacity pump and motor at PP5. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: Azevedo

Abstain: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PURCHASING PERC TRAILER AND RTV:**

Lucchesi reported, at the June board meeting, staff discussed using a contractor who uses PERC equipment for rodent control in the district. The board requested staff investigate the cost of acquiring a PERC device and a utility task vehicle (UTV) to tow it throughout the district.

Lucchesi provided a quote from H & M Gopher Control for a PERC device with all associated components to run the trailer, H & M's quote for the PERC trailer came in at \$11,388.20.

Lucchesi also provided quotes for a UTV to pull the trailer throughout the district. The quote received from Garton Tractor for a Kubota RTV was \$12,574.78. Lucchesi noted, the Kubota RTV would also serve as a spray rig in the future for hard to reach areas that the spray truck cannot access.

Director Trinta made a motion increase the Capital Improvement budget for 2020 by \$26,500 for the purchase of a PERC trailer and Kubota RTV. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: Azevedo

Abstain: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PIPING M LATERAL FROM POPPY TO SPERRY AVENUES APPROVAL OF SINGLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATIONS PROFESSIONAL AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AND MAKE FINDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH CEQA AND APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT:**

At the June board meeting staff reported on complaints received from the City of Patterson in regards to homeless encampments along PID lateral that runs between Poppy and Sperry Avenues. The board requested staff investigate the cost to pipe the section of lateral and report it at the July board meeting.

Lucchesi reported at the March board meeting the board approved the cost to purchase 1,300 ft of used 42" pipe from Monzingo Construction for piping M Lateral for a total cost of \$95,000. Monzingo Construction provided a quote to install the pipe at the time of delivery eliminating the need to store it. The quote to have Monzingo Construction install the pipe is \$486,500.

Following a through discussion, the Board requested staff get a quote from other contractors before deciding to buy the pipe from Mazingo and having them install it, or just having another contractor buy pipe and installing it as a project.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EMPLOYING A FULLTIME MAINTENANCE POSITION:**

Lucchesi reported, Tony Lomeli has set his retirement date on September 1, 2020. With his retirement PID will be shorthanded and in need of another staff member to fill in behind him. Lucchesi stated with the hiring of a new employee, an adjustment to the budget is warranted since there will likely be an overlap of Tony Lomeli retiring and the new hire start date. Lucchesi estimated the amount to be \$11,000.

Director Trinta made a motion to increase the PID 2020 budget to accommodate the cost of hiring a new fulltime maintenance worker. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: Azevedo

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. A written report was included in the board packet for review.

At the request of Director Azevedo, General Manager Lucchesi provided a cost breakdown of Chaining PID's Laterals v. treating them with Teton.

**STATE AND FEDERAL AFFAIRS UPDATE:**

Mark Smith and Jared Rifis 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 to schedule their appoint with the Stanislaus County Elections office to file their paperwork. Appointment scheduling began on July 1.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> 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:**

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

- 9(d) Contract Conversion Update – PID draft re-payment contract is in its 60 comment period.
- 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
- Construction Report
- Projects Report
- Water Operation Report

## **DIRECTORS BRIEFING:**

Nothing to report

## **CLOSED SESSION:**

The Board announced the items that would be discussed in Closed Session. The Board convened into closed session at 3:13 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)  
California Sportfishing Protection Alliance v Patterson Irrigation District GSA,  
Stanislaus County Superior Court Case No. CV-20-001748

The Board returned to open session 3:20 p.m. President Barbaste reported no reportable action taken.

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Toni Russell, Secretary