

NORTH SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Zoom - Teleconference Meeting

Monday April 26, 2021

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CONDUCTED BY TELECONFERENCE IN COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S
EXECUTIVE ORDER RELAXING BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS DUE TO COVID-19

- 1. Call to Order - Roll Call - Acceptance of Agenda** - The meeting was called to order by President Valente at 2:03 pm. A motion for the acceptance of the Agenda for the meeting on April 26, 2021, made by Vice President Flinn, second by Director Starr. Motion passed unanimously 5/0/0.

President Joe Valente - Area 3
Vice President Tom Flinn - Area 2
Secretary David Simpson – Area 1
Treasurer Charles Starr – Area 4
Director Marden Wilber – Area 5

General Counsel Jennifer Spaletta
Special Counsel Roger Masuda - Absent
Daniel de Graaf – District Engineer
Deputy Secretary Shasta Burns

- 2. Correspondence/Announcements-** Mail correspondence was reviewed and in the board meeting packet. President Valente reviewed a phone call received from Ron Oye, who would like a letter from EBMUD regarding water availability for testing his grant-funded project.
- 3. Action Items** Note: Votes recorded as: For/Against/Abstention (name)
 - A.** Approval of the Minutes of the March 29, 2021 Regular Scheduled Board meeting, and the April 6, 2021 Special Meeting – A motion to review and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Special Board Meeting, made by Treasurer Starr, second by Vice President Flinn. Motion passed 5/0/0.
 - B.** Financial Matters
 - a.** Receive and File NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer's Report– Monthly Treasurer's Report in the board meeting packet was reviewed. A motion to review and approve NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer's report for the month of March made by Vice President Flinn, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 5/0/0.
 - b.** Receive and File TLID #1 Monthly Treasurer's Report – Reviewed Monthly Treasurer's Report. A motion to review and approve the TLID #1 Monthly Treasurer's Report, made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Flinn. Motion passed 5/0/0.
 - c.** Receive and File ID #3 Monthly Treasurer's Report – Reviewed Monthly Treasurer's report. Annual assessments have been collected. A motion to review and approve the ID #3 Monthly Treasurer's Report for the month of January and February made by Treasurer Starr, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 5/0/0.
 - C.** Review Water Supply Conditions and Operations – President Valente reviewed

rain event that took place. Light rain, and nothing more to report.

D. South System Projects -

- a. South Pump Station Project – District Engineer reviewed the South Pump Station Project. Barrier around the tower will be worked on along with ladder enclosure for installation. No further updates at this time.
- b. Brandt/Tretheway Project – Sierra Control will be on site tomorrow and will be installing their portion of work. Estimated time of completion is one week
- c. East Side Ditch Project – No work planned. No report.
- d. Dream/Pixley Pipeline – District Engineer reviewed hold on project due to nesting birds, and will continue the 1st of the month. Permits for road crossing are in place, and Arnaudo Construction plans to start at the beginning of the month. EBMUD has started their portion of the project and will have connection piece of the project completed in approximately one month.

E. Dream Project Easements

- a. Kautz, Firpo, Cotta & Ferreira and Leffler Easement/License Agreements – President Valente removed himself from this portion of the meeting (Action items; E & F) due to potential conflict of interest. General Counsel reviewed Dream Project Easements in the pipeline alignment. Cotta & Ferreira action will be taken at the May Board Meeting. A motion to approve **Resolution 2021-02** Accepting Easements and License made by Treasurer Starr, second by Secretary Simpson. Roll Call vote: Wilber; Aye, Starr; Aye, Simpson; Aye, Flinn; Aye, President Valente; Abstain. Motion passed 4/0/1 (Valente).

F. Review and Consider Approval of Improvement District No. 3A – Pixley Lateral – Formation Petition – General Counsel reviewed landowners in the Improvement District that will be sharing the cost. A motion to accept **Resolution 2021-03 Forming Improvement District 3A, to be known as the South Water Users Improvement District - Pixley Lateral and Levying a Special Assessment, made by Secretary Simpson, second by Treasurer Starr. Roll Call vote: Wilber; Aye. Starr; Aye, Simpson; Aye, Flinn; Aye, President Valente; Abstain. Motion passed 4/0/1 (Valente).**

G. Pump Station Maintenance Report - No report at this time.

H. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act – Vice President Flinn reviewed financials related to the budget. General Counsel reviewed presentation given with EBMUD at the Eastern Water Alliance Meeting and will bring back to present to the Board.

I. Discuss Strategic Plan Process/Public Outreach – Second landowner meeting has taken place. The District will keep its efforts moving forward with landowner meetings.

J. Landowner communications – No updates at this time.

K. Discussion of Revised Board Policy Manual – No update at this time.

L. Discussion of Board Planning Calendar – Form 700 completion certificate has been submitted to SJC Registrar of Voters.

M. Discuss May Board Meeting Date and Location – The next monthly board meeting will take place on May 24th at 2 pm. Deputy Secretary Burns will try to schedule an in-person Board Meeting at the Grape Festival Grounds or Community Room at the Lodi Library.

4. Director and Staff Reports

A. President's Report – No report at this time.

B. General Counsel Spaletta – Reviewed debrief with DWR regarding Prop 68 grant application with DWR and Consero Solutions.

C. District Manager/Engineer – No report at this time.

D. Committee Reports – No report at this time.

E. Other – No reports at this time.

5. Public Comment – Public comments were addressed.

6. Closed Session – The Board entered into Closed Session at 2:58 pm.

7. Adjournment - The Board came out of Closed Session at 4:01 pm. President Valente reported there was no reportable action. Motion to adjourn the NSJWCD Regular Meeting on April 26, 2021 made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Flinn. Motion passed 5/0/0. Meeting adjourned 4:03 PM.

**The next regular scheduled Board Meeting May 24, 2021, from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM.
Location and method TBA due to COVID-19 Executive Order.**

The above minutes of the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting of April 26, 2021.

Respectfully submitted:

Shasta Burns, Deputy Secretary