

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

Lodi Grape Festival Grounds – Barrel Room
413 E. Lockeford Street, Lodi CA

Monday, July 25, 2022

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**CONDUCTED IN PERSON AND BY ZOOM 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 President Valente at 2:02 pm. A motion for the acceptance of the Agenda and for the meeting on July 25, 2022, made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Flinn. Motion passed unanimously 4/0/0.

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

General Counsel Jennifer Spaletta
Special Counsel Roger Masuda - Absent
Daniel de Graaf – District Engineer
Deputy Secretary Shasta Burns

2. **Correspondence/Announcements-** Land applications were received and reviewed.

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board meeting on July 15, 2022 and the Regular Scheduled Board meeting on June 27, 2022 – A motion to approve both sets of Minutes made by Director Wilber, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 4/0/0. Treasurer Starr arrived after Minutes approval. All board members are in attendance.

- B. Financial Matters

1. Receive and File NSJWCD Monthly Treasurer’s Report– Reviewed Monthly Treasurer’s Report in the Board meeting packet. A motion to receive and file the NSJWCD Monthly Treasurers Report with bill for de Graaf Engineering Inc. held for Closed Session made by Secretary Simpson, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 5/0/0.

2. Receive and File TLID #1 Monthly Treasurer’s Report – General Counsel reviewed the final payment due to West Coast Credit Services, and the need to close out bank accounts associated with the Tracy Lakes warrant payments. A motion to receive and file the TLID #1 Monthly Treasurer’s Report made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 5/0/0.

3. Receive and File ID #3 Monthly Treasurer’s Report – Reviewed Monthly Treasurer’s report. A motion to receive and file the ID #3 Monthly Treasurer’s Report made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 5/0/0.

4. Approve Transfers Between Accounts – A motion to approve \$100,000 from County Account for a deposit into the Farmers & Merchants General Checking account made by Treasurer Starr, second by Director Wilber. Motion passed 5/0/0
 5. Amendment to 22-23 Budget to increase Public Outreach budget item \$10,000 to \$35,000 (Consero Task 2 - \$33,050 including town hall meeting and two newsletters) – A motion to to approve budget increase Public Outreach budget item from \$10,000 to \$35,000 made by Secretary Simpson, second by Treasurer Starr. Motion passed 5/0/0
- C. North System**
1. Improvement District No. 4- North System Surface Water Users – Initial concept discussion – General Counsel Spaletta reviewed Concepts for North System Surface Water Users Improvement District handout; which included possible members, supply reliability, and cost. For Discussion purposed only. No action needed at this time. Contact information of interested landowners in attendance at the meeting or on zoom was received.
- D. South System**
1. Dream Project next steps – Engineer deGraaf reviewed connecting new people together to get the PG & E portion done of the project at Pixley. Wildlife Biologist Diane Moore will be working on the permanent crossing permit at this time. The permanent pipe crossing will complete the initial portion of the Dream project construction.
 2. Handel Lateral next steps – Conceptual plans are being worked on at this time. Handel Box and Lateral will be the subject of the \$1 million dollar grant description for application.
- E. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act/GWA Activity**
1. New Groundwater Well Applications – GSA Verifications- Four new well applications were received. NSJWCD District Engineer has recommended findings that all four new Groundwater Well Applications are consistent with GSP applicable to the basin area managed by the GSA, and will not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin area managed by the GSA. A motion to approve four new groundwater well applications received and reviewed by the District Engineer made by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Flinn. Motion passed 5/0/0
- F. Groundwater Charge**
1. Landowner Appeals – Consider policy for proceeding appeals submitted after July 1, 2022 for the 22-23 fiscal year charge – Final roll has been submitted to the county and communication with the county to finalize for printing in November is done at this time. Discussion of draft concepts regarding potential NSJWCD policy for groundwater charges after submission of the annual charge roll to the county assessor. Discussion item only and appeals will be considered as received.
- G. Contracts**
1. Consider Amended Scope of Work for District/Engineer Manager for deGraaf Engineering – Discussion and action taken during Closed Session and details reporting in Closed Session Action below.
- H. Grant Activity Report- Correction to Federal Appropriation is \$1 million dollars**

(previously reported as \$1.4 million) and working on existing grants at this time.

- I. District Engineer/Manager Report – No action at this time.
 - J. Director Elections Calendar – Secretary Simpson announced Board of Directors election filing window is open now and closes August 12, 2022.
 - K. Landowner Communications – No communications at this time. The letter from Mr. Pilkington will be discussed at the August Board meeting.
 - L. Board Planning Calendar- Nothing to report at this time.
- 4. Director and Staff Reports**
- A. President’s Report – No report at this time.
 - B. General Counsel Spaletta – No report at this time.
 - C. District Manager/Engineer – No report at this time.
 - D. Consero Solutions – No report at this time.
 - E. Committee Reports – No report at this time.
 - F. Other – No reports at this time.
- 5. Public Comment** – Public comments were received.
- 6. Closed Session** – The Board entered closed session at 3:54 PM, came out of closed session at 5:10 PM and returned to Open Session. President Valente reported discussion of deGraaf Engineering contract and invoice. Motion to have 3-month contract at rates per page 3 of 7/25/2022 memo from de Graaf Engineering, Inc. First priority will be South System, second priority is everything else, and to pay the current de Graaf Engineering, Inc. invoice for \$24,881.79 by Secretary Simpson, second by Vice President Flinn. Motion passed 5/0/0.
- 7. Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn the NSJWCD Regular Meeting on July 25, 2022 made by Vice President Flinn, second by Secretary Simpson. Motion passed 5/0/0. Meeting adjourned at 5:17 PM.

The next regular scheduled Board Meeting August 29, 2022, 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 July 25, 2022.

Respectfully submitted:

Shasta Burns, Deputy Secretary