

SITES PROJECT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 1, 2015

Vice Chair McDaniel called the regular meeting of the Sites Project Joint Powers Authority (Sites JPA) Board of Directors to order at 1:33 p.m. The meeting was held at the Tehama Colusa Canal Authority, 5513 Highway 162, Willows, California 95988.

Present:

County of Colusa, Gary Evans

County of Glenn, Leigh McDaniel

Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID), Don Bransford

Maxwell Irrigation District (MID), Greg Mensik

Reclamation District 108 (RD 108), Sean Doherty, Fritz Durst (arrived 1:40 p.m.)

Tehama Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA), Wade Mathis

Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (YCFC&WD), Mary Kimball
(arrived 1:45 p.m.)

Absent:

None

Also Present:

Tim O'Halloran, YCFC&WD; Lewis Bair, RD 108; Jeff Sutton, TCCA; Dan Ruiz, MID; Mary Spooner Danley, GCID; Emil Cavagnolo, Orland Artois Water District; Oscar Serrano, Colusa Indian Community; Lisa Hunter, Glenn County Ag Department; Mike Azevedo, Colusa County Public Works; Mary Fahey, Colusa County Ag Department; Kandi Manhart, Glenn County Resource Conservation District; Jeff Herrin, URS; Khaled Chowdhury, AECOM; Mike Urkov, TCCA Consultant; Mark Oliver, CH2M Hill, Mary Wells, Landowner; Jim Wieking, DWR; Juleah Cordi, Assemblyman Gallagher's Office; Mark Salmon, Rudolf Ohlemutz, Larry Roth, Interested Parties

Approve Agenda

Director Mensik moved to approve the agenda, Director Bransford seconded the motion, and the agenda was unanimously approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Evans, McDaniel, Bransford, Mensik, Doherty, Mathis

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Kimball and Alternate Director O'Halloran

Public Participation

Vice Chair McDaniel called for public participation and as no one from the public wished to address the Board, the meeting continued.

Approval of March 4, and March 25, 2015 Minutes

Director Mensik moved to table approval of the minutes until the next regularly scheduled board meeting as the draft minutes have not been reviewed by management staff, Director

Bransford seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Evans, McDaniel, Bransford, Mensik, Doherty, Mathis

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Kimball and Alternate Director O'Halloran

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Approve Treasurer's Report

Accountant Jim Bond reviewed the Treasurer's Report and presented the year-end report. Director LaGrande moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Director McDaniel seconded, and the Treasurer's Report was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Evans, McDaniel, Bransford, Mensik, Doherty, Mathis

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Kimball and Alternate Director O'Halloran

Director Durst arrived at 1:40 p.m.

Vice Chair McDaniel turned the meeting over to Chair Durst upon his arrival.

Approve Payment of Claims

On motion by Director Bransford, and second by Director Evans, payment of claims #1106 through #1109 in the amount of Six Thousand, Seventeen Dollars and Thirty-Eight Cents (\$6,017.38) was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Evans, McDaniel, Bransford, Mensik, Durst, and Mathis

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Kimball and Alternate Director O'Halloran

Director Mary Kimball and Alternate Director Tim O'Halloran arrived at 1:45. Chair Durst introduced Director Kimball and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Review Member Budget Contributions

The County of Glenn will be contributing \$5,000; MID will be contributing \$2.00 per acre, which totals \$17,000; GCID and RD 108 will each be contributing \$100,000.

GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL ORGANIZATION

Review and Consider Approval of Alternative Access Routes, Alternate Conveyance Alignment and Recreation Areas In and Around the Proposed Sites Reservoir

Director Evans reported that after summarizing the concerns of the local landowners, changes were needed to the roads, conveyance pipeline and recreation areas. Director Evans presented new alternatives to these areas and these changes are tentative until surveys are completed. All the roads would have less than a six percent grade, Huffmaster Road would be abandoned and rangeland would need to be fenced. The conveyance pipeline would be relocated to follow the current right-of-way along Delevan Road more closely.

Director Evans moved to approve the concept of the new access routes, conveyance alignment and recreation areas as presented, Director Bransford seconded, and the motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Evans, McDaniel, Bransford, Mensik, Durst, Mathis, Kimball
NOES: None

Review and Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the Project Management Plan (PMP) with US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR)

TCCA General Manager Jeff Sutton provided an update on the status of the USBR MOU and PMP. The MOU is about complete and ready for review by the Board. As for the PMP, a description is still being finalized of actual work to be performed and the document will be considered a 'living document' because it will be amended as the project grows and develops.

Review and Discuss Project Agreement for Investor Contributions for Planning Activities

RD 108 General Manager Lewis Bair reported that the Sites JPA legal counsel had prepared a simple form of a Project Agreement. The draft of the Project Agreement places all final decision authority with the Sites JPA Board, and creates a management committee of investors to advise the Board in making decisions.

Investors are willing to sit down and work through the details of a modified proposal that would provide the appropriate level of detail and control to assure their investment in the project is representative of their needs and fiscally defensible provided they also had representation on the Sites JPA Board. Discussion regarding adding Sites investors to the Sites JPA Board ensued, with some expression that an offer of a number of seats on the Board should be entertained by the Sites JPA.

Discussion on Role of General Manager

The deadline for RFP/Q and resumes is April 3, 2015, and they must be postmarked by that date. To allow the postal service sufficient time for delivery, it was decided that Secretary/Treasurer Vann would open the resumes at GCID on April 10, 2015. A meeting will be scheduled during the week of April 13, with Consultant Larry Mandelberg, to assist with further defining the role of the General Manager.

Election of Officers

Director Evans nominated Director McDaniel as Chair, Director Mathis seconded the nomination. Director McDaniel was elected as Chair by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Evans, Mensik, Mathis, and McDaniel
NOES: Directors Bransford, Durst and Kimball

Director Kimball nominated Director Durst as Vice-Chair, Director Evans seconded the nomination. Director Durst was elected as Vice-Chair by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Evans, McDaniel, Bransford, Mensik, Mathis and Kimball
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Director Durst

Director Evans nominated Director Vann as Secretary/Treasurer, Director Mensik seconded the nomination. Director Vann was elected as Secretary/Treasurer by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Evans, McDaniel, Bransford, Mensik, Durst, Mathis and Kimball

NOES: None

Consideration of a Project Agreement with Reclamation District 108 to use Larry Mandelberg for General Manager Role Definition

Consultant Larry Mandelberg met with the Board at their March 25, 2015, meeting and discussed the expectations that the Board shared for the General Manager position. The Board expressed interest in completing the effort and more formally documenting the responsibilities and performance requirements of the position. Due to a lack of time and funding, no action to pursue these activities was scheduled. RD 108 has found this type of effort valuable in their own planning efforts and wishes to support this effort if the Board believes it to be a valuable effort, and is willing to fund up to \$8,000 towards the effort if the board wishes to proceed. Director Bransford stated that this should be an expenditure of the Board.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Committee Reports

Coordinating Committee

No report.

Outreach Ad-Hoc Committee

No report.

Outreach to Conservation and Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) Ad-Hoc Committee

No report.

Water User/Investor Committee Ad-Hoc Committee

TCCA Consultant Mike Urkov reported that there is interest in purchasing 120,000 acre-feet of water, to date. The committee will be holding a number of meetings in the next few weeks with interested parties. Letters have been sent to those landowners within Colusa County that are not in any type of water district to see if they may be interested in investing in the project.

General Managers' Technical Group

No report.

Meeting Reports

It was reported that representatives of the Metropolitan Water District will be touring the Sites area on April 6 and 7, 2015.

OTHER BUSINESS

The ACWA Conference will take place from May 4 through May 8, 2015, in Sacramento.

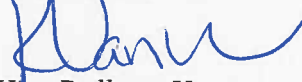
A special board meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on April 15, 2015, at the Westside Water District in Williams.

MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kim Dolbow Vann
Secretary to the Board

Attest a true record of proceedings made
and taken at the above foregoing meeting
our consent thereto and our presence thereat.



Fredrick Durst