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Board Meeting – Minutes, October 18, 2016 @ 10AM

7513 Sloughouse Road

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Call to Order:

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board, Kurt Kautz, at 10:07 AM and included Directors Leland Schneider, Ron Lowry, Robert Mahon, General Manager Michael Wackman, and Secretary Cindy Luellen. Interested citizens included Mark Stretars and Jay Schneider (who arrived about 10:30 AM after leaving the State Water Commission meeting).
2. Four OHWD Board Members present established a quorum.

Public Comments:

None

Action/Discussion Items:

1. The agenda and financial printouts from the new QuickBooks Pro Online system that covered the OHWD current Balance Sheet and A/P Aging Summary were reviewed.
2. Under consent items
 - a.) The Minutes from the September 20th meeting was included with the financial statement.
 - b.) The budget presented using the new computer system, printer and program is different from the previous presentations (manually created) and shows any accounts payable because it is based on an accrual system. However, the River City Bank account is very low and funds need to be moved from the LAIF Account to River City. Director Lowry is authorized to move the funds from LAIF and authorized under Chase Bank as the recipient of one of OHWD's three credit cards. Both of these issues must be addressed when Director Lowry resigns at the end of the year. The decision to move \$20,000.00 from the LAIF account was agreed upon to keep the River City Account stable.
The motion to accept both the financial statement and minutes was made by Director Lowry, seconded by Director Schneider and approved 4/0/0.
3. SGMA Compliance
 - a.) The Basin Boundary Modification
 - i. Ms Rebecca Smith, OHWD Legal Consul, is currently attending the State Water Commission meeting this morning to represent OHWD and make comments on this issue.
 - b.) Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) new developments include:
 - i. No actions have been taken on the GSA because the Sacramento Central Groundwater Agency (SCGA) is moving forward on its ALTERNATIVE SUBMITTAL. SCGA has presented the idea that since they have been managing the basin sustainably for the last ten years therefore do not have to develop a GSA or a new groundwater sustainability plan. SCGA has the position there is no need to develop a program as a sustainability agency because it is already being done. Department of Water Resources (DWR) has two years to decide on SCGA's "alternative submission". The Water Forum is facilitating meeting with SCGA and individual districts within the alternative plan submittal area. There is a meeting with OHWD planned at 2 PM today, General Manager Wackman along with Board members Kautz and Schneider will attend.
4. Membership to SCGA – Invoice received for \$10,000 dues. OHWD had invited both

Sacramento County and SCGA to attend this meeting regarding the \$10,000 payment which has been funded through Zone 13 tax in the past. OHWD cannot be dropped from the JPA for non-payment. Under the JPA Agreement, OHWD dues payments come under membership payment by Sacramento County. By consent OHWD Directors will send a letter to Sacramento County that OHWD is not obligated to pay the \$10,000.00.

5. Groundwater Recharge Project – update
 - a.) Larry Walker and Associates (LWA) prepared a Scope of Services to assist OHWD in repurposing the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) implementation grant received under the Regional Water Authority (RWA). The grant for the Lower Cosumnes River Integrated Groundwater Recharge Project was written to construct an 80+ acre spreading basin adjacent to the Cosumnes River and recharge groundwater with 4,000 AF/year from surface water. LWA will assist in rewriting the grant as a groundwater banking project which will utilize surplus winter flows in the Cosumnes River for aquifer recharge through off season irrigation application on farms and fields. The scope of services was handed out to the Directors to read and discuss. The estimated cost of the project to redesign and repurpose the grant is \$10,000.
The motion to accept the Scope of Services LWA will provide in rewriting, scoping, and planning to repurpose the existing IRWM grant allowing the funds to be utilized for irrigation groundwater banking at a cost of \$10, 470 was made by Director Mahon, seconded by Director Schneider and approved 4/0/0.
6. SSCAWA's California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) – SSCAWA received letters from both Sacramento County and the City of Galt stating their willingness to participate in the Monitoring Association needed to implement the CASGEM program in the Cosumnes Basin. The engineering firm should have the program done at the end of the month.
7. OHWD Board of Director Vacancies – The letters of resignation from Directors Young and Lowry must be received at the next meeting with resignation dates. OHWD must post a 15 day notice and then request resumes of candidates at the next meeting. Director Lowry said December 31st will be his ending date and the Board Members decided to plan a December luncheon meeting in Honor of Director Lowry.
Director Lowry made the motion for General Manager Wackman to post the Board vacancies before the next meeting. It was seconded by Director Schneider and approved 4/0/0.

Informational items:

1. Rooney Dam-RD 800 status on repairs – No new update.
2. SSCAWA meeting – Discussed CASGEM.
3. Received communications – Secretary Luellen reported the contract dated June 20, 2015-June 30 2016 to be signed had been received from Mr. Robert W. Johnson, CPA selected for OHWD, the 2016 Annual Report from the Sac. County Office of Assessor, Kathleen Kelleher, the ACWA News, and the ACWA's 2016 Conference Brochure for Nov 29-Dec.2nd and the monthly magazines and brochures displayed on the conference table.
4. Water Coordinator's Report – The Cosumnes River is up to 852 ft. at 1 PM Monday since the rainfall the last two days.
5. ACWA activity – no report due to conference.

General Managers Report:

1. Meetings and Correspondences – Conflict of Interest meeting needed and Ms Smith will send Dates available.

Directors:

1. Comments –

Next Board Meeting

The regular scheduled November meeting date was discussed but the Directors all had previous obligations.

A motion was made by Director Mahon, seconded by Director Lowry to cancel the November meeting and meet December 13th at 2 PM. The motion was approved 4/0/0.

Adjourn Meeting:

1. Under Director's meeting attendance report, Director Kautz –1 meeting, Director Mahon –1 meeting, Director Schneider –2 meetings, Chairman Lowry –1 meetings. The motion to adjourn was made by Director Mahon, seconded by Director Lowry, and approved 4/0/0 at 11:48 AM.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, December 13th at 2 PM.

(Central Zone Meeting Wednesday, November 9, 2016)

Submitted by Secretary, Cynthia Luellen 11-15-16