

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
BELRIDGE WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

Held June 29, 2022

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Belridge Water Storage District was held on June 29, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. in-person, and by video conference and teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER)
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President Rob Yraceburu called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and presided thereat.

ROLL CALL)
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The following directors were present: Rob Yraceburu, Rod Stiefvater, Brad Kroeker, Christin Faber, and Brett Hampf.

Also present were: Roy Pierucci, Alex Dominguez, Steve Bottoms, Jamie Marquez, Justin Rowe, Kim Constant, Assistant Secretary, Gnell Sparks, Assistant Treasurer, and Mark Gilkey, General Manger.

Also attending by video conference and/or teleconference: Tami Pensinger, Cody Tolbert, and Joseph D. Hughes, Legal Counsel.

ADOPTION OF ALTERNATIVE)
TELECONFERENCING REQUIREMENTS)
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Following discussion, on motion of Rod Stiefvater, seconded by Christin Faber, and unanimously carried, the Board made the determination that, due to continuation of the Governor's Executive Order and imminent risk to health and safety, the Board will continue with the previous teleconferencing determinations under Assembly Bill 361, on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Yraceburu
Rod Stiefvater
Brett Hampf
Brad Kroeker
Christin Faber

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA)
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Following discussion, on motion of Christin Faber, seconded by Rod Stiefvater, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Yraceburu
Rod Stiefvater
Brett Hampf
Brad Kroeker
Christin Faber

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA)
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President Yraceburu asked if there were any questions concerning the Consent Agenda, which items were detailed with staff reports in the Board Packet. Per the request of Gnell Sparks, the Board removed Consent Item No. 4bii from the Consent Agenda. The following is the list of Consent Agenda Items:

- 4a. Approval of Minutes of May 11, 2022 Board Meeting
- 4bi. Treasurer's Report
- 4bii. Pulled from the Consent Agenda
- 4biii. Fund Transfers
- 4biv. Review of Quarterly Investment Report

On motion by Christin Faber, seconded by Rod Stiefvater, and unanimously voted to approve the four Consent items on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Yraceburu
Rod Stiefvater
Brett Hampf
Brad Kroeker

Christin Faber
NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Warrants: Gnell Sparks presented the register of warrants for ratification and approval, attached as **Exhibit “B”** and **Exhibit “C”** , stating that there weresufficient unencumbered monies to pay such warrants. Ms. Sparks went on to mention that a correction is needed to the Belridge Water Storage District warrant list. Warrant number 17381 is listed under Belridge Water Storage District warrants but is a Berrenda Mesa Water District expense. Staff will remove warrant number 17381 from Belridge Water Storage District warrant list and include it in the Berrenda Mesa Water District warrant list. No other changes are needed. Following discussion, on motion of Brett Hampf, seconded by Brad Kroeker, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Warrant lists as presented with correction on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Yraceburu
Rod Stiefvater
Brett Hampf
Brad Kroeker
Christin Faber

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

PRIOR AND CURRENT YEAR)
ADJUSTMENTS FROM THE KERN)
COUNTY WATER AGENCY)
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Gnell Sparks presented a spreadsheet representing Staff’s calculation of the credits and charges to Landowners based on 2021 and prior year State Water Project and energy adjustments. Staff has prepared warrants for Board approval payable to those water users entitled to a credit and invoices for charges due. Staff recommended that the warrants be held for two weeks to allow Landowners to review the calculations and the information contained therein and further to hold all warrants payable to Landowners with open invoices. After questions regarding the controller’s calculations are addressed, Staff will distribute the final calculations and release said warrants to Landowners on July 13, 2022. Following discussion, on motion of Christin Faber, seconded by Rod Stiefvater, and unanimously carried, distribution of the warrants on July 13, 2022 were approved if no changes are required on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Yraceburu
Rod Stiefvater
Brett Hampf
Brad Kroeker
Christin Faber

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT)
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The General Manager stated that the General Manager's report was included in the board packet for review.

The President requested Staff include a report regarding the District solar project at the next individual Board meeting.

REPORT OF COUNSEL)
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No report.

OTHER DISTRICT ISSUES)
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District Rules and Regulations Update: Alex Dominguez reported that, during the joint meeting, Staff requested the budget and billing cycles be updated to enable a more efficient process. Mr. Dominguez recommended authorization for Staff to distribute estoppel letters to Landowners to adjust timelines for budgeting and billing. Following discussion, on motion of Brad Kroeker, seconded by Christin Faber, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized Staff to distribute estoppel letters to Landowners on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Yraceburu
Rod Stiefvater
Brett Hampf
Brad Kroeker

Christin Faber

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Grant Funding Opportunities:

Resolution 943 Authorizing Application to the US Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation for Fiscal Year 2023 WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Funding Opportunity: Justin Rowe presented a form of Resolution 943, that, if adopted by the Board, would authorize Staff to apply for a grant under the US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation for Fiscal Year 2023 WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency grant funding opportunity.

Thereupon, on motion of Rod Stiefvater, seconded by Christin Faber, Resolution 943 entitled, "RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BELRIDGE WATER STORAGE DISTRICT AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUEAU OF RECLAMATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 WATERSMART WATER AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANTS FUNDING OPPORTUNITY R23AS00008" was adopted on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rob Yraceburu
Rod Stiefvater
Brett Hampf
Brad Kroeker
Christin Faber

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)
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Roy Pierucci thanked Staff for their hard work. His comment included commendation to Jaime Marquez.


EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION)
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No executive closed session.


ADJOURNMENT)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion of Rod Stiefvater, seconded by Christin Faber, and unanimously carried, said meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

APPROVED:



Brett Hampf
Secretary of the Board of Directors



Rob Yracoburu
President of the Board of Directors