

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR RECLAMATION DISTRICT 1608
HELD TELEPHONICALLY ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District 1608 was called to order telephonically at 8:00 a.m. by President Michael Panzer on Wednesday, September 2, 2020, via Toll-Free Dial-In Number: (877) 778-1806; Conference ID 891949.

TRUSTEES PRESENT WERE:

MICHAEL PANZER
BRETT THOLBORN
DAN MacDONNELL

OTHERS PRESENT WERE:

ANDY PINASCO
CHRIS NEUDECK
JOE BRYSON
ELVIA TRUJILLO
DOT LOFTSTROM

ABSENT

DANIEL SCHROEDER

1. **Public Comment.** Dr. Panzer commented he has observed the dredger and it is very slow. He now understands why the project is going to take more time to complete, including late hours and weekends and expressed he has a lot of respect for the machine operator and for what is going on with the project.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes of the District meetings of August 5, 2020 and August 24, 2020. After discussion,

Upon motion duly made, seconded (B. Tholborn/D. MacDonnell) and unanimously carried by the Board Trustees of Reclamation District 1608, the minutes of the August 5, 2020 regular meeting and of the August 24, 2020 special meeting were approved as presented.

3. **Financial Report.** Review, discuss, and accept financial report. District Secretary, Elvia Trujillo, presented the financial report. In discussing the report, Mr. Neudeck stated budget adjustments would need to be made in line item O4-Fences & Gates and in line item O-9 Special Projects (Sediment Removal Project). On page 2, Mr. Pinasco and Mr. Neudeck requested in the Cash on Hand line item, the words “(Exclusive of Reserves)” be removed for the next report. After review,

It was moved, seconded (B. Tholborn/D. MacDonnell) and unanimously carried by the Board of Trustees of

Reclamation District 1608 that the Financial Report presented at the September 2, 2020 meeting be approved.

4. **Engineer's Report. Request for directions, approvals and actions.**
 - a. Levee Encroachment Permits/Enforcement
 - i. Consider new permit requests from homeowners. None.
 - ii. Consider Levee Encroachment Standard Violation Enforcement.
See Engineer's Report, Section I. Plan Review.
 - b. Sediment Removal Project.
 - i. Review general status of project.

Mr. Neudeck reported he has received the Right of Entry Agreement from the City of Stockton. City Staff has been in communication with KSN in terms of discussing the right of entry. With this Agreement, the City is allowing the District the use of Grupe Park for placing dredge vegetation/debris to dry which will then be hauled away. Trucks will be going in and out to pick up debris and there will be damage to the grass but it will be minimal. In addition to insurance and indemnification requirements, the District is to return the property to the City of Stockton in its original condition. Jodi Almassy, Director of Public Works for the City of Stockton, has signed the Agreement and the only other signature needed is President Panzer's signature.

It was moved, seconded (B. Tholborn/D. MacDonnell) and unanimously carried by the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District 1608, to approve the Right of Entry Agreement with the City of Stockton as proposed and to authorize President Panzer to sign the Agreement.

- c. Delta Levee Subventions Program. *See Engineer's Report, Section III.*

From Engineer's Report:

I. PLAN REVIEW

- A. Review status of Annual Levee Inspection of the District's Levee system.
Exhibit A: Violation/Remedy Tracking for 2020 Inspections

Mr. Neudeck was pleased to report there is full compliance and no show cause hearings due to uncooperative land owners will be needed. Initially, some of the land owners had started with their projects and had to stop which, in turn, allowed for regrowth of vegetation. It was clear, however, that additional work was done to

be in compliance. Mr. Neudeck stated the land owners were pleasant and many took the opportunity to talk to him and ask him questions.

II. SEDIMENT REMOVAL PROJECT

A. Review general status of the project.

Mr. Neudeck reported they encountered hardened clay as they worked on the dredging along the channel island slope. The contractor may have limitations with hardened clay and could possibly need an excavator to cut through. Since this hardened clay is along the edges, it is not impacting the access of the levee or channel at this point; however, if more of that is encountered, it could possibly be problematic. Mr. Neudeck will be taking a careful look as the project progresses in case alignment needs to be adjusted.

As to the debris removal, progress is being made and removal will start this coming weekend. There will be an excavator that will pull the weeds to the slope of the levee, they will then be taken to the top and back slope of the levee to dry and transport out. Mr. Neudeck stated the permit with the City of Stockton gives the District access over the entire levee reach, inclusive of the parking lot at Grupe Park.

Trustee MacDonnell asked Mr. Neudeck to whether there was any negotiation with Dixon Marine to bring the fees down and Mr. Neudeck replied there was no negotiating from Dixon Marine. Dr. Panzer asked if there had been any progress in talking with the Port and Mr. Neudeck replied no progress yet.

III. DELTA LEVEES SUBVENTION PROGRAM – AB 360

A. Review the placement of rock slope protection at the Southeastern terminus of RD 1608 on Fourteen Mile Slough. Dino & Son Co. completed the work on August 13th. Exhibit B: Photo summary from KSN Inc. Daily Field Reports.

Chris Neudeck reported. Last year's rock work was done east of I-5 on 14 Mile Slough. At that time, the limitations were to only do 100-foot reaches at a time with a 10-foot gap in between. This current project filled in the 10-foot gaps and finished the additional area needed. Every inch of Reclamation District 1608's levee is fully rocked and ready for maintenance. This District has a very good rock slope protection and has the most substantial bank protection. Expenses related to this work will be part of the subventions final claim for next year.

B. Review the District's Final Claim for Fiscal Year 2019/20 submitted to DWR.

Mr. Neudeck reported adjustments were made to the final subventions claim and provided the final figures below. He anticipates the District will receive money back by approximately March 2021.

Excerpt from Engineer's Report:

TOTAL FINAL CLAIM	\$ 222,091.75
LESS DISTRICT SHARE (2,500/MILE @3.6 miles)	\$ 9,000.00
TOTAL ELIGIBLE	\$ 213,091.75
MAX REIMBURSEMENT = 75% OF ELIGIBLE	\$ 159,818.81

5. **Levee Superintendent Report.** Request for directions and approvals.

Joe Bryson gave an oral and written report. He received a phone call from a homeowner on a Saturday reporting a man walking on the levee. Mr. Bryson was able to get to the levee in time to speak with the person and was able to find out how he got in from I-5. Two new fences will be installed to close the gap in that area. Additionally, he reported receiving an increasing amount of phone calls, most of which were related to the Sediment Removal Project. He also reported Condor will be conducting testing in the area and Mr. Neudeck requested that Condor contact the District Engineers to obtain an entry permit. For additional items, please refer to Mr. Bryson's report.

At this time Chris Neudeck addressed Dot Lofstrom's question regarding the repair and maintenance of gates on the crown of the southwest levee. He informed Ms. Lofstrom the District has a \$25,000 budget that is allocated on an as needed basis as directed by Joe Bryson. He explained that if Mr. Bryson notices some of the gates are difficult to open, then the gate hinges are replaced and the gates are repaired to pre-condition. He suggested Ms. Loftstrom contact Joe Bryson if her gate is in a condition that is non-operable. Dino & Sons does the gate repairs and their schedule is very tight at the moment. Any gate work will probably take place in the later part of October.

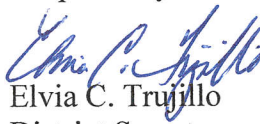
Joe Bryson left the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

6. **Report by Trustees on meetings attended and upcoming meetings.** Request for direction. None.

7. **Report and possible action on Progress of Tasks Assigned at Previous Board Meetings.** None.
8. **Discussion and direction on Short-Term and Long-Range Goals.**
President Panzer asked Chris Neudeck about Item 4 in the Short Term Goals. Mr. Neudeck reported Director Chris Elias gave a brief update on the Lower San Joaquin Feasibility Study. He foresees meetings in the near future where in addition to him attending, it would be beneficial for one Trustee and for Andy Pinasco to attend. As to the Long Term Goals, President Panzer stated there was no need for those to be changed.
9. **District Calendar.** Discussion and direction.
Andy Pinasco reported that typically the newsletter is discussed in October. He is planning to invite the consultant for that meeting to give her an update on the Sediment Removal Project. This will be a good time to update homeowners on the Project by way of a newsletter.
10. **Correspondence.** No correspondence of note was discussed.
11. **Approval of Bills.** The list of Bills to be Paid were presented and after review,

Upon motion duly made, seconded (B. Tholborn/D. MacDonnell) and unanimously carried by the Trustees of Reclamation District 1608, the Bills to be Paid presented at this meeting were approved.
12. **Staff Reports.** None.
(a) Attorney. The Agenda for this meeting was posted on the window outside the meeting room at 3121 West March Lane, Stockton, California, at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the meeting.
13. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Elvia C. Trujillo
District Secretary

Reclamation District 1608
 Bills to be Paid - September 2, 2020 Board Meeting

NAME	Date	INVOICE #	AMOUNT	TOTAL \$	WARRANT #	CHECK #	SUBVENTION FUND
Michael Panzer (7/27/20 Conference Call)	7/27/2020	Trustee Fee	\$259.09				
Michael Panzer (8/24/20 Special Mtg)	8/24/2020	Trustee Fee	\$259.09				
Michael Panzer (9/2/20 Regular Mtg)	9/2/2020	Trustee Fee	\$259.09	\$777.27	6355		
Brett Tholborn (8/24/20 Special Mtg)	8/24/2020	Trustee Fee	\$259.09				
Brett Tholborn (9/2/20 Regular Mtg)	9/2/2020	Trustee Fee	\$259.09	\$518.18	6356		
Dan MacDonnell (8/24/20 Special Mtg)	8/24/2020	Trustee Fee	\$259.09				
Dan MacDonnell (9/2/20 Special Mtg)	9/2/2020	Trustee Fee	\$259.09	\$518.18	6357		
Elvia Trujillo (August 2020)	8/2020	Secretary Fee	\$1,085.00				
Elvia Trujillo (8/24/20 Special Meeting)	8/24/2020	Secretary Fee	\$250.00	\$1,335.00	6358		
Neumiller & Beardslee	8/10/2020	310509	\$4,157.10	\$4,157.10	6359		
PG&E (Landview & Seagull)	7/29/2020	0950847867-5	\$10.10				
PG&E (Stone River)	8/20/2020	2999432760-8	\$11.47				
				\$21.57	6360		
Kjeldsen Sinnock & Neudeck	8/24/2020	28480	\$1,361.25				
	8/24/2020	28481	\$3,465.00				
	8/24/2020	28482	\$906.44				
	8/24/2020	28483	\$2,323.41				
	8/24/2020	28484	\$3,462.40				
	8/24/2020	28485	\$41,957.61				
	8/24/2020	28486	\$2,637.50				
	8/24/2020	28487	\$1,788.50	\$57,902.11	6361		
BPM	7/31/2020	36233021	\$600.00	\$600.00	6362		

Reclamation District I608
 Bills to be Paid - September 2, 2020 Board Meeting

Paul E. Vaz Trucking, Inc.	8/13/2020	70646	\$1,121.19					
	8/13/2020	70647	\$890.71					
						\$2,011.90	6363	
Dixon Marine Services	8/28/2020	Progress Pay #2	\$326,795.73					
						\$326,795.73	6364	
David Mazzara (Fence Work)	8/28/2020	346_16	\$500.00			\$500.00	6365	
BPM	8/25/2020	36234659	\$629.12			\$629.12	6366	
California State Disbursement Unit (ID 200000018002538 Code 0600099)	8/31/2020	GB	\$185.62			\$185.62	1455	
State of California Payroll Taxes	Aug-20	August Payroll	\$559.57			\$559.57		online
Federal Government Payroll Taxes	Aug-20	August Payroll	\$2,599.09			\$2,599.09		online
Bank of Stockton Visa	8/2/2020		\$5,604.33			\$5,604.33		online
David Mazzara	Payroll	8/1/2020-8/15/2020	\$1,179.77					Direct Deposit
		8/16/2020-8/31/2020	\$659.01					Direct Deposit
Gabriel Banks	Payroll	8/1/2020-8/15/2020	\$652.03					Direct Deposit
		8/16/2020-8/31/2020	\$200.80					Direct Deposit
Joe L. Bryson (Payroll)	Payroll	8/1/2020 - 8/31/2020	\$4,691.62			\$4,691.62		Direct Deposit
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