

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Eastside Water District
Thursday, April 9, 2020**



Chairman Al Rossini called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. via conference call due to COVID-19 and shelter in place orders. California State Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, signed March 4, 2020 allows local and state legislative bodies to hold meetings via teleconference and to make meetings accessible electronically during the pandemic. Once the governor the shelter in place orders have been lifted the board will go back to regular meetings at Turlock Irrigation District,

Present Directors: **Roll Call-**Ward Burroughs, Tim Johnson, Al Rossini, and Wes Sperry

Others Present: Kevin Kauffman, John Lambie, EPUR, Karen Whipp, Board Secretary, and Jeanne Zolezzi, Legal Counsel

ITEM 2 Public Comments: NONE.

ITEM 3 Nomination and Appointment of 2020 Officers
It was moved by Al Rossini, seconded by Wes Sperry to nominate Tim Johnson as board chairman. **Roll Call Vote: Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson-Abstain, Al Rossini-Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes. Motion carried.**

It was moved by Ward Burroughs, seconded by Tim Johnson to nominate Wes Sperry as board vice-chairman. **Roll Call Vote: Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Al Rossini-Yes, Wes Sperry-Abstain. Motion carried.**

ITEM 4 It was moved by Wes Sperry, seconded by Tim Johnson, and **carried unanimously** to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2020 board meeting. **Roll Call Vote: Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Al Rossini-Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes.**

ITEM 5 The financial report showed \$2,635,653.02 as of February 29, 2020. It was moved by Dexter Long, seconded by Ty Angle, and **carried unanimously**, that the bills as presented, for March 2020 be paid. **Roll Call Vote: Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Al Rossini-Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes.**

ITEM 6 Regarding the Diffused Surface Water Project:

- a. TID Water for Potential Groundwater Recharge Projects:
 - i. Nothing new to report at this time.
- b. Rouse Lake Area (North System) Any Landowner Update:
 - i. Olam Farms and GSA contact are working on a pipeline system.
- c. Grizzly Nut Ranch F-1 Gate and Other Pilot Projects:
 - i. John Lambie, EPUR gave a report on data collection and the current progress on the project.

- ii. Regarding TID Water out to F-1 Drain (Grizzly Nut Ranch) -Under Construction, Central Valley Pump has started working on a water delivery system to the pond.
- d. Mustang Creek (South System):
 - i. Following a slide presentation from John Lambie, that the board followed on their computers, It was moved by Tim Johnson, seconded by Ward Burroughs and **carried unanimously** to authorize EPUR to develop a Well Permit Monitoring Plan in Mustang Creek to prepare for a Pilot Study of dry wells under a water quality monitoring plan for an amount not to exceed twenty thousand two hundred sixty-two dollars (\$20,262.00). **Roll Call Vote: Ward Burroughs-Yes, Tim Johnson-Yes, Al Rossini-Yes, Wes Sperry-Yes.**
 - ii. Kevin Kauffman, John Lambie, and Jeanne Zolezzi will meet to continue the discussion on water rights and the next steps. Kevin Kauffman is working to develop a Creek Maintenance Proposal. Ward Burroughs and Wes Sperry asked that it be noted for the record that they would like the district to use mechanical means for vegetation removal and maintenance, and only use herbicides as a last resort. They believe it is a bit counter intuitive to spray herbicides in a designated waterway that we are then monitoring for water quality standards (one being herbicide residues).
 - iii. Regarding the Proposed Upland Pipeline Project East of Turlock, CA:
 - It was recommended that a landowner workshop be scheduled after the COVID-19 crisis,
 - In regards to the project design, Kevin is working on the environmental document. The board directed Kevin to get a quote from Provost and Pritchard for the final design.

ITEM 7

- Kevin Kauffman and John Lambie gave an update on the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority, including:
- a. Groundwater Sustainability Plan update on the award of Grant 2, proceeding with a Proposition 218 vote, and budget updates;
 - b. Groundwater monitoring updates, which include 18 wells being monitored; and
 - c. the DWR Technical Support Services for monitoring wells update.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

I hereby certify that this is a full and correct copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors of the Eastside Water District of Merced and Stanislaus Counties, California.

April 9, 2020

Karen L. Whipp

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EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK