

Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District (EPCWD)

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2020

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

ATTENDANCE

Directors Present: Lee Nesbitt (by videoconference))
Jerry Reaugh (by videoconference)
Dana Merrill (by videoconference)
Hilary Graves (by videoconference)
Herb Rowland (by videoconference)
Others present: Alan Doud (by videoconference)
Paul Sorensen, GSI (by videoconference)
Guests (by phone and videoconference)

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:01PM.

ITEM 2: REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 10, 2020 MEETING

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES made by Hilary Graves, seconded by Jerry Reaugh, roll call vote:

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

Motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment submitted.

ITEM 4: CONSIDER A RESOLUTION TO SET THE TIME AND DATE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Resolution calls for regular meetings of the Board of Directors to be scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month and starting at 3:00PM.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Hilary Graves, roll call vote:

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

Motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 5: REPORT FROM SUBCOMMITTEE ON PROGRAM TO RECORD WATER LEVEL AND EXTRATION DATA

Dana Merrill reported that work on a program to record water level and extraction data is on hold for the present as there may be a similar requirement issued due to Ag Order 4.0 which is pending. There was discussion of moving the District's focus to work on expanding the Well Monitoring Network by looking at where the data gaps exist and what are the transition areas. Paul Sorensen of GSI offered that there are approximately 20 wells where the focus should be to get permission to make the information public. A waiver document may be available to help with the process.

ITEM 6: TREASURER'S REPORT

Current receivables on 2020 assessments are approximately \$25,000.

ITEM 7: UPDATE ON ECONOMIC REPORT AND SOLTERRA STRATEGIES WORK ON ROLLOUT

Dana Merrill reported speaking with the consultant and that a release date of end of August/beginning of September is being considered, along with a monthly magazine which may be interested in publishing. A webinar on the study's results is under consideration.

ITEM 8: NEW BUSINESS

Dana Merrill asked about considering when the cutoff date should be for changes to irrigated acreage in order to affect the annual billing, and whether there is a way to distribute changes across multiple same-owner APNs. Jerry Reaugh reminded the Board that August 18 is the date for the Board of Supervisors to consider extension of the Water Neutral New Development Ordinance ("Offset Ordinance) and staff suggested bringing the following letter to the Planning Commission back in revised form to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors. The Supervisors will be considering increasing the lookback period which creates the possibility of more irrigated acreage in the Basin that needs to be accounted for.

ITEM 9: SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING – AUGUST 12, 2020

The next regular Board meeting will be on August 12, 2020 at 3PM.

ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Hilary Graves, roll call vote:

Dana Merrill – yes

Hilary Graves - yes

Jerry Reaugh – yes

Lee Nesbitt – yes

Herb Rowland - yes


Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:45PM

Respectfully submitted,




Jerry Reaugh, Secretary/Treasurer

Accepted:



Dana Merrill, President



Date