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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Root Creek Water District
held on
December 13, 2021**

1. Call to Order

The board meeting for the Root Creek Water District was called to order at 11:07 a.m. by President Nick Bruno. Board members present were Nick Bruno, Jeff Coulthard, Eric Bream, Dan Hoffman, Lynn Hoffman. Members absent: Amber Mendoza, Brice Jones. Members of the public included Julia Berry, Gabriel Delgado, Brian Ehlers, Emory Wishon, Sydney Wishon, Angela Perez, Al Solis, and Chris Montoya.

2. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

3. AB 361 Resolution

A motion was made by Director L. Hoffman, seconded by Director Coulthard to approve the AB 361 Resolution. The motion carried.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Potential Conflicts of Interests

There was a potential conflict identified with Director Nick Bruno for line item 8a pertaining to the Tenth Amendment to the infrastructure lease.

6. Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Director Coulthard, seconded by Director Bream to approve the minutes of the special board meeting on November 15, 2021, and the Financial Statements for October 2021. The motion carried.

7. Correspondence

Madera Irrigation District has taken legal action against Madera County Groundwater Sustainability Agency over the pumping of groundwater which MID identifies as excessive in relation to the acre-feet allowed in the joint plan adopted by both parties. A second suit has been filed against Madera County GSA by individual landowners who assert that the Madera County GSA is infringing on their groundwater rights with the recent allocation of groundwater which omitted certain properties.

8. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

a. Tenth Amendment to the Infrastructure Lease

At 11:08 a.m., Director Nick Bruno departed the meeting. Director L. Hoffman made a motion, seconded by Director D. Hoffman, to renew the infrastructure lease between Root Creek Water District and Riverstone. This lease is for the acquisition of Riverstone facilities to supply water, wastewater, and storm drain services; the purchase will be paid for with bond and community monies. The motion carried with Director Nick Bruno abstaining. At 11:15 a.m., Director Nick Bruno returned to the meeting.

b. Conversion of Ag Well 277

A motion was made by Director Coulthard, seconded by Director L. Hoffman to approve a contract with Provost & Pritchard to conduct the administration, bidding, and design of Well 277 in an amount not to exceed \$225,000. The motion carried. Well 277 will utilize the equipment from Well 4 to serve over 1,500 homes.

c. Wastewater Treatment Facility Dewatering and Equipment

Director Coulthard made a motion, seconded by Director L. Hoffman, to authorize a contract with Provost and Pritchard for the design and construction of a dewatering facility in an amount not to exceed \$245,000. The motion carried.

d. Water Treatment Facility

Director Bream made a motion, seconded by Director Coulthard, to approve a contract with Provost & Pritchard to design manganese and iron treatment facility in an amount not to exceed \$476,000, and to create a new budget item.

The motion carried.

Prices are .40 per customer per month for phosphate compared to \$4.10 per house for Well treatment.

e. Irrigation Expansion

Director L. Hoffman made a motion to approve a contract with Provost and Pritchard for the development of the Irrigation pipeline expansion. Director Coulthard seconded the motion, to allow Provost and Pritchard to conduct administrative, bidding, and design of the Irrigation expansion. The expansion will be completed in the summer of 2022 and will be funded through grants from the United States Bureau of Reclamation. The motion carried. The project may be funded by grant dollars through an active application on file with the USBR. Funding will not be made available until Fall 2022.

f. District Standards and Specifications

Director L. Hoffman made a motion, seconded by Director D. Hoffman, to adopt the revisions of district standard specifications for D-8 Storm Type A Drainage Inlet. The motion carried.

9. District Engineer's Report

Updates show about 912 in residential connection averaging about 125,000 gallons per day. The District Engineer estimates over 1,000 connection fees by the end of the year and the wastewater plant peaking over 165,000 – 175,000 gallons per day.

10. Legal Counsel Report

There was no report.

11. General Manager's Report

Riverstone Building Permits:

November - 24 permits

GM Berry mentioned that 2022's budget will be revised and placed on the agenda at the next board meeting in January 2022 after the Budget ad hoc committee has ample time to review. GM Berry discussed and shared with the board a handout discouraging the use of water softeners recently distributed to Riverstone residential residents. The notice to residents warns them of the damage caused by using water softeners and discourages disposal disinfectant wipes into the sewer system.

14. Adjournment

At 11:52 am, the meeting was adjourned by consensus.



Julia D. Berry, District Secretary