

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

September 16, 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, John Azevedo, David Fantozzi, Frank Trinta

Directors Absent:

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

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CONSENT ITEMS:

Agenda Items 4 – 5: Board to Consider: a) August 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes, b) Financial Report, Cash Disbursements Report, Accounts Receivable Report, Draft Budget Report, and PID Reserves Report, for month ending August 2020.

Director Azevedo made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar for August 2020. Second by Director Fantozzi and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Azevedo, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO BEDROCK ENGINEERING OF \$5,000 TO INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION STAKING SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MARSHALL ROAD RESERVOIR PUMP STATION PROJECT:

General Manager Lucchesi presented a proposal from Bedrock Engineering for construction staking services on the Marshall Road Reservoir Pump Station Project. The proposal included field work, office work and expenses for a total cost not to exceed \$5,000.

Director Azevedo made a motion to approve the proposal from Bedrock Engineering for land surveying on the Marshall Road Reservoir Project. 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. 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.

BANK OF THE WEST CONTRACT FOR DEPOSIT OF PUBLIC FUNDS:

General Manager Lucchesi reported the District had received a letter from BOW that BOW had adopted a new Contract for Deposit of Public Funds. LAIF maintains their accounts via the BOW therefore the document pertains to the funds held in PID's LAIF account.

BOW is backing the funds held for PID that are more than the FDIC insurance limits by the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco. The agreement has no impact to PID other how funds will be insured.

BILLING POLICY DISCUSSION:

General Manager Lucchesi had a discussion with the Board in regard to changes to PID's Billing Policy.

PURCHASING POLICY MODIFICATION DISCUSSION:

General Manager Lucchesi discussed with the Board modifications to the Purchasing Policy requirements for bidding on capital improvement projects greater than \$100,000.

EAST-WEST CONVELYANCE AD-HOC COMMITTEE UPDATE:

General Manager Lucchesi reported the Ad-Hoc Committee met with Doug Dove of Bartle and Wells Associates on financing alternatives, and Gary Sawyers and Dick Moss of New Current Land and Water regarding public private partnerships for financing.

SGMA UPDATE:

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

- Budget Status with SLDMWA - Staff noted the northern group fund would have a deficit of \$118,488.12. PID's may owe an additional \$22,000.
- 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 Meter Letter – Letters were sent out on August 21st. Staff are going to wait until later this year to reach out to well owners that we know have production wells to get them register their wells.
- 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 – Contract comment period has ended. Staff are waiting for the new contract to come in for execution and debt payment.
 - A point in the contract is a commitment to have all delivery points metered. Although a substantial amount of PID's delivery points are metered or measured, PID will need to work on getting all turnout metered.
- New WAPA Contract – The new WAPA contract should be arriving soon. Once adopted, PID will work on interviewing attorneys who specialize in power to help with negotiating a new agreement to Turlock Irrigation District. Lucchesi recommended an ad Hoc committee to review potential law firms to represent PID in upcoming negotiations
 - President Barbaste appointed himself and Director Azevedo to review the applicants
- 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
 - PID hired Darrell Worthy for the Maintenance position. Hire date effective 10/1/2020.
- Construction Report
 - Villages of Patterson
 - Triplex
 - Plans have been provided and developer signed the encroachment agreement. P & P has reviewed the plan and are providing comments.
 - Engineer's contacted PID for a consideration if they would be allowed to build a pond for stormwater next to PID's Lateral 3N and discharge the storm water into PID's canal.
 - Mejia – P & P provided review of the plans and are waiting for second set of plans for review.
 - Main Canal Rehab – Issued draft final report to DWR, should have comment soon and get release on the retention.
- Projects Report
 - Staff are currently working on a list of capital projects and asset acquisition to consider for 2021.
- Water Operation Report
 - PID's pumping from now through February 28 will mainly be for SJRRP.
 - PID has executed the new Warren Act contract. The contract will run from September 1, 2020 through February 28, 2025.

DIRECTORS BRIEFING:

Nothing to report

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board announced the items that would be discussed in Closed Session. There was no closed session

- 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

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni Russell, Secretary