

SITES PROJECT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF MEETING

January 7, 2015

Chair Durst called the meeting of the Sites Project Joint Powers Authority (Sites JPA) Board of Directors to order at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Westside Water District, 5005 Highway 20, Williams, California 95987.

Present:

County of Colusa, Kim Dolbow Vann

County of Glenn, Leigh McDaniel

Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID), Don Bransford

Maxwell Irrigation District (MID), Greg Mensik

Reclamation District 108 (RD 108), Fritz Durst

Tehama Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA), Ken LaGrande

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

Absent:

None

Also Present:

Gary Evans, County of Colusa; Sean Doherty, RD 108; Wade Mathis, Jeff Sutton, TCCA; Dan Ruiz, MID; Thad Bettner, Mary Spooner Danley, GCID; Emil Cavagnolo, Orland Artois Water District; Lisa Hunter, Glenn County Ag Department; Mary Fahey, Colusa County Ag Department; Jim Bond, Bond Tax and Financial Services; Jeff Herrin, URS; Mike Urkov, TCCA Consultant; Martin Nicholson, Rob Leaf, CH2M Hill, Mark Atlas, Atlas Law; Mary Wells, Sid LaGrande, Ron LaGrande, Landowners; Nadine Bailey, Family Water Alliance; Curtis Anderson, Jim Wieking, DWR; Ron Ganzfried, USBR

Approve Agenda

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

AYES: Directors Vann, McDaniel, Bransford, Mensik, Durst, LaGrande and Tadlock

NOES: None

Public Participation

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

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:

GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL ORGANIZATION

Report on General Manager Proposal

GCID General Manager Thad Bettner reported that the General Manager Proposal timeline needed to be completed in accordance with the Board's preferences. The dates were as follows:

Qualifications and Proposal to be received by April 1;
review of proposals and finalists selected by the Board by April 15;
interviews of finalists by April 30;
negotiations and contract process completed by June 1;
contract presented for Board approval at the June board meeting.

Director Bransford moved to approve the General Manager Request for Qualifications/Proposal and timeline??, Director McDaniel seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Vann, McDaniel, Bransford, Mensik, Durst, LaGrande and Tadlock
NOES: None

REGULAR BUSINESS

Committee Reports

Coordinating Committee

No report.

Outreach Committee

No report.

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

Director McDaniel reported that a meeting is being planned for February to keep the state legislators informed.

Water Users/Investor Committee

Director Vann reported that the committee has outlined a Sites Project Outreach Summary. Interest has preliminarily been expressed by some of the TCCA member districts in approximately 43,000 acre-feet annually, and outreach to the other member districts is continuing. Outreach will also continue to interested non-member water users within the area, as well as north-of-the-Delta and south-of-the-Delta interests. The next steps the committee will take will be to obtain letters of interest, and begin to develop finance plans and preliminary coordination efforts with USBR and DWR to further refine the proposed Project operations and water district roles.

OTHER BUSINESS

Director Tadlock informed the Board that he had not been re-appointed to his position on the YCFC&WCD and, therefore, would no longer be serving as the Director for YCFC&WCD. A new Director will be appointed by the YCFC&WCD Board prior to the next Sites JPA Board meeting.

Chair Durst thanked Director Tadlock for his time and effort serving on the Sites JPA Board and stated that his efforts and input will be missed.

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, at Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District in Willows.

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