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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Root Creek Water District
held on
May 10, 2021**

1. Call to Order

The board meeting for the Root Creek Water District was called to order at 11:00 a.m. via conference call by President Nick Bruno. Board members present: Nick Bruno, Jeff Coulthard, Eric Bream, Dan Hoffman, Lynn Hoffman, and Amber Mendoza. Board Members absent: Toni Scarborough. Members of the public included Julia Berry, Lauren Layne and Gabriel Delgado, Cyrus Torabi, Brian Ehlers, Emory Wishon, Sydney Wishon, Chris Montoya, Tom Greci, Al Solis and a representative from Fresno Land (Fresno Bee).

2. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Potential Conflicts of Interests

There were no conflicts identified.

5. Public Hearing

The Public hearing was called to order at 11:02 a.m. by President Bruno. Staff made a recommendation to the Board of Directors to take no action on the Root Creek Parkway Intentional Recharge Project CEQA document. The project lacks funding at this time and did not receive grant funding for design and construction in the last round of Storm Water Resource Plan grants. Tim Greci of Madera Irrigation District requested the receipt of any environmental documents for RCWD projects in the future. No action was taken, and the Public Hearing was closed at 11:04 p.m.

6. Consent Calendar (6a.-d)

A motion was made by Director L. Hoffman, seconded by Director Coulthard and the motion carried to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on April 12, 2021, the special board meeting on April 27, 2021, to accept the financial statements for the months of January and March 2021, with the correction of the numbering in the April 27th minutes and to correct the word “manned” to “made.”

7. Correspondence:

The district received no correspondence.

8. Committee Reports

a. Water Supply and Utilization Committee

i. Director Coulthard made a motion, seconded by Director Mendoza to enter into an agreement with Wonderful Nut Orchards LLC for water supplies in the 2021-2022 Water Year.

9. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

a. **Municipal Well 1 Motor Rehabilitation**

A motion was made by Director L. Hoffman, seconded by D. Hoffman to make the finding that the removal and rehabilitation of municipal Well 1 is an emergency and to authorize the sole source of Zim Industries to perform the work.

b. **Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Warrants**

A motion was made by Director L. Hoffman, seconded by Director Coulthard to authorize a resolution of the Board of Directors to issue warrants related to the borrowing of funds for administrative and other costs of the district in relation to the agricultural and urban components of the district. The motion carried with Directors Bruno and Mendoza abstaining.

c. **Contract for Services Related to Well Conversion**

Director L. Hoffman made a motion, seconded by Director D. Hoffman to authorize the General Manager enter into agreement with the lowest bidder for construction services for the conversion of agricultural Well 276 to a municipal well. The lowest bidder was Lyles Diversified at \$1,240,000.

d. **Central Valley Salts Program**

A motion was made by Director Coulthard and seconded by Director L. Hoffman to join CV Salts Coalition and pay the associated fees to achieve compliance.

e. **District Standards and Specifications**

A motion was made by Director L. Hoffman and seconded by Director D. Hoffman to update District Standard Specifications for Public Works Improvements.

10. District Engineer's Report

District Engineer Ehlers Wastewater peak flow was approximately 120,000 gallons per day in the month of April with average daily flows approximately 100,000 gpd. There are 838 connections in the system. Well production is up due to the time of year and is roughly 18,000 gallons per day.

11. Legal Counsel Report

Counselor Layne reported that the Governor has expanded the drought declaration to most of the counties in California. AB 339 would require translation of public

documents in 11 different languages in compliance with the Brown Act. AB 377 makes all waters swimmable, drinkable, and fishable by 2050. Layne continues to work to complete the facilities acquisition agreement.

12. General Manager's Report

Riverstone Building Permits:

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GM Berry reported that she directed staff to bill the remainder of landscape meters which have been installed since the inception of the Riverstone Development. Annual Benefit Assessment invoices have been released to all landowners in the district. Staff continues to work on numbers and legal instruments to complete the facilities acquisition. GM Berry and Cloacina have agreed upon a payment schedule for the 400 GPD wastewater treatment facility and there are enough connection fees to make payments until bond proceeds are received. The sale of bonds is on schedule for the week of May17, 2021.

13. Adjournment

Director L. Hoffman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Director D. Hoffman, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.



Julia D. Berry, District Secretary