

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR RECLAMATION DISTRICT 1608
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District 1608 was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by President Panzer on August 7, 2024, at the law offices of Neumiller & Beardslee, 3121 W. March Lane, Suite 100, Stockton, California.

TRUSTEES PRESENT
MICHAEL PANZER
DAN MacDONNELL
DOTTIE LOFSTROM

OTHERS PRESENT
ANDY PINASCO
CHRIS NEUDECK
BOB BENTZ

ABSENT
JOE BRYSON
ELVIA TRUJILLO

1. **Public Comment.**
 - Bob Bentz commented on the Delta College bond.

2. **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes of the regular meeting of July 3, 2024. The Trustees reviewed the draft minutes. After review, the July 3, 2024, minutes were approved as presented.

It was moved, seconded (D. MacDonnell/D. Lofstrom) and unanimously carried by the Board Trustees of Reclamation District 1608, that the minutes of the July 3, 2024, Regular Board Meeting, be approved as presented.

3. **Financial Report.** Review, discuss, and accept financial report. There was no Financial Report provided.

4. **Attorney Client Representation Agreement.** Andy Pinasco provided a written and oral report regarding the proposed Attorney Client Representation Agreement. Mr. Pinasco indicated that the existing Agreement has not been updated since 2014, inclusive of rates for legal services. The proposed Agreement updates the rates to \$325 for Shareholders, \$260 for Associates, and \$190 per hour for paralegals, legal interns, and legal assistants. These rates were described as the current rates being charged for N&B Associates in the

private sector, which the Firm was agreeable to discount for representation of the District. After review,

It was moved, seconded (D. Lofstrom/D. MacDonnell) and unanimously carried by the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District 1608 that the Attorney Client Representation Agreement be approved.

5. **Engineer's Report.** Discussion and Possible Action on Engineer's Report.

I. PLAN REVIEW

- A. Review concept of developing policy for removal of levee slope vegetation and replacing it with gravel by the District. Consider provisions of the District such as the District will provide and place gravel and landowner responsible for the removal of irrigation system and future weed control. The Trustees provided direction to District staff to work on a policy whereby property owners can agree to remove all vegetation on the landside slope in exchange for the District placing appropriate rock in its place. This will be brought back to a future meeting.

II. PROPOSITION 218 – NEW ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

- A. Review status of planning efforts and development of the Engineers report.
a. Trustees gave direction to develop a landside rock policy and update regulations.

6. **Newsletter.** Discussion and Direction.

Andy Pinasco reported there was no update at this time.

7. **Superintendent Report.** Request for directions and approvals. Mr. Bryson was not in attendance and no report was given.

8. **Meetings.** Report by Trustees on meetings attended and upcoming meetings. Request for direction.

- Trustees attended the Special Board Meeting of July 12, 2024.

9. **Report and Possible Action on Progress of Tasks Assigned at Previous Board Meetings.**

- a. **District Vehicle.** The District purchased a utility vehicle and has been implementing the use of the vehicle on the District's levees.

10. **Discussion and direction on Short-Term and Long-Range Goals.**

No Discussion.

11. **District Calendar.** Discussion and direction.

- a. Next Meeting is September 4, 2024.
- 12. **Correspondence.** None of Note.
- 13. **Approval of Bills.** There were no bills for approval at this meeting.
- 14. **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.
- 15. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 8:53_a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elvia C. Trujillo
District Secretary

Acronyms Frequently Used

AC Repairs = Asphalt Concrete Repairs
CEQA = California Environmental Quality Act
CVFPB = Central Valley Flood Protection Board
District= Reclamation District 1608
DWR = Department of Water Resources
KSN = Kjeldsen, Sinnock & Neudeck
LWA = Larsen Wurzel & Associates
N&B = Neumiller & Beardslee
Prop 218 = Proposition 218
RD 1608 = Reclamation District 1608
SJAFCA = San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency
San Joaquin OES: San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services
USACE = United States Army Corps of Engineers