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MINUTES

Redwood Valley County Water District

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Board of Directors - Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 19, 2017

Directors: Granville Pool, Pamela Ricetti, Ken Todd, Jeff Basili, Marv Talso
Staff: General Manager Bill Koehler

Call To Order: 6:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call

Present:

Granville Pool, President

Ken Todd, Director

Pamela Ricetti, Director

Jeff Basili, Director

Marv Talso, Director

2. Hearing of Comments or Questions from the Attending Public for Items Not on the Agenda
Tamara Alaniz, the General Manager for Russian River Flood Control (RRFC) is in attendance.
She has nothing to say at this point.

3. Consider Hearing of Urgent Items Received Since the Agenda Was Posted
None from staff.

4. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion: Accept the agenda

Motion by Dir Ricetti, second by Dir Basili

In favor: Unanimous

5. Approval of Consent Calendar

There is no Consent Calendar.

6. Approval of Minutes as Presented

The minutes are now presented with the line numbers. Dir Pool finds one typo.

Motion: Accept the December Regular Meeting minutes as corrected

Motion by Dir Ricetti, second by Dir Basili

47 In favor: Unanimous

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49 7. Action Items

50 1. Selection of Officers. (Discussion and appointment of Board officers for 2017)

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52 **Motion: Elect Granville Pool as President**

53 Motion by Dir Ricetti, second by Dir Basili

54 In favor: unanimous

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56 **Motion: Elect Pamela Ricetti as Vice-President**

57 Motion by Dir Talso, second by Dir Basili

58 In favor: unanimous

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60 Dir Pool will be the representative to Russian River Flood Control, the ACWA JPIA, and
61 the alternate at the Upper Russian River Water Agency (the JPA).

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63 Dir Ricetti will be the representative to the Inland Water & Power Commission (IWPC).

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65 Dir Basili will be the representative to Millview County Water District.

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67 Dir Todd will be the representative to the JPA.

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69 Dir Talso will be the representative to Willow Water District and ACWA.

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71 2. SCADA. (Discussion and possible direction regarding selection of SCADA
72 contractor).

73 XIO and TelStar both seem like good options, but XIO's technology is completely
74 proprietary and that could be a huge issue. TelStar's quote is way too high. Primex
75 bought the company that originally installed our SCADA system and while they are more
76 expensive than XIO, GM Koehler thinks they are the best choice. XIO would also install
77 all new equipment that requires monthly costs for upkeep. Primex gave an estimate of
78 \$140,000. We budgeted for this, but our budget was a best guess.

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80 **Motion: Approve Primex to install a new SCADA system**

81 Motion by Dir Ricetti, second by Dir Basili

82 In favor: unanimous

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84 3. Meeting Time. (Discussion and possible approval of Resolution 2017-01 changing
85 meeting time to 5:00pm).

86 The best and easiest way to change the meeting time is by resolution. This resolution
87 changes the meeting time.

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89 **Motion: Approve Resolution 2017-01**

90 Motion by Dir Talso, second by Dir Todd

91 In favor: unanimous (vote by Roll-Call)

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93 8. General Manager's Report and Action Items

94 We want a standard meter size in the consolidated district and there's a new-ish
95 requirement that all new single-family homes need to have sprinkler systems. After a lot
96 of research, we're going to sell 3/4" meters but put in 1-inch mag-meters. A smaller
97 meter would rob the pressure because of a required backflow device and a regular 1-inch
98 meter would not pick up low flows such as a toilet flush. Dr. Ricetti asked how this
99 would affect someone like her who just has a well and would have to install a big tank
100 and pump for fire suppression. In the past, the Board approved to allow someone to have
101 a meter installed solely for fire suppression, and they did that just for situations like this.
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103 Dave Redding has proposed erecting a structure to protect the valve-exercising machine
104 and the mini-excavator. They're simple two walls and a roof, metal structures to keep
105 them out of the sun and rain. It's \$1,700 for each district for the structure. The board
106 asked about record keeping on the equipment use. So far we've been sharing the
107 equipment without much record-keeping but the other districts haven't used them very
108 much.
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110 a. Discussion regarding IWPC participation.

111 In discussions with members of the GSA, a City of Ukiah ad hoc member had a fit about
112 the fact that RRFC has a vote at the GSA and they also are part of the JPA which has a
113 vote at the GSA. It was pointed out to them that RRFC actually only has 1.2 votes which
114 isn't enough to give them any sort of advantage and the RRFC had actually already
115 decided not to vote on GSA matters as part of the JPA, just in case somebody brought it
116 up.
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118 This moves right on to how Redwood Water is part of the IWPC. The IWPC is doing a
119 \$52,000 study on the Upper Eel River which benefits all of us. The guy doing the study is
120 at UC Davis and is getting a lot of his work paid for by grants and such. So this is a real
121 bargain for us. It would allow us to defend against complaints from the Friends of the Eel
122 River about the water coming through the tunnel into Potter Valley. But we're just
123 getting hit by one study cost after another. Dir Ricetti thinks the study is worth the \$4,400
124 it would cost us. The JPA was formed partially because we're all the same type of
125 agency. When RRFC joined, though, that dynamic changed. There is a consensus by the
126 Board that this study is worth \$4,400.
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128 The JPA has obtained the services of an attorney who has not been involved with any
129 other water agency: Steven Johnson. He seems very capable and willing to put in the
130 effort to get up to speed on what's going on with the water districts.
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132 At a previous SGMA meeting, Doug Crane said that if Sonoma County Water Agency
133 (SCWA) wasn't a full member of the GSA, he would go back and get the City of Ukiah
134 to withdraw from everything. At the latest meeting, two member of the Sonoma County
135 Board of Supervisors attended where they made it very clear that they didn't want to be a
136 full member because then one of them would have to come up here for every meeting,
137 and they'd prefer to send a staff member. So they want the advisory role. The Resource

138 Conservation District (RCD) would also prefer an advisory role. The tribes want a full
139 seat. The ag interests are still working things out.

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141 Sean White has gone before the City Council and said that they should give up the 800
142 acre-feet diversion from the Russian River. Member of the Public Phil Baldwin stood up
143 and said that they shouldn't give it up. Councilmember Steve Scalmanini seems to think
144 that we would use the water to start putting in subdivisions despite other zoning
145 requirements. So they didn't, though they did decide to have a special meeting to talk
146 about it.

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148 We've had a productive meeting with Michelle Frederick, the Consolidation Director
149 with the Division of Drinking Water. They asked the JPA to develop a concise summary
150 of how the issues with the State Water Board are hindering the consolidation. Tamara has
151 put together some information and gave space for us to fill in details. Redwood, Calpella,
152 and Willow all have outstanding issues because of lack of action by the State. The DDW,
153 right now, is a huge ally of ours.

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155 *rephrase* GM Koehler has been trying to work (as General Manager of Millview) with Masonite to
156 ~~get Well 6 to production.~~ So at his suggestion, the Millview board had him hire Dick
157 Selzer to work on it and they put in an offer to Masonite's lawyer back in June. So they
158 sent a letter directly to Masonite which brought about a swift reprimand from the lawyer
159 telling us not to try to circumvent him. Two weeks later we got an answer from Masonite
160 that they think the water is worth 4 times what the land is worth. Ross Liberty has
161 mentioned his property a couple of times and finally came in formally to offer to sell part
162 of his property to Millview to drill a well. He also offered to sell water under his water
163 right from Masonite to Millview.

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165 Raising the dam at Lake Mendocino is still a goal of the IWPC. The feasibility study
166 alone will run about \$1.5 million but Dir Ricetti thinks that it will gain support as people
167 realize it's the only way to increase water in the valley.

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169 A member of the public has come back demanding information about the costs related to
170 the monitoring well, under the Public Information Act.

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172 Dir Talso brings up some talk about a tribe able to get rid of water under Title 22. GM
173 Koehler says that this is related to treated wastewater and a great way to get rid of it
174 would be to sell it to contractors who need construction water.

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180 9. Financial Report

181 There is no financial report this month.

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183 10. JPA – Upper Russian River Water Agency

184 Already discussed.
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186 11. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SCMA)
187 Already discussed.
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189 12. Local Agency Formation Commission of Mendocino County (LAFCo)
190 Already discussed.
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192 13. Mendocino County Inland Water & Power Commission (IWPC)
193 Already discussed.
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195 14. Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement
196 District (RRFC)
197 Already discussed.
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199 15. Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA)
200 Already discussed.
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202 16. Report of Attendance at Agency Meetings
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205 17. State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)
206 Already discussed.
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208 18. Status Report of Place of Use Issues
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211 19. Status Report of 2800 acre-feet Storage Right.
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215 20. Consider Attendance at Other
216 Nothing to report.
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218 **Motion to adjourn.**
219 Motion by Ricetti, second by Dir Basili
220 In favor: unanimous
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222 Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.
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225 Minutes submitted by Jeanette Wise
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227 Approved: Board of Directors
228 Date Approved: _____
229 Signed: _____

Board of Directors

