

Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District (EPCWD)

Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2019

Windfall Farms Conference Room, 4710 Flying Paster Lane, Paso Robles, CA 93446

ATTENDANCE

Directors Present: Jerry Reaugh
Hilary Graves
Dana Merrill
Herb Rowland
Lee Nesbitt (joins 3:23PM)

Others Present: Laurie Gage, District Administrator
Alan Doud (joins by phone 3:30PM)
Guests

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:09PM.

ITEM 2: REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 22, 2019 MEETING

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 22, 2019 MEETING made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Hilary Graves, passed 4-0.

ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments submitted.

ITEM 4: UPDATE FROM PAUL SORENSEN OF STATUS OF GSP AND INPUT REGARDING SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS FROM THE DISTRICT TO THE PBCC ON THE GSP. REVIEW LETTER TO THE BOARD FROM JERRY REAUGH FOR SUBMISSION AS COMMENTS. CONSIDER OTHER OFFICIAL COMMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED.

The deadline for submission of comments on the GSP is September 29, 2019. On October 4, the PBCC staff will meet to review submitted comments and will provide responses to the comments on October 7. The compiled final GSP will be released to the GSAs on November 6 and the group will meet on November 8 to review. A public version will be released on November 20. The Plan will go to the County for adoption on December 17.

The current MOA was developed specifically to write the GSP and there needs to be a new MOA to direct the implementation of the Plan. There is an MOA proposal in circulation with new percentages of responsibility and a fifth seat added for irrigated ag.

The balance of Item #4 was tabled until later in the meeting.

ITEM 5: REVIEW DRAFT ANNEXATION-DETACHMENT POLICY FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL

There was a discussion of the Policy which included modifying paragraph #4 to include verbiage that would require that the applicant shall bear all costs of attachment-detachment.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE ANNEXATION-DETACHMENT POLICY WITH THE DESCRIBED MODIFICATION made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Hilary Graves, passed 5-0 on a roll call vote:

Dana Merrill – yes
Jerry Reaugh – yes
Hilary Graves – yes
Lee Nesbitt – yes
Herb Rowland - yes

Items #6 and #7 were tabled until later in the meeting.

ITEM 8: UPDATE ON DETACHMENT REQUESTS

The requests are at LAFCO. Shandon-San Juan’s detachments will be heard on September 19, with EPCWD’s detachment requests being heard in October. When the applicant requests detachment directly through LAFCO, LAFCO has a responsibility to inform the District within 10 days.

The question of current delinquencies (other than potential detachees) was addressed, with Jerry Reaugh suggesting proceeding with the process of Delinquency and Sale for the two current outstanding receivables from 2018.

Items #9 and #10 tabled until later in the meeting.

ITEM 11: UPDATE ON ELECTION PROCESS

There was a general discussion on the Board of Supervisors meeting discussion of their consent agenda item appointing both SSJWD and EPCWD candidates to their respective seats. The Supervisors successfully appointed our candidates to their unopposed seats.

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Paul Sorensen explained that there is an annual reporting requirement on the Basin status due April 1 for the previous year. There is an RFP that has been circulated for a consultant to prepare that report. Jerry Reaugh described that there is a plan manager requirement in the GSP, necessitating designation of a single individual to receive and exchange information with the State Department of Water Resources. The Public Works Director will be that point of contact.

Paul Sorensen discussed the model, with updates to it coming from different sources in order to continue to refine it. One project the County has committed to is the SkyTem assay project. In discussing official EPCWD comments on the GSP, there was general agreement that there was a lack of sufficient outreach to engage various stakeholders in the process and raise general public awareness about the Plan.

MOTION TO USE DIRECTOR REAUGH’S LETTER AS FORMAL EPCWD COMMENT ON THE GSP AFTER EDITING BY HILARY GRAVES AND JERRY REAUGH was made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Lee Nesbitt, passed 5-0.

ITEM 6: UPDATE ON BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES PROJECT PROPOSED BY LOHR. CONSIDER MEANS TO WORK WITH SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT TO MOVE PROJECT FORWARD

The project is currently in a holding pattern, with participants collecting information and input in order to move forward.

ITEM 7: TREASURER'S REPORT

Tabled until next meeting.

ITEM 9: UPDATE ON BLENDED WATER PROJECT

The project is still be pursued.

ITEM 10: UPDATE ON ECONOMIC STUDY

PRWCA has sent out the surveys to growers and wineries. Paso Robles Destination has contributed to the financial effort.

ITEM 12: UPDATE ON OFFSET ORDINANCE AND RESULTS ON PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

County staff presented a proposed extension to the Water Neutral New Development ordinance to the Planning Commission which approved it.

ITEM 13: NEW BUSINESS

Hilary Graves noted that Dominic Roke of the Central Coast Water Resources Control Board will be part of any projects for supplemental water, etc. as they move forward. Perhaps he could be invited to a future EPCWD Board meeting to discuss.

ITEM 14: SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2019 at Windfall Farms at 3:00PM.

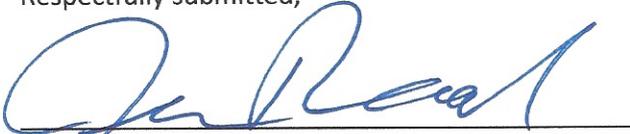
ITEM 15: ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Lee Nesbitt, seconded by Hilary Graves at 5:27PM.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Herb Rowland, passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Jerry Reaugh, Secretary/Treasurer

Accepted:


Dana Merrill, President

10/16/2019
Date