

Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District (EPCWD)

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2020

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

ATTENDANCE

Directors Present:

Lee Nesbitt (by videoconference))
Jerry Reaugh (by videoconference)
Hilary Graves (by videoconference)
Herb Rowland (by teleconference, joins at 3:35PM)

Others present:

Paul Sorensen, GSI
Alan Doud
Guests (by phone and videoconference)

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:04PM by Hilary Graves.

ITEM 2: REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 2020 MEETING

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

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

Motion passed 4-0.

ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENT

Patricia Wilmore of the Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance spoke to the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting agenda item on changing the area of severe decline, as well as to concerns the County Ag Department has, along with the PRCWA regarding incompatibility of cannabis grows.

**ITEM 4: UPDATE FROM AD HOC COMMITTEE ON STATUS OF WELL EXPANSION PROJECT;
CONSIDERATION OF A PROJECT BUDGET FOR APPROVAL AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO
PROCEED WITH PROJECT**

Jerry Reaugh presented information regarding the siting of existing wells within the District that might be candidates for inclusion in the monitoring network. Currently, only 2 of 16 wells currently in the District area are production wells. There are data gaps and inadequate coverage of the District area and the Basin. The first step is to be sure the GSAs would accept specific wells once well owners agree to allow their wells to be included. Phase II would be for the EPCWD to develop its own monitoring network with a monitoring schedule proposed for readings three times per year using an outside contractor. The budget presented by Jerry Reaugh is for \$18,000 to accomplish through Phase II.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT AS OUTLINED made by Hilary Graves, seconded by Lee Nesbitt, roll call vote:

Hilary Graves – yes

Herb Rowland – yes
Jerry Reaugh – yes
Lee Nesbitt – yes
Motion passed 4-0.

**ITEM 5: UPDATE FROM HILARY GRAVES ON THE WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2020**

The committee considered advising the County Board of Supervisors not to participate in the exploratory project to expand the State Water Project allocation, which narrowly passed (Hilary Graves objecting). The consensus of the committee was that it was cost-prohibitive.

**ITEM 6: UPDATE FROM PAUL SORENSEN ON GSP/SGMA ACTIVITIES AND MOST RECENT PASO BASIN
COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Paul reported that there is not much activity by the committee except to prepare for work on the 2nd Annual Water Report. There has been some discussion about modifying the 1st Annual Water Report and resubmitting to DWR. San Miguel CSD will ask for a grant for their recycled water program. There may be discussion about a grant proposal for stormwater recapture.

ITEM 7: TREASURER'S REPORT

Approximately 90% of 2020 assessments have been collected. The current checking account balance is sufficient to cover the approved well expansion project budget.

ITEM 8: NEW BUSINESS

Jerry Reaugh mentioned the Board of Supervisors agenda item on November 17 regarding changing the area of severe decline.

ITEM 9: SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9 at 3:00PM.


ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:07PM

Respectfully submitted,

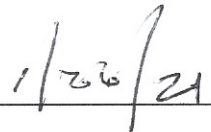


Jerry Reaugh, Secretary/Treasurer

Accepted:



Dana Merrill, President



Date