

JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES March 16, 2021

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT (5)

Riley Chaney, President
Jeremy Hughes, Vice-President
Robert Barcellos, Assessor-Collector
Micah Combs (Arr.11:12 a.m.)
Robert Motte, Secretary-Treasurer

LANDOWNERS / GROWERS

None

PUBLIC / CONSULTANTS (4)

- WHITE PINE RENEWABLES
Dylan Dupre (11:06 a.m.-12:16 p.m.)
- WATER WISE
Sarah Woolf (11:01 a.m.-12:37 p.m.)
- POWER & WATER RESOURCES POOLING AUTHORITY (PWRPA)
Corinne "Cori" Bradley, Sr. Operations Analyst
(Zoom: 11:06-11:16 a.m.)
- YOUNG WOOLDRIDGE, LLP
Steven M. Torigiani, Esq. (Zoom: 11:01 a.m.-12:53 p.m.)

EXCUSED

None

ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT (3)

Manny Amorelli, General Manager
Walter Flores, Office Manager
Donna Hanneman, Executive Assistant

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT was held Tuesday, March 16, 2021, in the District office located at 8749 Ninth Street, San Joaquin, California. The meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.m., by President, Riley Chaney. A quorum was at all times present and acting.

This meeting was conducted in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 and the declared State of Emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19 virus pandemic. Some members of the public participated via internet (Zoom) from remote locations.

II. OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

B. ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no corrections/additions to the Agenda.

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C. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST [FPPC §87105]

Directors were given an opportunity to identify potential conflicts-of-interest with items appearing on the Agenda; none were reported.

III. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

No report.

IV. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT, RILEY CHANEY

- ▶ District Automation - As a courtesy and considering the extensive work performed by Rubicon Water in inspecting/evaluating the District's conveyance system for potential automation, requested Mr. Amorelli contact Rubicon representatives to schedule a presentation.
- ▶ San Joaquin River/Schedule II Rights Water - Requested clarification as to how San Joaquin River/Schedule II Rights Water is scheduled (February-September) and whether there is a possibility of delaying delivery. Mrs. Woolf indicated permission must be obtained from the USBR to deviate from the schedule.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. SOLAR PROPOSAL: WHITE PINE RENEWABLES (03/09/2021)

- ▶ POWER & WATER RESOURCES POOLING AUTHORITY (PWRPA)
Cori Bradley reviewed her analysis comparing 2019 (wet year) and 2020 (dry year) for the District. She noted power rates increase when less power is utilized.
 - ▶ PWRPA energy portfolio includes renewable energy sources and renewable credits are carried forward into the new year if a customer is over-covered for current year.
 - ▶ Unused PWRPA power stays in the pool and is made available for other PWRPA customers.
- ▶ WHITE PINE RENEWABLES (Proposal, Att.1)
Dylan Dupre reviewed the White Pine proposal as follows:
 - ▶ A maximum of 50 meters can be assigned to the project. Designations can be changed annually at the anniversary date; therefore, timing is critical as the anniversary date begins when the system goes online.
 - ▶ Capacity cannot be reserved until the system is constructed and the building permit is signed off.
 - ▶ If approved, Mr. Dupre anticipates activation to occur January-February 2022, which is good timing as hydrology should be known by that time which will assist in the annual designation of meters assigned to the project. Under a worst-case scenario, the

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District would pay an estimated \$600,000 in wet years when flood water is available and demand for power is reduced. Billings would be offset by accumulated credits.

▶Mr. Dupre noted once the system is locked in, the rate does not change for the life of the Solar Services Agreement (25 years). (Draft, Att.2)

▶Mr. Dupre noted the cost to construct this system is lower because of the close proximity to PG&E infrastructure on Placer Avenue.

Mr. Dupre thanked the Board for its consideration and exited the meeting.

Discussed White Pine Renewables' response to Provost & Pritchard evaluation. (Att.3)

▶Due to the urgency of this matter, the Board agreed to schedule a Special Meeting as soon as possible.

▶Mr. Amorelli was requested to contact Mr. Dupre advising of the Board's continued interest.

VI. REPORT ITEMS

A. DISTRICT EXPENSES (03/16/2021)

President Chaney expressed concerns about continuing legal expenses from Ryan Bezerra, Esq., Bartkiewicz Kronick & Shanahan. He personally contacted Mr. Bezerra and discussed their most recent bill.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 12:37 P.M.

Directors Attending:

Riley Chaney, President

Jeremy Hughes, Vice-President

Robert Motte, Secretary-Treasurer

Robert Barcellos, Assessor-Collector

Micah Combs, Director

Staff Attending

Manny Amorelli, General Manager

Legal Counsel:

- Young Wooldridge, LLP
Steven M. Torigiani, Esq. (Zoom)

VII. CLOSED SESSION: GOVERNMENT CODE §54957 - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

A. CONSULTANT (1)

RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 12:52 P.M.

VIII. REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

No reportable actions were taken during the Closed Session.

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IX. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was ADJOURNED at 12:53 p.m.

RECORDED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Donna Y. Hanneman, Executive Assistant

Riley Chaney, President

Manny Amorelli, General Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposal: White Pine Renewables, Solar Project (K Basin Recharge Facility), Updated March 4, 2021
2. Solar Services Agreement (draft)
3. Evaluation: Eric A. Abrahamsen, Provost & Pritchard Consulting