

WASHOE COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board Meeting

March 5, 2019

DIRECTORS:

John Capurro
Louis Damonte
Bill Hauck
Doug Avanzino
Robert Quilici
Cory Casazza

GUESTS:

Michael Pagni, Attorney
George Ball, Engineer
Shane Dyer, Dyer Engineering
Scott Schoenfeld, USBR

ABSENT:

Lawrence Belli

STAFF:

Mary Pat Eymann
Brian Casci

- 1. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER –**
President Quilici called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**
- 3. APPROVE AGENDA –** No changes to posted Agenda.
- 4. APPROVE FEBRUARY 2019 BOARD MINUTES, CHECKS WRITTEN AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FEBRUARY 2019.**
 - ❖ Director Capurro made a motion to approve the minutes and financial statements as presented: seconded by Director Casazza; motion carried.
- 5. FEDERAL WATER MASTERS REPORT – Brian Casci, FWM**

A complete copy of the Water Report is available at District Offices or on the internet at troa.net.
The canal is now off.
Once Boca reaches 18,000 af that is where it will stay for the Safety of Dams construction project.
- 6. UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF SAFETY OF DAMS PROJECT – Shane Dyer**

Mr. Dyer attended a project management meeting with the BOR and received a schedule from them (available at District offices). Site work is set to start at the end of March early April. BOR is meeting with the Water Master's office about water levels.
- 7. DISCUSSION ON FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION(FERC) PRELIMINARY PERMIT FOR A POWER PLANT AT BOCA DAM – Shane Dyer**

The process is still moving forward. They are waiting for grant money to move forward.
- 8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DISTRICT FUNDS TO DATE– Director Capurro**

There is a large amount of money in the checking account with additional assessment funds coming in July or August. Since the Safety of Dams repayment is not due until completion of the project should the money be put into a CD account for 13 months which will an interest rate of 2.32%.

 - ❖ Director Casazza made a motion to approve putting approximately \$200,000 - \$300,00 into a CD account for 2.32 interest rate after the Budget is completed for FY2019-20; seconded by Director Hauck; motion carried.
- 9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION FOR A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE REPAYMENT CONTRACT**

WITH USBR IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$4.00 PER ACRE FOR THE SAFETY OF DAMS PROJECT – Michael Pagni

In the special election held in April of 2018 at which the electors approved a special assessment of up to \$4.00 per acre for the Safety of Dams project. It is now time to decide on doing the formal assessment.

The breakdown based on the current estimates the \$4.00 came from assessing all lands within the District rounded up to the acre but excluded TMWA lands. If TMWA is assessed it would be \$2.50 per acre for the TMWA portion under their contract. The special assessment is annually until the contract is paid. Director Casazza asked why we would or would not include TMWA. Mr. Pagni advised it is entirely up to the Board. The TMWA portion at the \$2.50 assessment would be \$63,000 fixed for the life of the contract. Director Hauk stated that TMWA would benefit from the project however TMWA does already pay a significant portion of the Operation & Maintenance of Boca as well as for storage. TMWA is also going to be paying \$300,000 towards TROA administration as a Nevada agency. The assessment rate can be adjusted yearly just cannot exceed the \$4.00 per acre.

- ❖ Director Capurro made a motion to adopt a resolution for a special assessment of \$4.00 per acre and exclude the TMWA lands; seconded by Director Casazza; motion carried.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING “MONO COUNTY V. WALKER RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT; ORDER CERTIFYING A QUESTION TO THE SUPREME COURT OF NEVADA” – Michael Pagni

The briefing filing date has been changed to April. Briefs continue to be worked on.

11. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT – Michael Pagni

- Legislature just started up this week and TCID contacted Mr. Pagni about a possible bill to amend 539 the chapter we are organized under. There is currently a provision in there that who can vote. If the lands are owned by a corporation or partnership the corporation or partnership can designate a person to vote but it is silent about trusts. Since a lot of TCID farms are owned in family trusts they wanted to have some changes on the language that would allow a trust to designate a beneficiary of the trust to vote. Mr. Pagni has no issues with this from a legal perspective it wouldn't harm this District at all.

12. DISTRICT ENGINEER REPORT – George Ball

See Engineer's Report, available at District Offices

13. DAMTENDER REPORT – Brian Casci

- Purchased a new snowblower.
- Meeting with USBR and the contractors for SOD project regarding a follow-up to the electrical.

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS –

- Scott Schoenfeld, USBR – working on updating the Water Control Manual to allow for a little more storage. More flexibility with USACE and flood control for storage.

15. BOARD COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board Comments – none

Future Agenda Items – nothing

16. ADJOURNMENT -

- ❖ Director Hauck made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Director Casazza; motion carried.

****The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 1:30 pm.****