October 10, 2019

President Tom Slater opened the meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:00 A.M. Trustee Steve Heringer offered an opening prayer.

 The Trustees in attendance were Gary Merwin, Steve Barsoom, Jeff Merwin and Steve Heringer. Also in attendance is John Studarus, Mark Wilson, Gilbert Cosio and Secretary - Bookkeeper Vanessa Schmoker.

The agenda was approved as presented. (M- Barsoom S- Heringer) Unanimous.

The minutes of the September 12, 2019 meeting were approved as presented. (M- Heringer S- Slater) Unanimous.

 President Slater highlighted the financials for the month of August. President Slater reviews the PG&E bills for August through October to show that the cost is higher due to use of the booster pumps for summer irrigation. President Slater reviews the annual cost for R&M for the fire truck. The fire truck was converter into a spray rig and therefore incurred higher costs than usual.

RESOLUTION 2019-10-10-1 to approve expenditures of $63, 273.94 for the operation and maintenance of said District, for the month of September as set forth in the Revolving Fund with proceeds from borrowing from the note at Bank of Stockton, California, at a balance of $0 be paid and the same are hereby unanimously ratified, approved and confirmed. (M- Barsoom S- Heringer) Unanimous.

Gilbert Cosio presents the Engineer’s report to the Board. Gil begins with the funding that the District has received so far this year. The District has received $26,250 for the 5-year Plan, which needs to be spent by 12/31/2020. FMAP funding received includes $20,000 for the LOI/SWIF and $20,000 for 218 expenses, of which the 218 funds could be used for the RD 765 consolidation should that move forward. Those funds must be spent by 12/31/2019. The District was approved for funding for the Sutter Slough repair under the FSRP program. MBK has completed the surveying and LiDAR data for phase 1 and is working to analyze, and complete the report to turn into DWR for approval. A full report will be ready by the November meeting. Asta Construction is to begin work on the Sacramento River repair the week of September 16. The Delta Conservancy approved the grant application for Elk Slough at their September meeting. Doug Brown and members of the committee are proceeding thing Phase 1 of the project to achieve the necessary information requested by the Delta Conservancy. This information will become available soon, and the project is moving forward.

There was an attempted levee repair on Unit 1, which Sergio tried to fix unsuccessfully. President Slater reached out to Steve Hardesty for a bid to fix it. The bid came in at $17,000 and President Slater accepted to bid so that Steve could begin work as soon as possible.

The meter sensors on the siphons are still having issues. The sales rep for the company keeps assuring President Slater that he has it figured out. In the meantime, the Watermaster continues to allow an extension. $12,500 of the $25,000 bid has been paid, with a final payment made after MBK & the Watermaster signs off on all meters.

President Slater presents the Manager’s Report to the Board

All connecting districts to RD 999 have paid their Yolo GSA dues, which makes them all officially a part of Yolo GSA. Dues for 2019-2020 total $12,625.

Since the September meeting, there has been no new negotiations with RD 765 about consolidation. President Slater has spoken to Scott Shapiro with Downey Brand on how to acquire the pumps and legal specifications for consolidation. When/if the time comes, Scott will have a handout prepared for the Board to outline the process of consolidation.

The levee inspection was postponed in September and DWR will return to finish mid-October. The units that are complete include marks for cracks in the road in Unit 1, which Sergio will fix and report back to the inspector before she submits the final grade.

President Slater has been working with Bank of Stockton to secure a 5-year loan for the new Case excavator. The equipment has been reserved and should be on site early next week. Tom Backer with Bank of Stockton will update President Slater with the terms of the loan and should have the paperwork finalized by the November meeting.

Sergio Rodarte asked to speak to the Board about the District and some concerns he had. The Board thanked Sergio for all his time and hard work over the years.

President Slater informed the Board that the old backhoe was not going to be traded in due to the old motor. As Case would not take it as a trade-in, the Board voted to sell it for $1,000.00. (M- G. Merwin S- J. Merwin) Unanimous.

The Board moves in to closed session at 10:35 to discuss employee reviews. No action was taken.

 The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday November 4, 2019. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

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Vanessa Schmoker – Secretary