

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR RECLAMATION DISTRICT 1608
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District 1608 was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by President Michael Panzer on October 6, 2021, at the law offices of Neumiller & Beardslee, 3121 W. March Lane, Suite 100, Stockton, California.

TRUSTEES PRESENT WERE:

MICHAEL PANZER
DAN MacDONNELL
DOT LOFSTROM

OTHERS PRESENT WERE:

DAN SCHROEDER
CHRIS NEUDECK
ANDY PINASCO
JOE BRYSON
ELVIA TRUJILLO
CHRIS ELIAS
DOMINICK GULLI (and granddaughter, Mia)
BOB BENTZ
KRISTEN DYKE (joined by phone at 8:57 a.m.)

1. **Public Comment.** Dominick Gulli made general statements on the Lower San Joaquin River Project. Chris Elias gave updates on the Smith Canal Project and explained funding at 70% federal, 20% state, and 10% SJAFCA. Bob Bentz commented on cost to bring to a 200 year level of protection.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes of the District meetings of September 1, 2021 and September 20, 2021. The Trustees reviewed the minutes. After review,

It was moved, seconded (D. MacDonnell/Panzer) and carried by the Board Trustees of Reclamation District 1608, that the minutes of the September 1, 2021 Regular Meeting be approved as presented. Trustee Lofstrom abstained.

It was moved, seconded (D. MacDonnell/Panzer) and carried by the Board Trustees of Reclamation District 1608, that the minutes of the September 20, 2021 Special Meeting be approved as presented. Trustee Lofstrom abstained.

A question related to the status of the election was made and Dan Schroeder gave an update informing the Board that Dan MacDonnell's Nomination Petition was the only nomination petition received and, as a result, there will not be a contested

election this year. Request has been sent to the Board of Supervisors to have Mr. MacDonnell appointed.

3. **Financial Report.** Review, discuss, and accept financial report. District Secretary, Elvia Trujillo, presented the financial report. She reported the District received the Subventions Claim Reimbursement for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 in the amount of \$125,591.00 which has been included in this financial report. Mr. Schroeder requested the \$131.67 for the newspaper publication of the nomination petition be moved from line item G10 Public Communications to G9 Election Costs. In discussing the expenses for line item E8 Assessment Engineering, it was suggested the budget be amended to allow for expenses related to the Prop 218 workshops and outreach. Staff is to submit an amended budget and this item is to be brought back to the next Board meeting. After review,

It was moved, seconded (D. MacDonnell/D. Lofstrom) and unanimously carried by the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District 1608 that the Financial Report presented at the October 6, 2021 meeting be approved with revisions.

4. **Engineer's Report.** Request for directions, approvals, and actions.
- (a) Levee Encroachment Permits/Enforcement.
None.
- (b) Delta Levee Subventions Program.
See below.

From Engineer's Report:

I. DELTA LEVEES SUBVENTION PROGRAM – AB 360

- A. Review the District's Final Claim for Fiscal Year 2020/21 submitted to DWR.

TOTAL FINAL CLAIM	\$238,592.35
LESS DISTRICT SHARE (2,500/MILE @3.6 miles)	\$ 9,000.00
TOTAL ELIGIBLE	\$229,592.35
MAX REIMBURSEMENT = 75% OF ELIGIBLE	\$172,194.26

EXHIBIT A: SUMMARY OF FINAL CLAIM FY 2020-2021

Chris Neudeck presented a written and oral report on this item. He reported the District's final claim for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 had been submitted to the Department of Water Resources. It is anticipated the District will receive reimbursement of 75% of eligible expenses at an amount of \$172,194.26. Provided there are no delays, it is anticipated the District will receive reimbursement close to the March 2022 time frame.

In addition, Chris Neudeck presented the plaque for former Trustee Tholborn to be given to his family. Trustee MacDonnell will be contacting Trustee Tholborn's family.

5. **Cal-Mutuals. Discussion and Possible Action to Fill Out and Submit Ballot for 2021 Annual Meeting of the California Association of Mutual Water Companies Joint Powers Risk and Insurance Management Authority.**

Andy Pinasco reported the District received a ballot for the 2021 Annual Meeting of the California Association of Mutual Water Companies JPRIMA giving its members the opportunity to vote for the Board of Directors. Mr. Pinasco stated the District can cast a vote based on reading the biographies of the candidates or do nothing. There is no requirement to vote but as members of the Cal-Mutuals, you do have the opportunity to do so. The Board elected to vote "Quorum Only."

It was moved, seconded (D. MacDonnell/D. Lofstrom) and unanimously carried by the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District 1608 to vote "Quorum Only" on the 2021 ballot of the Annual Meeting of the California Association of Mutual Water Companies JPRIMA.

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

Mr. Bryson presented an oral and written report. The problem of kids on the levee throwing rocks, spreading gravel, and throwing garbage continues and Mr. Bryson suggests a letter be sent to residents along the levee asking for their help and cooperation. After further discussion, a letter will be written and signed by the Board President. Item 8 related to foxes was discussed. Due to the substantial damage that foxes can do to the levee, it was suggested doing a live trap and then relocating and releasing the foxes. Mr. Bryson also reported needing another levee worker in case anyone knows of a person interested in doing this type of work. For a complete list of items reported by Mr. Bryson, please refer to the Levee Superintendent Report presented at this meeting.

8. **Newsletter. Discussion and direction.**

Andy Pinasco reported on this item and reached out to Kristen Dyke by phone to discuss the next newsletter. Among the several topics suggested for the next newsletter:

- Sediment removal project being successfully completed so that emergencies can be taken care of in a timely manner.
- American Society of Civil Engineers recognized and awarded the sediment removal project.
- Encourage a partnership with residents in dealing with vandalism by kids on the levee.
- Chronic vegetation violations.
- Re-election of trustee MacDonnell.
- Passing of Trustee Tholborn.
- New Trustee – Dot Lofstrom.

Andy Pinasco and Joe Bryson will provide Kristen Dyke with photographs so that a draft newsletter can be drafted and presented at the next Board meeting.

9. **Report by Trustees on meetings attended and upcoming meetings.** Request for directions and approval. Chris Neudeck reported the DWR Preseason Flood Coordination Meeting will take place on October 19, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. At this meeting, several agencies all get together and discuss the preseason flood coordination. This year the meeting will be by Zoom. Mr. Neudeck will not be able to attend but there will be staff from his office in attendance. Andy Pinasco and the Trustees expressed interest in attending as well.
10. **Report and possible action on Progress of Tasks Assigned at Previous Board Meetings.** None.
11. **Discussion and direction on Short-Term and Long-Range Goals.** Trustee Lofstrom noted the District's website needs to be updated with current names, the most recent newsletter, and images.
12. **District Calendar.** Discussion and direction.
 - Dan Schroeder went through the October calendar items and noted there is no contested election this year. He also stated that October is the month Joe Bryson looks at the emergency supply.
 - Andy Pinasco will be reaching out to Dohrmann insurance to see if there is a competing quote for the insurance renewal.
 - Chris Elias mentioned there will be a presentation on October 14, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. on the update of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan.
13. **Correspondence.**
No correspondence of note.

14. **Approval of Bills.** After review,

It was moved, seconded (D. MacDonnell/D. Lofstrom) and unanimously carried by the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District 1608 that the List of Bills to be Paid presented at the October 6, 2021 meeting be approved.

15. **Staff Reports.**

(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.

Dan Schroeder reported on AB 361 and how it impacts meetings under the Brown Act.

16. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Elvia C. Trujillo
District Secretary

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Bills to be Paid - October 6, 2021 Board Meeting

NAME	Date	INVOICE #	AMOUNT	TOTAL \$	WARRANT #	CHECK #	SUBVENTION FUND
Michael Panzer (10/6/2021 Regular Mtg)	10/6/2021	Trustee Fee	\$272.04				
9/20/2021 Special Meeting	9/20/2021	Trustee Fee	\$272.04				
				\$544.08	6527		
Dan MacDonnell (10/6/2021 Regular Mtg)	10/6/2021	Trustee Fee	\$272.04				
9/20/2021 Special Meeting	9/20/2021	Trustee Fee	\$272.04				
				\$544.08	6528		
Dottie Lofstrom (10/6/2021 Regular Mtg)	10/6/2021	Trustee Fee	\$272.04				
				\$272.04	6529		
Elvia Trujillo (September 2021 Services)	9/30/2021	Secretary Fee	\$1,003.56				
9/20/2021 Special Meeting	9/20/21	Secretary Fee	\$250.00				
				\$1,253.56	6530		
PG&E (Landview & Seagull)	8/31/2021	0950847867-5	\$11.15				
PG&E (Stone River)	9/22/2021	2999432760-8	\$12.74				
				\$23.89	6531		
Neumiller & Beardslee	9/16/2021	320472	\$3,588.76				
				\$3,588.76	6532		
Kjeldsen Sinnock & Neudeck	9/24/2021	31217	\$1,228.63				
	9/24/2021	31218	\$1,757.50				
	9/24/2021	31219	\$1,060.00				
	9/24/2021	31220	\$240.00				
	9/24/2021	31221	\$1,118.75				
	9/24/2021	31222	\$36.75				
				\$5,441.63	6533		
The Record	8/28/2021	767714	\$131.67				
(Publication of Nomination Petition)				\$131.67	6534		

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BPM	8/30/2021	36276353	\$758.00			
	9/30/2021	36280278	\$943.54			
				\$1,701.54	6535	
B&R Self Storage	9/23/2021	186-21/22	\$880.00			
				\$880.00	6536	
Reclamation District 1608	10/6/2021	Transfer to Checking	\$30,000.00			
				\$30,000.00	6537	
Bank of Stockton Visa	9/16/2021	7/28/2021 - 8/27/2021	\$4,364.70			
				\$4,364.70		online
State of California Payroll Taxes		8/1/21 and 8/16/21 Payroll	\$577.10	\$577.10		online
Federal Government Payroll Taxes		8/1/21 and 8/16/21 Payroll	\$2,805.83	\$2,805.83		online
Joe L. Bryson (Payroll)	9/2/2021	8/1/21 - 8/31/2021	\$5,006.73	\$5,006.73		Direct Deposit
David Mazzara (Payroll)	9/2/2021	8/16/2021 - 8/31/2021	\$49.22	\$49.22		Direct Deposit
Austin Slaughter	9/2/2021	8/16/2021 - 8/31/2021	\$870.39	\$870.39		1472
	9/16/2021	9/1/2021 - 9/15/2021	\$891.95	\$891.95		1473
David Mazzara, Sr.	9/17/2021	785525	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00		1474
(For work on District Vehicle/Trailer)						
		WARRANT TOTAL:		\$44,381.25		
		CHECKING TOTAL:		\$16,065.92		
		TOTAL BILLS PAID		\$60,447.17		