

JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES October 6, 2020

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT: (5)

Robert Motte, President
Micah Combs, Vice-President
Robert Barcellos
Riley Chaney
Jeremy Hughes

STAFF PRESENT: (4)

Steven Stadler, General Manager/ Secretary-
Treasurer
Emanuele Amorelli, Business Manager
Donna Hanneman, Executive Assistant
Kenneth Mancini, Superintendent

EXCUSED: NONE

LANDOWNERS / GROWERS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

PUBLIC / CONSULTANTS: NONE

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT was held Tuesday, October 6, 2020, in the District office located at 8749 9th Street, San Joaquin, California. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m., by President, Robert Motte. A quorum was at all times present and acting.

II. OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

B. ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no corrections/additions to the Agenda.

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.

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III. WORKSHOP: STRATEGIC PLANNING

At the Board's request, this meeting was scheduled to discuss strategic planning and the long-term needs of the District. All attending were polled for suggestions and commented as follows.

•Director Micah Combs

1. Water quality
2. Water cost
3. Efficiency (Infrastructure)
4. Cost
5. Re-evaluate RD1606 land use/leases; consider sale of ground/long-term leases

•Director Robert Barcellos

1. Water quality
2. Water quantity
3. Online operations automation (Technology)
4. Reduce litigation

•Director Jeremy Hughes

1. Management
2. Power
3. Equipment: Update Maintenance Department; replace and/or rent equipment (old equipment is unsafe)

•Director Riley Chaney

1. Organization
2. Technology: District website / grower portal

•Director Robert Motte

1. Solar farm on RD1606 property (Infrastructure)
2. Improve Colorado Avenue crossings (bottlenecks) (Infrastructure)
3. Line Main Canal to reduce losses and improve conveyance (Infrastructure)
4. Construct additional basins in the James Bypass (Infrastructure)
5. Automate laterals (Infrastructure)
6. Develop contingency reserve funds. (Capital Reserves)

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- Superintendent, Kenneth Mancini

1. Water quantity
2. Repair/replace Main Canal boosters (Infrastructure)
3. Equipment: Additional spray truck
4. Equipment: Water truck
5. Capture Basin at the end of Lateral I (Infrastructure)
6. Expand K Basin for greater efficiency/regulation (Infrastructure)
7. Improve East Side Canal/James Bypass to better serve lands outside the District (Infrastructure)
8. Road base/oil Main Canal roadway (Infrastructure)
9. Lift Pump/Basin 2 (Infrastructure)
10. RD1606 Levee / Basin #3 to Manning (Infrastructure)
11. Build up railroad track levee adjacent to Armas land (Infrastructure)
12. Equipment: 4-wheel drive Pickup/Ditchtender
13. Equipment: Excavator – Larger unit to replace crane
13. Upgrade/expand McMullin Lined Canal (Infrastructure)

- Business Manager, Manny Amorelli

1. Determine where we are, where we want to go and how to get there
2. Organize ideas

- Executive Assistant, Donna Hanneman

1. Evaluate potential to improve efficiency. Past suggestion was to install flowmeters at every outlet to reduce labor in moving/transporting, wear-and tear on the meters and improve tracking, which was accomplished some time ago
2. Investigate automating the delivery system with the goal of reducing labor costs or redirecting labor to be utilized elsewhere. (Infrastructure/Technology)
3. Data integration/automation (Technology)
4. Evaluate solar for office (Infrastructure)
5. Outreach via website development, continue efforts to cautiously reach out to other districts and/or neighboring landowners assisting wherever feasible, considering mutually-beneficial goals
6. Plan for the future and determine what you envision the District to become

After discussion about priorities, it was the general consensus that the highest priority at this time is to expedite investigating the potential for power savings.

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IV. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was ADJOURNED at 11:32 a.m., until the next Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

RECORDED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Donna Y. Hanneman, Executive Assistant

Robert Motte, President

Steven P. Stadler, P.E., General Manager