

SITES PROJECT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF MEETING

December 10, 2014

Chair Durst called the meeting of the Sites Project Joint Powers Authority (Sites JPA) Board of Directors to order at 1:32 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), Sandy Denn

Maxwell Irrigation District (MID), Greg Mensik

Reclamation District 108 (RD 108), Fritz Durst

Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (YCFC&WD), Ron Tadlock

Absent:

Tehama Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA)

Also Present:

Lewis Bair, RD 108; Jeff Sutton, TCCA; Dan Ruiz, MID; Thad Bettner, Mary Spooner Danley, GCID; Lisa Hunter, Glenn County Ag Department; Mary Fahey, Colusa County Ag Department; Mike Urkov, TCCA Consultant; Rob Leaf, CH2M Hill; Nadine Bailey, Family Water Alliance; Bryce Lundberg, Lundberg Family Farms; Curtis Anderson, Jim Wieking, DWR; Ed Ritchie, Operating Engineers Local Number 3

Approve Agenda

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

AYES: Directors Durst, Evans, McDaniel, Denn, Mensik and Tadlock

NOES: None

Public Participation

Chair Durst called for public participation. Ed Ritchie of the Operating Engineers Local Number 3 in Yuba City, introduced himself and wanted to let the board know that the Local offers any help the Sites JPA may need to get the project built.

Approval of November 5, 2014 Minutes

Director Mensik moved to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2014, meeting, Director McDaniel seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Durst, Evans, McDaniel, Denn, Mensik and Tadlock

NOES: None

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Approve Treasurer's Report

GCID General Manager Thad Bettner reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Director Mensik moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Director Denn seconded, and the Treasurer's Report was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Durst, Evans, McDaniel, Denn, Mensik and Tadlock

NOES: None

Approve Payment of Claims

On motion by Director Bransford, and second by Director Tadlock, payment of claims #1087 through #1091 in the amount of Seventy-Two Thousand, Seven Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Twenty-Nine Cents (\$72,718.29) by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Durst, Evans, McDaniel, Denn, Mensik and Tadlock

NOES: None

GCID General Manager Thad Bettner reviewed the 2015 draft budget. It was explained that commitments are needed from the members to meet budget needs. Chair Durst asked all members to provide a letter to Sites JPA specifically stating the amount of funds they plan to commit to the JPA in 2015.

GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL ORGANIZATION

Report on General Manger Proposal

RD 108 General Manager Lewis Bair presented a draft proposal of responsibilities for General Manager. After discussion, staff was directed to prepare a Request for Proposal for approval at the January board meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Report and Discussion on Federal Agency Meetings

A meeting was held with U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) Deputy Area Manager Federico Barajas and Deputy Regional Director Jason Phillips. They agreed on a basic process to move forward with Sites JPA. A Memorandum of Understanding would be needed to spell out the roles of the Sites JPA an each agency involved.

Chair Durst reported that at the meeting with Mark Cowin, Department of Water Resources (DWR), he indicated that DWR was not willing to have the Sites JPA be the lead agency until Sites JPA has secured funding.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Coordinating Committee

No report.

Outreach Committee

No report.

Outreach to Conservation and Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations Committee (NGO)

The committee did not have a report, but would like to have a direction outlined of the possible public benefits, determine who would be responsible for the public benefits, as well as consider potential investors and what they would receive in return for their investment.

Water Users/Investor Committee

No report.

Managers' Technical Group

URS Consultant Jeff Herrin gave a presentation on the Sites Reservoir Alternatives Evaluation. Alternative descriptions were developed with modified facilities to improve the affordability of the reservoir; cost estimates were provided for the new alternatives; benefits were estimated for Alternative C, combined with the implementation of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan tunnels to increase project exports; and a repayment analysis included an evaluation of potential repayment periods and public benefits scenarios.

Meeting Reports

OTHER BUSINESS

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, January 7, 2015, at Westside Water District in Williams.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:34 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.



Frederick Durst