

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

September 6, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Tri-County Water Authority met in the second floor conference room, 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, California, on Thursday, September 6, 2018 at the hour of 1:00 P.M.

Director VanderHam presided and Executive Director Jackson kept the minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Cory VanderHam
Mark Grewal
Steve Jackson
Vacant

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Kayode Kadara

OTHERS PRESENT: Lauren Layne, Deanna Jackson, Stacie Ann Silva, Dee Jaspar,
Megan Chicoine, Julianne Phillips, Bruce Howarth

Director VanderHam called the meeting to order at 1:13 P.M.

Director VanderHam asked for public comment. None was offered.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A/B. The Board considered approval/ratification of the warrants and finances which had been processed August 14, 2018 to September 6, 2018, and the draft minutes of the Special Board Meeting of August 13, 2018. Bruce Howarth had a question concerning item #6 on the draft minutes and Executive Director Jackson provided clarification. On the motion of Director Grewal and second of Director Steve Jackson, the Board voted to approve the consent calendar as presented. (3-0-2)

ACTION CALENDAR

1. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or approval of the Employment Contract for Executive Director Jackson, to become effective on September 1, 2018. On the motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director Steve Jackson the Board voted to approve the Employment Contract. (3-0-2)

2. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or action to approve the Lease/Rental and Office Staff Support Agreement between Angiola Water District and Tri-County Water Authority. Counselor Layne presented the Administrative Services Agreement to the Board for consideration. This Agreement provides office space, bookkeeping/secretarial support as well as the use of AWD office equipment. The AWD Board proposed the agreement at their August meeting. On the motion of Director Steve Jackson and the second of Director Grewal, the Board voted to approve the Administrative Services Agreement. (3-0-2)
3. This item was a review of the Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement. Counselor Layne and Executive Director Jackson presented the current 5 draft sections of the Coordination Agreement to the Board. Counselor Layne concentrated on section 2, which has had the most revisions by GSA legal representatives. One area that has not been determined is subbasin-wide data collection, how this will be conducted, and the cost efficiencies associated. The Board discussed Thomas Harder's monitoring plan for the Tule Subbasin. No action was taken.
4. This item was a review of the Tulare Lake Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan, 2.0 Plan Area. Executive Director Jackson presented the draft plan and discussed the pages of interest, as well as changes to the plan that will be proposed from TCWA. No action was taken.

COMMUNICATIONS/OLD BUSINESS

5. Various reports as follows:
 - a. Directors Reports/Comments/Suggestions – None offered
 - b. Financial Report – Executive Director Jackson presented the financial report including the outstanding accounts receivables. The Board directed staff to rebill the outstanding receivables without adding penalties/fees to the invoices at this time.
 - c. Reports of General Interest
 - 1.) TCWA Technical Advisory Committee Report – Dee Jaspar, TCWA's consultant, presented a review of the Technical Advisory Committee meeting and a summary of his and Dr. Ken Schmidt's meeting with Thomas Harder. The TAC's meeting included a discussion of projects, cropping data and water use for the Tule Subbasin. Mr. Jaspar and Dr. Schmidt had a productive meeting with Thomas Harder. Mr. Jaspar touched on the key points of discussion including Tule Subbasin Model. There was a discussion of data gaps within the TCWA. More accurate data is necessary for model calibration and to present a more accurate portrayal of our area.
- 1) TCWA Technical Advisory Committee Report – Dee Jaspar presented the status of the GSP for the Tule Subbasin. He has completed a written description and mapping of the GSA's boundaries. Mr. Jaspar is mapping the acres of cropped lands, the acres of undeveloped lands, and the crop water demands in the Tule Subbasin. He has also prepared a water budget for 2017 and will be distributing a draft of the budget to the producers.

- 2) Legal Counsel Report – Lauren Layne gave a report on the California Legislature and the most current activity. The legislative session came to a close on August 31. Arambula’s Bill on water for recharge died, as well as the proposed water and fertilizer tax that would fund safe drinking water.

ADJOURNMENT

11. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the September 6, 2018 meeting, Director VanderHam adjourned the meeting until the next Special Meeting to be held on October 11, 2018 at 1:00 P.M., in the Tri-County Boardroom or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:



Cory VanderHam, Chairman



Deanna Jackson, Executive Director