

October 12, 2023

President Tom Slater opened the meeting of the board of Trustees at 8:00 A.M.

The Trustees in attendance are Steve Barsoom and Gary Merwin. Also present is John Studarus and Secretary-Bookkeeper Vanessa Schmoker. Trustees Jeff Merwin and Ed Franceschi are absent.

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

The minutes of the September 15, 2023, meeting were approved as presented. (M- Barsoom S- G. Merwin) Unanimous.

President Slater highlighted the financials for the months of September. President Slater reviewed the Elk Slough reimbursement for Q2, and briefly discussed upcoming expenses.

RESOLUTION 2023-10-12-1 to approve expenditures of \$95,220.39 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- G. Merwin S- Barsoom) Unanimous.

President Slater reviewed the Elk Slough project and reports that there hasn't been much progress since the last meeting. Elk Slough is still in the design phase, at about 65% complete. Until the design phase is complete the updates will be minimal.

President Slater reviews the issues with the 307 siphon and Pump 5. Pump 5 failed on September 11 and Sergio and Joe were able to fit pump 13 to keep operations moving. At some point there will need to be a decision made to buy a new pump or rebuild the pump. The 307 siphon is still only running at night, and there has been no leak found. At this point, it is believed that the only thing left to do is send a camera to try to find the leak.

President Slater updates the Board on Open ET, the alternative reporting program for Districts to report water usage. The District will report independently for the entire District. Because individual landowners may still report for their own diversions, the state will have to manage double reporting issues.

President Slater reminds the Board that the Subventions program will run out of funding at the end of FY 2024. The new flood bond is in the works but due to the legislative process, the timing will create a gap year. Funding efforts are being made for the gap year but there are no guarantees.

The 2022 audit is complete, and a draft report has been sent for the final review. Both President Slater and Secretary-Bookkeeper Schmoker have reviewed it and will give our auditor the "ok" to finalize. At that point, the audit will be presented to the Board.

President Slater presents a budget review for the year in preparation for the annual assessment in November. There have been cost increases in most areas, from health insurance to electricity. In 2022, the District didn't have to borrow from the RLOC until November, but will likely borrow before the end of October this year. President Slater presents a few proposed assessment rates to see what rate would best fit the current year's budget as well as going forward. While \$2.70/100 seems to be the best fit, it will be reviewed and approved at the November meeting. The rate has been \$2.45/100 since 2018.

President Slater briefly updates the Board on the upcoming DWR fall inspection, set for October 19, 2023. The Yolo County Board of Supervisors will appoint the trustees with expiring terms at their November meeting. And LAFCO will be doing their annual website reviews/grading soon, which Secretary-Bookkeeper Schmoker has updated using LAFCO's rubric.

The next Board meeting will take place November 1, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am

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Vanessa Schmoker - Secretary