

SITES PROJECT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 2, 2014

Chair Durst called the meeting of the Sites Project Joint Powers Authority (Sites JPA) Board of Directors to order at 1:31 p.m. The meeting was held at Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, 34274 Highway 16, Woodland, California 95965

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), 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:

Kim Vann, Colusa County; Tim O'Hollaran, YCFC&WCD; Jeff Sutton, TCCA; Thad Bettner, Mary Spooner Danley, GCID; Lisa Hunter, Glenn County Agriculture Department; Oscar Serrano, Colusa Indian Community; Nadine Bailey, FWA; Dave Ceppos, Center for Collaborative Policy; Rob Leaf, Martin Nicholson; CH2M Hill; Jeff Herrin, URS; Hilary Armstrong Reinhard, Provost & Pritchard Consulting; Ron Ganzfried, Sharon McHale, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; Mary Wells

Approve Agenda

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

AYES: Directors Durst, LaGrande, Bransford, Evans, McDaniel, Mensik 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.

Minutes

Director Evans moved to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2014, meeting, Director Mensik seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved by the following vote:

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

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Report on Colusa County Approving Two-Year Audit Request

Thad Bettner reported that the Colusa County Board of Supervisors approved the Sites JPA request for a bi-annual audit at their February 11, 2014, meeting.

Approve Treasurer's Report and Approve Payment of Claims

On motion by Director Evans, and second by Director Tadlock, payment of claims #1064 through #1066 in the amount of One Thousand, Four Hundred Nine Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$1,409.75) and claim #1066 in the amount of Four Hundred Sixteen Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$416.25) and the Treasurer's Report was approved by the following vote:

Director LaGrande arrived at 1:35 p.m.

Director Bransford arrived at 1:37 p.m.

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

Status of Proposition 204 Grant and Expenditures

The expenditures of the Proposition 204 grant was discussed. The remaining balance of the grant is \$53,089.99.

GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL ORGANIZATION

Director Evans stated that the County of Colusa had appointed Alternate Director Kim Dolbow Vann as the lead member from Colusa County, effective April 1, 2014, and that he would now be the Alternate Director from Colusa County.

Election of Officers

Director Bransford nominated Director Durst as Chair, Director Mensik seconded the nomination. Director Durst was elected as Chair by the following vote:

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

Director Bransford nominated Director McDaniel as Vice-Chair, Director Tadlock seconded the nomination.

Director Vann nominated Director LaGrande as Vice-Chair. Motion died for lack of a second.

Director McDaniel was elected as Vice-Chair by the following vote:

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

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

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

The various committees that have been appointed throughout the years were discussed. Staff was directed to compile a list of all the committees and who was appointed to each committee, to be placed on the next agenda.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Discuss LaMalfa/Garamendi HR 4300 Legislation

On March 19, 2014, Congressmen LaMalfa and Garamendi held a press conference for the release of bi-partisan legislation HR 4300 for Sites Reservoir. The legislation authorizes the construction of the project if the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) determines that the project should move forward based on the Feasibility Study. The bill also allows for the project to be shifted to the Sites JPA, with Reclamation performing a supporting role in securing federal permits and agreements. At this time, no federal funding is allocated to the project, but funding could be added as the legislation moves forward or other legislation is enacted that could dedicate funding to authorize projects.

Director LaGrande moved to indorse HR 4300, seconded by Director McDaniel and the motion passed by the following vote:

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

Discuss Outreach Effort and Landowner Meetings

Dave Ceppos, Center for Collaborative Policy, gave an update to the board regarding public outreach. With the March 19 press coverage, the public awareness of the project is growing and landowners need to be contacted. However, the recent drought conditions and limited resources have caused the meetings to be held later in the year than originally planned. Mr. Ceppos would also like the board to appoint an Outreach Committee.

After discussion, Chair Durst appointed Director Leigh McDaniel, Alternate Director Gary Evans, and Alternate Director Wade Mathis, to serve on the Outreach Committee and coordinate activities with Dave Ceppos. He also asked Alternate Director Evans to act as Chair of the committee.

The Outreach Committee will be meeting on April 8, 2014, to review land ownership information in the proposed footprints of the reservoir, construction staging areas, and pipeline; identify target dates for focused, small outreach discussions with these potentially impacted property owners; identify shared Sites JPA speaking points and approaches on how to engage these property owners in the first and subsequent meetings; and identify outreach materials that will be needed to hand out at these first meetings.

Review Action Plan List

Thad Bettner reported that staff has continued to expand the list of action items the Sites JPA will need to consider as the project continues to move forward. Current Alternative C is likely too expensive with construction interest whereas the smaller project will likely be easier to build, permit and to finance. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is considering releasing a Preliminary Administrative Draft of the EIR/EIS on their website with no comment period. The EIR/EIS is almost complete; currently DWR legal is reviewing the document. Other items on the Action Plan are financing, Feasibility Study, benefits, costs, design/construction, permitting, Water Right Permit, operations, outreach, legislation/, and Sites JPA administration roles.

Review and Consider Proposition 204 Phase II Effort

Thad Bettner reported that staff is in the process of developing a Phase II funding request for Proposition 204 funds. Staff was directed to bring the request back to the next board meeting.

Other Business

Greg O'Sullivan of Shasta College is hosting an Ag Summit in Chico and has requested one of the Sites JPA Directors give an overview of the Sites project. Director McDaniel volunteered to attend the Ag Summit.

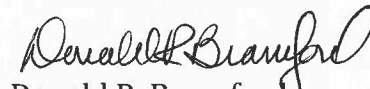
Member Comments

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Donald R. Bransford
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