

Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District (EPCWD)

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2022

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

ATTENDANCE

Directors Present:

Dana Merrill (absent)
Lee Nesbitt (by videoconference)
Jerry Reaugh (by videoconference)
Hilary Graves (by videoconference)
Herb Rowland (absent)

Others present:

Brett Stroud
Nate Page
Guests (by phone and videoconference)

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 PM by Jerry Reaugh.

ITEM 2: CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2022-002 RENEWING THE USE OF REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS

UNDER AB 361

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-002 RENEWING THE USE OF REMORE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER AB 361 made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Lee Nesbitt, roll call vote:

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

Motion passed 3-0.

ITEM 3: REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2022 MEETING

MOTION TO APPROE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2022 MEETING made by Lee Nesbitt, seconded by Jerry Reaugh, roll call vote:

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

Motion passed 3-0.

ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was presented.

ITEM 5: CONSIDER CREATING AD HOC COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT ON NEXT STEPS AND FINANCING OPTIONS FOR POTENTIAL LARGER-SCALE PROJECTS IN THE BASIN

This item was tabled until the next meeting at the request of Jerry Reaugh.

ITEM 6: CONSIDER NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE LAFCO OPEN SEAT FOR SPECIAL DISTRICTS

No individual volunteered or was presented to be nominated for the seat.

ITEM 7: UPDATE ON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MARCH 1, 2022

No update was provided as there was no directors who attended.

ITEM 8: UPDATE ON WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 4, 2022

Lee Nesbitt reported that much of the discussion at the WRAC meeting concerned the DWR's review of various compounds in water sources and how to reduce. Clustering of septic tanks is an obvious issue. There was also a discussion of the benefits of beaver habitat.

ITEM 9: UPDATE ON THE PASO BASIN COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 4, 2022

Jerry Reaugh reported that the 3rd Annual Water Report is due. The preliminary report include the economic study sponsored by EPCWD and its co-sponsors, but was not included in the final report. Tom Berg of the Department of Water Resources commented during the PBCC meeting that the report didn't completely "tie" to the GSP. Blaine Reely discussed the \$7.6M grant at the PBCC meeting, and how it might be allocated. Blaine Reely also discussed metering and pump programs which are moving forward at the County level. Nate Page returned to the Annual Report, indicating that all questions included in the Report had been addressed.

ITEM 10: UPDATE ON STATE WATER SUBCONTRACTOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 4, 2022 AND UPDATE ON STATE WATER CONSULTING PROJECT

Jerry Reaugh attended the meeting and reported that subcontractors were being encouraged to step up and ask for increased water allocations with the new flexibility in place offering options. Currently, the County has a 14,000 AF allocation, only 5,000AF of which is spoken for. Perhaps upping the commitment of allocation for Drought Relief could be considered. We are also pursuing preparing a "road map" to determine how to make a request for allocation; what is the availability of water; and how to convey/receive the water. The Coastal Branch comes within 2 miles of the Huer Huero, which offers the possibility of recharge for supply taken in a good water year, though the water is treated and chlorination effects would need to be taken into consideration.

ITEM 11: UPDATE ON CIMIS STATION

Jerry Reaugh presented pictures of the one existing CIMIS station installation to measure evapotranspiration at Chalk Mountain Golf Course and led a general discussion of the requirements on

setting up a station. Lohr has completed the requirements for the station on its property and the equipment has been purchased, having been funded by EPCWD. Lohr will be using recycled water to provide the needed grass field irrigation.

ITEM 12: UPDATE FROM AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE GORUNDWATER LEVEL MONITORING NETWORK PROJECT

Jerry Reaugh reported that there were three samplings in 2021, and the first sampling for 2022 has just been completed, with 25 wells sampled out of 30 in the database. Blaine Reely has asked the ad hoc committee to look not only at monitoring but at allocation and the District may be asked to participate with the GSAs. The question arose as to how many samplings in 2022 and when. Nate Page encouraged the District to consider sampling in April to help fill out the database, especially for the Annual Report. There are three wells in the District database that do not have pumps and could be considered for installation of continuous monitoring equipment. Willy Cunha commented that the Shandon-San Juan Water District is monitoring the wells in its database monthly, and that more well data is needed to determine connections between areas in the Basin. Increased frequency of readings can indicate which wells are going up and down together. Nate Page was requested to report back to the Board on information collected to date.

ITEM 13: TREASURERS REPORT

Jerry Reaugh described the current balances, Accounts Payable status and expenses for last period. He also described the District's late charges and collections review policy.

ITEM 14: NEW BUSINESS

Staff reminded the Board that our April meeting will return to the in-person format at Windfall Farms.

ITEM 15: SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING APRIL 13, 2022

ITEM 16: ADJOURNMENT

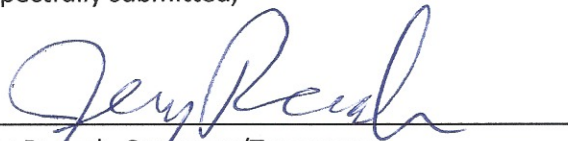
MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Lee Nesbitt, seconded by Jerry Reaugh, roll call vote:

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

Motion passed 3-0.

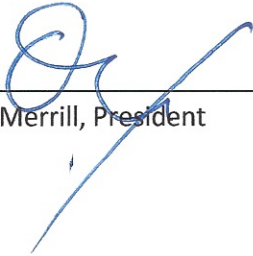
Meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jerry Reaugh, Secretary/Treasurer

Accepted:



Dana Merrill, President

04-22-2022

Date