

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

Zoom - Teleconference Meeting

Monday February 22, 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 Vice President Flinn at 2:10 pm. A motion for the acceptance of the Agenda for the meeting on February 22, 2021 made by Treasurer Starr, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed unanimously 3/0/0.

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

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. Email from the District website was reviewed from Ford Construction regarding funding for groundwater recharge ponds and funding in the Lockeford area.

- 3. Action Items** Note: Votes recorded as: For/Against/Abstention (name)

- A.** Approval of the Minutes of the January 25, 2021 – A motion to review and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting with the correction to Action Item E-c East side ditch- No work planned. No report, made by Secretary Simpson, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 3/0/0.

- 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 February made by Secretary Starr, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 3/0/0.

- 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 Starr, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 3/0/0.

- 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 Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 3/0/0.

- C.** Review Water Supply Conditions and Operations – General Counsel Spaletta

reviewed storage, releases and flows. South System could be operated for test run purposes if the next rain event is substantial.

D. South System Projects -

a. South Pump Station Project – District Engineer reviewed the South Pump Station Project is operational, and construction is complete. Actuators have been installed ahead of schedule. Arnaudo Construction has installed the gate and everything looks good at this time.

b. Brandt/Tretheway Project – No update at this time. A lock and chain or locking ladder cover will be installed for safety purposes.

c. East Side Ditch Project – No work planned. No report.

d. Dream/Pixley Pipeline –

i. Status Report/Schedule –The pipe has been delivered and ready for installation. Plans and permits for three crossings (Bear Creek, Mosher Slough, and the small tributary culvert) are submitted to their respective reviewing agencies. Monthly coordination calls with EBMUD have been occurring and will continue throughout the project. General Counsel and Secretary Simpson have been working with landowners to secure final easements for the project. A small landowner meeting was held in early February to discuss Pixley Pipeline cost allocations for laterals on the pipeline. Details on possible assessment costs that would be associated in participating in the project and other cost allocation options. Direction given to Counsel to review and bring back to the Board for Action at the next scheduled Board Meeting.

e. WaterSMART Grants – Notice from the Bureau of Reclamation that one of the grants the District applied for was not selected. Waiting on the second grant review and selection status at this time.

f. Improvement District No.3 Updates – Landowner meeting was held in early February. General Counsel reviewed the need for small group meetings for the next priority laterals on the system with landowners. All yearly assessments have been collected at this time.

E. Pump Station Maintenance Report –

a. North Pump – Streambed Alteration Notification package has been submitted to DFW for the clean-up work on the North Pump Station. Secretary Simpson is working with Stockton East to weed spray the area and all other pump stations.

b. South Pump – No update at this time.

c. Tracy Lake – Lake level sensor needs to be replaced. The completed web interface will send out live data in the near future. Secretary Simpson recommended preparation of a one-page “Startup Guide” to ensure the pumping plant is operated correctly.

i. Staff Gages – Secretary Simpson has the staff gages in possession and will work on installation.

ii. Lake Elevation Sensor – Discussion above. No action at this time.

iii. Tesco web interface Sensor – Monthly meetings will be held until project completed. General Counsel will email options for additional meetings.

F. North System Prop 68 Grant Application – No awards have been given at this time. We may learn something by next month.

G. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act – Vice President Flinn provided an update. The committee will be proposing cost allocations to member agencies for the program in the coming years. President Valente will be attending the next

committee meeting.

- H. Amend Contract with Consero Solutions – General Counsel reviewed memo in the Board Meeting packet. Additional time spent on the Prop 68 grant application. A motion to approve the Amend Contract with Consero Solutions presented in the Board Meeting packet made by President Valente, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0.
 - I. Discuss Strategic Plan Process/Public Outreach – Board discussion on conference call held with Consero Solutions about public outreach efforts. No action at this time.
 - 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 is due in April. All Directors have completed Ethics training at this time.
- 4. Director and Staff Reports**
- A. President’s Report – No report at this time.
 - B. General Counsel Spaletta – Reviewed Recommendation for Effective Water Rights Response to Climate Change and will comment with direction from the Board if needed.
 - 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 3:51 pm.
- 7. Adjournment** - The Board came out of Closed Session at 4:01 pm with Directors Valente, Flinn, Starr and Simpson present. Vice President Flinn reported there was no reportable action. Motion to adjourn the NSJWCD Regular Meeting on February 22, 2021 made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Meeting adjourned 4:03 PM. Motion passed 4/0/0.

The next regular scheduled Board Meeting March 29, 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 February 22, 2021.

Respectfully submitted:

Shasta Burns, Deputy Secretary