## **MINUTES**

## REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS PARADISE IRRIGATION DISTRICT SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Paradise Irrigation District was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Marc Sulik, followed by an Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**OPENING** 

**ROLL CALL** 

**BOARD MEMBERS** 

PRESENT:

Directors Dan Hansen, Shelby Boston, President Marc Sulik,

Bill Kellogg (Gregg Mowers appointed and seated as Director, Division 5 – Agenda item 2)

Director,

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

District Manager Kevin Phillips and Secretary Georgeanna

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ALSO PRESENT:

Attorney Emily LaMoe and members of the public

Following the resignation of Bob Prevot on August 15, 2019, the Board directed staff to notice the vacancy in the office of Director, Division 5. On August 22, 2019 the District issued a Press Release seeking qualified candidates to serve as an appointed Director. Persons interested in being considered for appointment to fill the vacancy were required to submit a letter of interest to the Board of Directors no later than 4:00 p.m. on September 9, 2019. The District received letters from three candidates, Lee Brown, Timothy Fulton, and Gregg Mowers.

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR, DIVISION 5 (Item 2.a.)

Following an opportunity for the Board to present questions to the candidates, it was moved by Director Kellogg to nominate Lee Brown. Motion failed for lack of a second.

It was moved by Director Hansen and seconded by Director Boston to appoint Gregg Mowers to fill the Division 5 vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Paradise Irrigation District to serve the remainder of the term for the seat vacated – until December 4, 2020.

AYES:

Directors Hansen, Boston, and Sulik

NOES:

Director Kellogg

ABSENT:

Division 5 Director seat vacant

Motion passes 3-1 to appoint Gregg Mowers to fill the Division 5 Director vacancy.

The Oath of Office was administered by the Secretary to Gregg Mowers to serve in the Office of Director, Division 5 for the remainder of the term for the seat vacated until December 4, 2020.

OATH OF OFFICE GREGG MOWERS, OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, DIV. 5 (Item 2.b.)

President Sulik called for a Board recess at 7:17 p.m.

President Sullik reconvened the regular meeting at 7:23 p.m.

BOARD RECESS

MEETING
RECONVENED

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR (Item 3.a. & 3.b.) Board members reviewed consent calendar items as follows:

2.a. Approval of Meeting Agenda Order

2.b. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of August 21, 2019

It was moved by Director Boston and seconded by Director Hansen to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

AYES:

Directors Hansen, Boston, Kellogg, Mowers, and Sulik

NOES:

None None

ABSENT: Nor Motion passes 5-0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Item 4) Ward Habriel commented on the PID Demonstration Garden and shared a proposed building diagram to provide an educational element to demonstrate defensible space next to a building or house. He further indicated a good portion of the daffodils that have been ordered by the Paradise Garden Club will be planted at the demonstration garden site.

PID STAFF & FACILITY REPORT UPDATES FOR AUGUST 2019 (Item 5) Manager Phillips provided an overview of information outlined in a written District Manager's Report. Additional information reported included the following:

<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Facilities Grant</u>: Staff met with USDA representatives today to discuss funding availability for demonstration gardens and potential tree removal.

Reservoir B Replacement Project: Staff participated in a meeting with USDA and toured the Reservoir B site to examine potential USDA funding resources. If classified as a health and safety concern, the funding potential is 75% with a 25% cost share for PID.

<u>Hazard Mitigation Grant Funding</u>: The District is in the process of applying for a Hazard Mitigation Grant to conduct a high hazard study to show what would happen if the dam were to break. Additionally, the District is applying for a Hazard Mitigation Grant for a full replacement of Magalia Dam.

<u>Service Lateral Replacement Project</u>: An optional prebid conference was held this afternoon with contractors regarding the Service Lateral Replacement Project. Sealed bids for construction services will be received until 2:00 p.m., local time, on October 17, 2019.

<u>FEMA/Cal OES</u>: Staff has been working diligently with FEMA regarding the District's damage description and standard. The District is submitting claims for damage to PID roads and leaks created through emergency debris removal. All damage is being tracked and will be declared through the FEMA process.

TREASURER'S REPORT ACCEPTED FOR PERIOD ENDING AUG. 31, 2019 (Item 6) Board members reviewed a written Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 31, 2019. The District's total cash position is down from the prior month, partially contributed to an additional outlay of cash for Disaster Recovery Management Services. Through August 31 the District has not incurred debt service payments for the current fiscal year. The first debt service payment of the fiscal year is due on October 1, 2019. The District continues to work with the State of California, FEMA, and insurance to fund the recovery of the District's distribution system.

It was moved by Director Hansen and seconded by Director Boston to accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 31, 2019 as presented.

AYES:

Directors Hansen, Boston, Kellogg, Mowers, and Sulik

NOES: ABSENT: None None

Motion passes 5-0

CONTINUED – TREASURER'S REPORT ACCEPTED

Board members reviewed accounts payable expense reports for the month of August 2019. It was moved by Director Hansen and seconded by Director Boston to approve General Fund Check Numbers 53642 through 53807 for the month of August 2019 totaling \$772,022.19, exclusive of voided check numbers 53665, 53666, 53724, 53748, and 53749, and authorization of a similar amount allowing or adjusting for extraordinary budget or Board approved items during the month of September.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSE REPORT FOR THE MONTH AUGUST 2019 (Item 7)

AYES:

Directors Hansen, Boston, Kellogg, Mowers, and Sulik

NOES:

None None

ABSENT: Nor Motion passes 5-0

Attorney Emily LaMoe announced there is no open session legal report this evening. Based on director input, an update on the Bay Delta proceedings will be requested from Attorney Dustin Cooper to provide an update to the Board.

LEGAL REPORT (Item 8)

None to Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Manager Phillips reported at a meeting of the Board of Directors in January 2019, Board direction was given for staff to work with District Manager Dan Efseaff at Paradise Recreation & Park District (PRPD), to further investigate the possibility of transitioning the recreation at Paradise Lake to PRPD.

**NEW BUSINESS:** 

PID currently operates the recreation at Paradise Lake Thursday through Monday. This includes maintenance of the facilities and customer service. Historically, the District had a fulltime employee manage the recreation facilities and live on the premises. That employee retired in July of this year. PID has not backfilled this position with a fulltime employee; however, the District has been utilizing an employee through Alliance for Workforce Development to maintain the grounds at no cost to the District. The approximate pre-fire cost to PID to have an employee at Paradise Lake is \$45,000. (Revenue - \$45,000; Expense - \$90,000).

PARADISE LAKE RECREATION – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH PARADISE RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT FOR POSSIBLE MANAGEMENT & OVERSIGHT OF RECREATION AT PARADISE LAKE (Item 10.a.)

It was moved by Director Hansen and seconded by Director Mowers to provide direction to staff to proceed with developing a Memorandum of Understanding between PID and the Paradise Recreation and Park District to transition recreation to PRPD, and to include the District's concerns relating to security and future fees/upgrades.

AYES:

Directors Hansen, Boston, Mowers, and Sulik

NOES:

Director Kellogg

ABSENT:

None

Motion passes 4-1

President Sulik opened nominations for Vice President succeeding Bob Prevot who resigned on August 15, 2019 as Director, Division 5. It was moved by Director Hansen and seconded by Director Kellogg to nominate Director Shelby Boston as Vice President, which was supported unanimously 5-0.

OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT – DIRECTOR SHELBY BOSTON ELECTED (Item 10.b.) COMMITTEES OF THE DISTRICT – APPOINTING A REPLACEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER(S) MID-YEAR (Item 10.c.) Board members discussed open committee assignments as a result of the resignations of former Board members, Bob Prevot and Anne Rice. The following mid-year adjustments to committees were recommended:

Administration & Personnel:

Gregg Mowers assigned to succeed Bob Prevot

Dan Hansen (Current committee member)

Finance Committee:

Gregg Mowers assigned to succeed Bob Prevot

Dan Hansen (Current committee member)

Ad Hoc Negotiating Committee: Gregg Mowers assigned to succeed Bob Prevot

Shelby Boston assigned to succeed Anne Rice

ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority Director Representative:

Gregg Mowers assigned to succeed Bob Prevot

It was moved by Director Mowers and seconded by Director Hansen to make the midyear committee adjustments as presented above.

AYES:

Directors Hansen, Boston, Kellogg, Mowers, and Sulik

NOES:

None None

ABSENT: Nor Motion passes 5-0

CLOSURE OF DISTRICT OFFICES NOV. 8, 2019 IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE CAMP FIRE (Item 10.d.) Manager Phillips indicated this consideration proposing to close District offices on November 8, 2019 is in remembrance of the one-year anniversary of the November 8, 2018 Camp Fire in Butte County.

It was moved by Director Boston and seconded by Director Hansen to approve the recommendation to close the District Office and Corporation Yard, with exclusion of the Water Treatment Plant facility, on Friday, November 8, 2019 in remembrance of the one-year anniversary of the Camp Fire.

AYES:

Directors Hansen, Boston, Kellogg, Mowers, and Sulik

NOES:

None

ABSENT: None Motion passes 5-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Item 11.) Community Relations Committee: Directors Sulik and Boston highlighted information discussed at the September 3<sup>rd</sup> committee meeting. Discussion included the PID Demonstration Garden, community relations activities and customer service updates. The next meeting will be held on October 15 at 8:00 a.m.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS (Item 12) <u>Director Mowers</u>: Commented on receiving professional customer service during a recent visit to the PID District Office and looking forward to serving as a Board of Director.

<u>President Sulik</u>: Acknowledged the Board of Directors and welcomed Director Mowers as a member of the Board.

<u>Director Kellogg</u>: Commented on the current time and stated he did not recall the last time the Board prepared to adjourn to closed session this early.

CLOSED SESSION (Item 13.a. & 13.b.)

President Sulik announced closed session items 13.a. and 13.b. As there were no public comments, the Board adjourned to closed session at 9:05 p.m. regarding the following:

13.a. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code section 54957.6). Employee Organization: General Unit represented by I.B.E.W., Local 1245 PID Designated Representative: Emily LaMoe Closed Session Announcement: Direction has been given to the PID designated representative.

CONTINUED -**CLOSED SESSION** 

13.b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: One potential case. Closed Session Announcement: Direction has been given to Legal Counsel.

> **CLOSED SESSION** ANNOUNCEMENT (Item 14.)

President Sulik reconvened the regular meeting at 9:17 p.m. and provided closed session announcement information regarding agenda items 13.a. and 13.b. as listed above in italicized print.

It was moved by President Sulik to adjourn the meeting. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT** 

Georgeanna Borrayo

Georgeanna Borrayo, Secretary