

WASHOE COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Regular Meeting

May 4, 2021

Via ZOOM

DIRECTORS

Cory Casazza
John Capurro
Lawrence Belli
Bill Hauck

GUESTS

Michael Pagni, Attorney
George Ball, Engineer
Shane Dyer, Dyer Engineering
Dave Wathen, FWM Office
Scott Schoenfeld, USBR

PUBIC

Jim Nadeau

ABSENT

Bob Quilici
Doug AvAnzino
Louis Damonte

STAFF

Mary Pat Eymann, Dist. Manager
Brian Casci, Damtender

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1. **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER –**
Vice-President Casazza called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., quorum present.
 2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**
 3. **APPROVE AGENDA –**
 - ❖ Director Hauck made a motion to approve posted agenda; seconded by Director Capurro; motion carried.
 4. **APPROVE BOARD MINUTES FOR MARCH 2, 2021 AND APRIL 6, 2021 MEETINGS: CHECKS WRITTEN AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR MARCH 2021.**
 - ❖ Director Capurro made a motion to approve the minutes and financial reports as presented; seconded by Director Hauck; motion carried.
 5. **FEDERAL WATER MASTERS REPORT – Brian Casci**
A complete copy of the Water Report is available at District Offices or on the internet at troa.net.

The latest forecast shows we will run out of rate water on August 22, after that most likely the Steamboat, Lake and Last Chance ditches will be off.
Director Hauck advised that the latest NRCS forecast shows this will now be happening August 14th. There was a 14% drop at Tahoe.
Dave Wathen advised that at that time we will be missing Floriston rates, but it will not be a complete shut-down. Will be going into rim control which limits the ability to get that water out of Tahoe.
 6. **UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF SAFETY OF DAMS PROJECT – Shane Dyer**

Mr. Dyer was not present, however Mr. Pagni advised that he has spoken with USBR and they anticipate close out by October 31, 2021. After this point they will initiate a repayment contract update with recalculations calculating the new payment amounts based on final project costs and new repayment dates.

USBR anticipates this will be finalized by January 2022 and repayment amounts should then start in February of March of 2022.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION AND DIRECTION TO STAFF ON FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC) PRELIMINARY PERMIT FOR A POWER PLANT AT BOCA DAM. – Shane Dyer

Mr. Dyer was not present, however Scott Schoenfeld advised that there is nothing new on this the Tribe is still waiting for grant money.

8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF USGS STREAM GAUGING PROGRAM FOR 2021-2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,701 AND JOING FUNDING AGREEMENT - Staff

- ❖ Director Hauck made a motion to approve the USGS Stream Gauging Program contract and payment as presented; seconded by Director Capurro; motion carried.

9. DISCUSSION AN DPOSSIBLE ACTION ON INCREASE IN CONTRACT SERVICE FEES WITH THE CARSON TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT – Director Capurro

Director Capurro advised the Board that the amount CTWCD pays the District for services has not been raised since 2017 and the amount of work now from the CTWCD has increased to an equal amount as the WCWCD. Therefore, there is a short fall in the amount being charged at this point an increase of \$11,000. The CTWCD has approved paying the increase with a new rate of \$52,600 per year with a yearly review.

- ❖ Director Capurro made a motion to increase the rate charged by WCWCD to the CTWCD to increase to \$52,600 per year and reviewed each year: seconded by Director Hauck; motion carried.

10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 – Staff

A copy of the proposed budget for FY 2021-2022 was presented to the Board (available at District offices).

- ❖ Director Hauck made a motion to approve the FY2021-2022 budget as presented; seconded by Director Capurro; motion carried.

11. REPORT ON DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDACY RECEIVED FROM DIRECTOR CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT NO. 1, NO. 4, NO. 5, AND NO. 7; CONFIRMATION OF ELECTION OF UNCONTESTED DIRECTOR NOMINEES TO BOARD PURSUANT TO NRS 539.117 AND DIRECTION TO STAFF ON CONTESTED NOMINATIONS OR VACANCIES – Michael Pagni

Received uncontested declarations of candidacy for Districts 1, 5 and 7. The Board can confirm the election of these Districts. There were no candidate declarations received for District 4 which was formerly held by Bob Quilici which creates a vacancy.

- ❖ Director Hauck made a motion to approve the election of Lawrence Belli for District 1, Doug Avanzino for District 5 and Louis Damonte, Jr. for District 7; seconded by Director Capurro; motion carried.

Pursuant to NRS 539.367 the Board has the power to fill the vacancy by the appointment of a qualified elector from District 4. Qualifications are a U.S. Citizen, 18 years of age and a holder of water rights located on lands in said District (4). Generally, District 4 is located from Virginia St. on the West, Moana Lane to Steamboat Creek and south to the Damonte Ranch. Different approaches to bring nominations forward are: 1. Directors could provide names to staff and the names could be brought forward to the Board as nominees and could be discussed at a future meeting or 2. Advertise a notice of interest in the newspaper. Director Hauck felt that it may be a good idea to advertise in other spots beside the RGJ. Director Hauck advised that he forward to staff various ways to advertise that TMWA has used.

- ❖ Director Hauck made a motion for staff to proceed with advertising in various outlets and report back to the Board, and that Board members supply staff with any names of qualified candidates as well; seconded by Director Capurro; motion carried.

12. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT – Michael Pagni

Met with other TROA parties to discuss the reimbursement process. They had questions for the Water Master's spreadsheet on the formula for repayment. The Water Master will be adjusting the spreadsheet and get back to the parties. Things are moving and it is anticipated there should be something coming out in the fall.

13. ENGINEER REPORT – George Ball –

See Engineer's Report available at District Offices.

14. DAMTENDER REPORT – Brian Casci

- Tholl Fence provided a quote to repair the fence in the amount of \$2,183. The Board felt that Mr. Casci should proceed. The contract will be signed by staff and the expense approved.
- The Burgarello contracts have been signed and now waiting for them to come and install the new alarms.
- Guard rail was also damaged when the fence was damaged. Mr. Casci stated that USBR may have the materials and if so will provide and he will repair.

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

16. BOARD COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board Comments – In person meetings to begin in June.

Future Agenda Items –

- District 4 vacancy

17. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

****The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 1:30 pm.****

John Capurro, Secretary/Treasurer