

A meeting of the GFWD was opened at O'Neill Agri-Management Office on February 10, 2020 starting at 1:30 PM.

PRESENT: Diane Kirk, Paul Stewart, Ken Basila, Seth Kirk, Tom Campagne and Don Roberts

ABSENT: Steve Emmert

PUBLIC: Garth Pecchenino - QK Consulting; Michael Naito - Farmer; Jeanne Habben - Asst Director Madera County Water & Natural Resources; Kirsten Hefner - Madera County Water & Natural Resources

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by P Stewart and a second by K Basila, the minutes of the regular meeting of January 13, 2020 were unanimously approved as emailed.
3. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: No potential conflicts were identified.
4. BOARD REORGANIZATION: The Board was provided a copy of the District 2020 Adopted Organizational Chart.
5. GSA/GSP (SGMA):
 - a) Proposition 218 - Annexation has been conditionally approved by LAFCo. As soon as it is 100% complete, the District will adopt a budget for Proposition "218" and provide the dollar amounts to the County Assessor and County Controller. No action taken at this time.
 - b) Groundwater Sustainability Plan Status - The District's GSP has been submitted to DWR who has acknowledged the Plan was received. No review of the GSP will take place until the issue of the Madera Subbasin Coordination Agreement has been resolved.
 - c) Madera Subbasin Coordination Agreement - The Madera Subbasin Coordination Agreement has been submitted to DWR with only six (6) of the seven (7) entities signing the Agreement. New Stone WD is refusing to sign the Agreement as approved by the other six entities in the Madera Subbasin. DWR has acknowledged receipt of the Agreement but it is not considered "officially" submitted. DWR and the State Water Board are reviewing options before proceeding on this issue.
Tom Campagne advised the Board that further discussion on this item will require a Closed Session at the end of this meeting.
6. "700" FORMS: Don reminded the Board that their "700" Conflict of Interest Forms need to be efiled prior to April 1.
7. WATER SUPPLY: The Bureau of Reclamation requested schedules for both a 30% CI 1 and 50% CI 1 supply. No class 2. This is heading for a critically dry year for water supply.
8. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION CONTRACT FOR UNRELEASED RESTORATION FLOWS FOR THE 2020-2024 CONTRACT WATER YEAR PERIOD: Don advised the District received a Contract from the Bureau of Reclamation for Unreleased Restoration Flow for the 2020-2024 Contract Water Year Period. This is a new concept from the Bureau in that this contract covers multiple years instead of the annual contract of the past. Don recommends approval of entering into this contract and authorizing the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the contract by adoption of Resolution No. 2020-02.

Upon a motion by P Stewart and a second by K Basila, the Board adopted Resolution 2020-02 for the Contract for Sale of Unreleased Restoration Flows by the following vote:

AYES: Directors K Basila, D Kirk, P Stewart, S Kirk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Director S Emmert

9. SYSTEM MAINTENANCE: Don will coordinate status of GF Canal gate repair. Don will set up meeting with potential contractors to repair pipeline and install gates for better control.
10. MADERA REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP: At the January meeting, the Group elected T Wheeler as Chairman and Carl Janzen as Vice Chairmen. The Group is in process of finding a Coordinator. A proposed job description was provided to review and any comments are to be sent to the County. They plan to have job description out with applications due to group by February meeting.
P&P/Self Help Enterprises have a well testing report. Group was advised that SGMA & ESJWQC are also testing wells. We need to watch out for duplication, but also need to get all the data in one place. DWR requires all this testing but there is bound to be overlap because of DWR requirements.
Sand continues to be removed in Berenda/Ash Sloughs.
11. ANNEXATION: Annexation was conditionally approved by LAFCo at the January 22nd meeting. D Braun, Executive Officer, advised we need to have an Agreement with Madera County to Forego Exchange of Property Tax Revenues between the District and the County. The Annexation must be filed with State Board of Equalization along with \$2,000 processing fees. There is also some question about the format of their metes and bounds legal description for the annexation. Apparently the Board of Equalization uses a format different than that generally accepted in descriptions for deeds. Don will follow up on this.
Don recommends approval of entering to an Agreement to Forego Exchange of Property Tax Revenues between the Gravelly Ford Water District and the County of Madera and to authorize the District's General Manager Don Roberts to sign the Agreement for the District. Don advised this Agreement will also apply to any future Annexations.

Upon a motion by D Kirk and a second by K Basila, the Board adopted Resolution 2020-03 for the Agreement to Forego Exchange of Property Tax Revenues between the Gravelly Ford Water District and the County of Madera by the following vote:

AYES: Directors K Basila, D Kirk, P Stewart, S Kirk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Director S Emmert

The District received LAFCo Resolution 2020-01 which approved the District's request for a proposed Sphere of Influence Amendment and for the Municipal Service Review.

MID Detachment Request Status - Don advised the District provided letters to both MID and LAFCo stating GFWD believed that MID's request for detachment from GFWD be a condition of approval for GFWD Annexation action was not appropriate. The letter also stated GFWD would not object to MID's application to LAFCo for detachment. GFWD would also require an easement from the GFWD island created by such action to allow for service from the GFWD Canal (along the north boundary of the MID parcel). MID subsequently withdrew their condition before the LAFCo meeting of January 22nd.

L Brar possible annexation - The Board again indicated any annexation request to LAFCo for the 111 acre island adjacent to MID and GFWD needs to be pursued by the property owner.

12. FINANCIAL REPORT: a) The Board was presented with a summary of the February 10, 2020 bills, the February 10, 2020 summary of the District's Temporary Investments and the February 2020 Income & Expenses for the year, along with the monthly totals of Temporary Investments for 2018, 2019, and 2020. On a motion by D Kirk and a second by P Stewart, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of the February bills in the amount of \$9,985.16.

b) 2019 Year End Financial Summary -
 - (i) Profit & Loss Summary - The Board was provided with a Profit & Loss Summary for the 2019 Calendar Year.
 - (ii) General Ledger - The Board was provided with a copy of the General Ledger for the 2019 Calendar Year. This will be provided to the District's Financial Consultant for the Annual Audit.
13. CORRESPONDENCE & MANAGER'S REPORT:: None
14. BOARD COMMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None
15. CLOSED SESSION: At the request of Legal Counsel, T Campagne advised the Board needs to go into Closed Session to discuss legal issues regarding Agenda Item (c) Madera Subbasin Coordination Agreement.

Vice President S Kirk declared the Public portion of the meeting over at 2:25 PM. J Habben reminded the Board that the County's \$500,000 Grant is on hold due to lack of a Coordination Agreement. The Public left the meeting.

At 2:30 PM S Kirk advised the Board was in Closed Session with the following in attendance: S Kirk, K Basila, D Kirk, P Stewart, T Campagne, D Roberts and G Pecchenino.

Board reconvened in Regular Session at 3:00 PM.
16. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: Legal Counsel T Campagne reported that in the Closed Session, the Board gave direction to Counsel on options to pursue to obtain a Coordination Agreement that would be acknowledged by DWR.
17. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting declared adjourned at 3:08 PM.
Next scheduled meeting is for Monday March 16, 2020 at 1:30 PM at the O'Neill Agri-Management Office.

Kenneth Basila, Secretary/Treasurer