

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

January 27, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Patterson Irrigation District held a telephonic regular monthly Board meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. by Director 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	Operations/Maintenance Supervisor
	Mark Smith	Smith Policy Group

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CONSENT ITEMS:

Agenda Items 3 – 4 Board to Consider: a) December 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes b) Financial Report, Cash Disbursements Report, Accounts Receivable Report, Draft Budget Report, and PID Reserves Report, for month ending December 2020.

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

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Azevedo, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Agenda Items 5, 6, and 7 were pulled to discuss and to take action on independently.

ACTION ITEMS:

DISTRICT OFFICER ELECTIONS:

A motion was made by Director Azevedo to elect Director Barbaste as Board President and Director Reichmuth as Vice President for 2021. A second was provided by Director Trinta and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Azevedo, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

DISTRICT RULES COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

President Barbaste appointed Director Trinta, and President Barbaste to stand as the Rules Committee, and Director Reichmuth as alternate for the first six months of the year. For the last six months of the year, President Barbaste appointed Director Fantozzi and Director Azevedo as the Rules committee, and Director Reichmuth as the alternate.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMENDATION OF DRAFT 2021 DISTRICT BUDGET, WATER RATES AND ALLOCATION:

Lucchesi reported on the Final Draft Fiscal Year 2021 Budget and Extraordinary Operations and Maintenance Budget with the Board. Lucchesi included Capital Improvement expenditures, and projects with grant funding. Lucchesi also reviewed potential water transfer and wheeling/conveyance revenue.

Following a thorough discussion Director Azevedo made a motion accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the 2021 draft budget as presented. Second by Director Trinta and passed unanimously.

Ayes: Barbaste, Reichmuth, Azevedo, Fantozzi, Trinta

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The approved 2020 Assessment, allocation and water rates are as follows:

- Landholdings one acre and under \$12 per parcel
 - Landholdings over > 1 acre and < 2 acres \$15 per parcel
 - Landholdings 2 acres or greater \$60 per acre
- A water allocation is provided with the land-based assessment for landholdings 2 acres or greater. For the 2021 irrigation season, allocations will be twelve (12) acre-inches per acre (1 acre-foot per acre).
 - Water deliveries beyond the allocation will continue and be unrestricted as long as supplies are available to the District. The water rate for 2021 is \$30 per acre-foot.

For Priority Area 1 there will be \$60 per acre contract fee, with a water rate of \$55 per acre-foot. Water deliveries will be unrestricted as long as supplies to the in-district lands are not restricted. In the event that in district deliveries are restricted for any reason, out-of-district deliveries will cease

REPORT ITEMS:

WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Operations/Maintenance 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 provided updates on meetings and calls had regarding garnering support in the Fed and State for possible stimulus funding. Discussions also were on State bonds and proposed bills that could possibly consider the East-West Project to fund.

REVIEW OF 2021 NEWSLETTER:

A draft Landowner/Water User newsletter was provided to the Board for feedback.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND BROWN ACT TRAINING:

The date has been set for February 24, 2021 for PID's annual Board training. The training will be held at the district office.

SGMA UPDATE:

General Manager Lucchesi provided a report in the board packet regarding:

- TSS Funded Monitoring Wells
- Well Meter Policy Letter – Well registration process is moving forward. PID has received forms for 13 wells. Staff sent out another notice on January 21st.
- GSP Implementation
- Well Construction Requirements for new well permits in PID

OUTSIDE AGENCY/ORGANIZATION REPORTS & UPDATES:

Lucchesi provided Agency and Staff reports on the following:

- SLDMWA Activities
- IRWM/SWMP Update
- Drainage Authority Update
- SLDMWA SGMA Update
- FishBio Update
- Family Farm Alliance
- San Joaquin Valley Water Blueprint Effort

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

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

- Managers Briefing –
 - Lucchesi provided no updates outside of the items presented herein.
- Administration Report
 - Lucchesi provided a report on Personnel
 - Lucchesi Provided a report on Risk Management
- Construction Report
 - Zacharias Annexation
 - Met with Developers on December 3, 2020. We discussed the proposed annexation and that they'll commit to undergrounding the PID lateral. The stretch will be from the Solado Creek to Highway 33.
 - The PID easement space will be utilized as a Paseo/landscaped area.
 - There will be a stretch that homes will back up to the property, only 5.
 - The remainder will be along a road.
 - Draft EIR is out for comment, PID will be submitting comments by February deadline
 - Villages of Patterson
 - VOP 2.1 apartments and triplex.
 - Plans have been provided and developer signed the encroachment agreement. Provost & Pritchard has reviewed the plans and have provided comments.
 - Project is stalled because developer is focusing energy on property north of Mejia, which is currently under construction. This project

may be pushed back until further development occurs along Olive avenue.

- Cromwell Shire
 - Encroachment Permit issued to developer for utilities crossing 3-north PID midway sub between Walnut and Olive avenues along sycamore avenue.
- Mejia
 - Provost & Pritchard reviewed 2nd submittal of plans
 - Agreements have been submitted for Legal review. Agreements are OK, now working on details for easements.
 - Once PID gets legal description and plat available for the pipeline crossing of Sycamore, staff will work with the City of Patterson to re-establish the easement crossing Sycamore at Walnut.
 - Working with the City of Patterson on a license agreement for a master encroachment agreement for all projects that cross PID facilities on 1st Street, Walnut, Sycamore, Olive and Eucalyptus.
- Main Canal Rehab – Final report has been accepted and retention is set to be released.
- Marshall Pump Station
 - Project is under construction and on schedule. Don Pedro Pump is waiting for Prime Pump for materials.
- Sinkhole at DMC
 - Staff have retained Provost & Pritchard to work towards replacement. Plans should be ready for review soon.
- Patterson High School
 - Issued encroachment permit for crossing M Lateral pipeline on 9th Street.
- Theatre Project
 - Patterson Unified is building a theatre at the property on the corner of 9th and Ward Avenues.
 - Engineer's missed PID's pipeline on the project in the design and preconstruction phases.
 - Project will have parking lot and landscaping over the existing pipeline causing an encroachment.
 - Staff is requiring that the pipeline that is underneath the improvements be replaced with plastic to prevent the potential of leaks due to the construction activities. Pipe is supposed to be replaced in the coming weeks.
- Projects Report
 - Staff are currently working on a list of capital projects and asset acquisition to consider for 2021.
 - 2N Canal Rebuild Project
 - Draft plans have been submitted
 - A preliminary engineer estimate puts the project at \$935,000 for 1 mile of canal rebuild
 - Notice of exemption was filed on December 3, 2020

- Due to dry year, we may not be able to have 2N down from January through March for a full rebuild. The plan is to put the project out to bid in the fall.
- Pumping Plant No. 5 Upgrade
 - Waiting on Don Pedro to deliver correct pump
 - RLH Wave engineers gave the OK that the existing wiring infrastructure is good.
- Travelling Screen at Pumping Plant No. 5
 - Issued ½ of the cost of the screen with HiSide
 - HiSide is working on the installation
- East-West Financing Feasibility Study
 - Study is completed and waiting on final report
- East-West Conveyance Benefit Assessment
 - Staff have reviewed the first draft, Stantec have sent on the draft document to USBR for an initial review.
- Water Operation Report
 - Lucchesi provided a summary of water supplies and water operations for Water Year 2020-21 and the upcoming Water Year 2021-22.

DIRECTORS BRIEFING:

Nothing to report

CLOSED SESSION:

President Barbaste announced the items that would be discussed in Closed Session. The Board convened into closed session at 3:41 p.m. to discuss the item 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: Instructions to Negotiator will concern price and payment terms

The Board returned to open session 4:10 p.m. President Barbaste reported no reportable action taken.

OTHER ITEMS

Nothing to report

With the completion of all agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m. p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni Russell, Secretary