

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS PARADISE IRRIGATION DISTRICT OCTOBER 16, 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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Directors Dan Hansen, Gregg Mowers, Bill Kellogg, Vice-President Shelby Boston, and President Marc Sulik

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: District Manager Kevin Phillips, Finance & Accounting Manager Ross Gilb, Distribution Superintendent Jim Ladrini, and Secretary Georgeanna Borrayo

ALSO PRESENT: PID Legal Counsel - Attorney Dustin Cooper, PID Consultants Water Works Engineers, and members of the public

Board members reviewed consent calendar items as follows:

APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
CALENDAR
(Item 2.a., 2.b., &
2.d.)

- 2.a. Approval of Meeting Agenda Order
- 2.b. Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting of September 4, 2019
Regular Meeting of September 18, 2019
- 2.c. Approval of Award of Contract: Services for Debris Removal of Storage Building
- 2.d. Approval of ACWA Invoice: 2020 Annual Agency Dues

Manager Phillips recommended tabling item 2.c. for review of contract language with Legal Counsel. It was moved by Director Boston and seconded by Director Mowers to approve the Consent Calendar with the removal of item 2.c. to be tabled for discussion on a later date.

AYES: Directors Hansen, Boston, Mowers, Kellogg, and Sulik

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passes 5-0

Ward Habriel commented on the following: 1) While traveling, he discovered many people outside the country have heard about the Camp Fire; 2) Thanked Director Sulik for his assistance with repairs to the irrigation system in the demonstration garden; and 3) Recommended further publicity in the PID WaterTalk and District Office, etc. to announce donations may be made to support the demonstration garden under the Buy-A-Bloom program.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION
(Item 3)

PID customer Tanya Jordan communicated she and her husband have a standing home at 586 Circlewood Drive and expressed concerns about conflicting information she has received regarding recovery of the water system and restoring potable water service to her home. It was their understanding restoration of potable water service to currently standing structures would receive priority; however, it has been ten months and they have not received a letter lifting the water advisory for their home and feel they have been

CONTINUED –
PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

overlooked by PID. Board members thanked Mrs. Jordan for attending the meeting to convey her thoughts and invited her to speak with Distribution Superintendent Jim Ladrini to further discuss their situation and a resolution.

RECOVERY
PROCESS STATUS
UPDATE (Item 4)

Consultant Sami Kader with Water Works Engineers provided a Water Supply Recovery Program Update, which included information on the following:

Project 1: Standing Structure and Main Testing & Clearing Program

As of October 10, 2019 – 1,501 standing structures identified; 44% of standing structure laterals tested; 29% of standing structures cleared, and 81% of mains cleared. Target completion: Spring 2020.

Project 2: Service Lateral Replacement Program

To date, 61 service laterals have been replaced by PID staff. Project out to bid for 650 service lateral replacements on burned lots to be performed by contractor. Special Board meeting set for October 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. to review and consider accepting the lowest responsive, responsible bid.

Project 3: Meter Replacement Project

More than 750 meters have been removed and tested in support of the insurance claim for meter replacement. More discussion on this topic will be presented in upcoming meetings as the system is moved back to metered service.

Project 4: Reservoir B Replacement Project

Continuing to work on several potential sources of grant funding to augment insurance proceeds. Currently working on preliminary design of temporary Reservoir B for use if grant funding timelines do not support replacement by next spring/summer 2020.

The next Community Information Meeting is planned for November 18, 2019 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Paradise Alliance Church, 6491 Clark Road in Paradise.

PID STAFF &
FACILITY REPORT
UPDATES FOR
SEPTEMBER 2019
(Item 5)

Manager Phillips provided an overview of information outlined in a written District Manager's Report. Additional information reported included the following:

Recovery and Operational Update: A customer service staff member has been assigned to the Corporation Yard to assist with customer outreach and scheduling of backflow assembly devices. In the interim, an additional individual through an employment agency is backfilling this customer service position. Beginning Monday, customer service phones will return to normal business hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Customer requests for an Interim Backflow Device continue to be processed. As of today, 1,200 backflow devices have been ordered and the District is approaching installation of 800 backflow assemblies.

The City of Napa will be here next week to provide mutual aid assistance. The Alliance for Workforce Development workforce continues to be very helpful in the recovery process and have been teamed up to work with PID staff members.

Distribution Superintendent Jim Ladrini provided an update regarding his conversation with Tonya Jordan in response to her concerns presented to the Board under public participation, confirming a plan is in place to replace their service line next week.

TREASURER'S
REPORT ACCEPTED
SEPT. 30, 2019

Board members reviewed a written Treasurer's Report for the period ending September 30, 2019. It was moved by Director Boston and seconded by Director Hansen to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

AYES: Directors Hansen, Boston, Kellogg, Mowers, and Sulik
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
Motion passes 5-0

CONTINUED –
TREASURER'S
REPORT
ACCEPTED

Board members reviewed accounts payable expense reports for the month of September 2019. It was moved by Director Mowers and seconded by Director Boston to approve General Fund Check Numbers 53808 through 53900 for the month of September 2019 totaling \$993,195.31, exclusive of voided check numbers 53842, 53880, and 53881, and authorization of a similar amount allowing or adjusting for extraordinary budget or Board approved items during the month of October.

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

AYES: Directors Hansen, Boston, Kellogg, Mowers, and Sulik
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
Motion passes 5-0

Attorney Dustin Cooper provided an update on the following:

LEGAL REPORT
(Item 8)

Bay Delta proceedings – A monthly meeting is hosted by the Northern California Water Association (NCWA) with various participants, which include lobbyists and attorneys, etc. Discussion topics provide updates regarding the Bay-Delta watershed, pending legislation, and many topics that would affect PID as a water right holder in the watershed.

Pending Litigation regarding Public Records Act – PID joined with South Feather Water & Power Agency and Nevada Irrigation District. The water agencies were successful in this litigation and there will be reimbursement of legal fees.

Feasibility Study for Ridge/Valley Intertie Concept – Butte County presented the proposed Agreement for the Intertie Feasibility Study at the Board of Supervisors meeting last month, which passed on a 4-1 vote. Since then, Supervisor Lucero has mentioned wanting to change her vote. This matter will be back on the agenda with the Butte County Board of Supervisors next week. PID is concerned the necessary votes may not be received to continue this matter forward.

Community Relations Committee: Directors Boston and Sulik reported discussion at the October 15 committee meeting included: 1) Information regarding the USDA Community Facilities Grant, which the committee determined will not be a viable option for the PID Demonstration Garden; 2) Expanding the garden's demonstration area to include more fire-wise landscaping and models that will show ways to create defensible space; 3) Announcing donations may be made to the "Buy a Bloom" fund to help with the garden recovery and expansion; 4) Community outreach efforts; and 5) Suggestion to consider a Resolution of Appreciation for former committee member, Michael Spiess.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS
(Item 9)

None to Report.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

Consultant Sami Kader with Water Works Engineers reported a Notice of Public Meeting to solicit public comment regarding the intent of PID to apply for United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) funding for the Reservoir B Replacement Project has been posted on the District's website, office bulletin board, and published in the newspaper on October 3, 2019. No oral or public comments have been received regarding the Project and USDA funding application.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESERVOIR B
REPLACEMENT
PROJECT – USDA
FUNDING
APPLICATION
(Item 11.a.)

It was moved by Director Boston and seconded by Director Mowers to approve the grant funding application for the Reservoir B Replacement Project.

AYES: Directors Hansen, Boston, Mowers, and Sulik
NOES: Director Kellogg
ABSENT: None

Motion passes 4-1

**BACKFLOW
DEVICES**
(Item 11.b.)

Director Kellogg indicated he submitted this agenda item to discuss installation of backflow prevention assemblies. His suggestion would be to allow customers to purchase backflow devices and have the option to arrange installation from an approved list of plumbers.

Staff confirmed PID is maintaining ownership of the backflow devices and noted the District has a standard in place to protect the distribution system and customer. The distribution system is exposed due to damage sustained as a result of the Camp Fire, which has created many unique situations that have to be considered; i.e., circumstances where there is no water available, etc. Damage to the distribution system has certainly created delays; however, crews are gaining ground and making progress on backflow assembly installation. **No Board action taken.**

WATER SAMPLING
(Item 11.c.)

Hearing from some customers that loans are contingent on having potable water, Director Kellogg stated he submitted this agenda topic as a possibility that could help expedite the water sampling process. Director Kellogg indicated his suggestion would be that customers can get their own water samples and pay for private labs to test for Benzene and other volatile organic compounds and share those results with PID.

Staff and Legal Counsel indicated the line of demarcation is at the meter and PID is responsible to the meter. Typically, the District does not allow people to touch the District's side of the meter, and there is no precedent for PID going on the customers side of the meter. Consultant Sami Kader added the appropriate stagnation period is critical to determine the condition of the service lateral and replace any sections of contaminated infrastructure. It is important to exercise due diligence in this process to ensure the health and safety of the distribution system and customer.

To assist homeowners with in-home testing, the Division of Drinking Water has developed a protocol for testing, which is posted on their website. Additionally, Dr. Gina Solomon is leading a study to collect information that may help to identify if there are drinking water contaminants in household tap water in homes affected by the Camp Fire. Under this grant opportunity through the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, approximately 175 homes will be included in the study. Participants interested in joining the study were advised to contact Dr. Solomon at (415) 289-9310.

No Board action taken.

CLOSED SESSION

President Sulik announced closed session items 12.a. and 15.a. As there were no public comments, the Board adjourned to closed session at 9:54 p.m. regarding the following:

- 12.a. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (California Government Code section 54957.6).
Employee organization: General Unit represented by I.B.E.W. Local 1245
PID designated representative: Emily LaMoe
- 15.a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (California Government Code section 54956.9). Paradise Irrigation District v. Pacific Gas & Electric Company.

CLOSED SESSION
ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Sulik reconvened the regular meeting at 10:22 p.m. and announced the following regarding closed session discussion:

Item 12.a. – CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS: *Direction has been given to Labor Negotiator.*

Item 15.a. – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION: *Direction has been given to Legal Counsel.*

IBEW LOCAL 1245 –
CONTRACT
RATIFICATION
APPROVED
(Item 13.a.)

President Sulik indicated no vote was taken in closed session regarding agenda item 12.a. – Conference with Labor Negotiators. The Board will consider making a motion at this time. It was moved by Director Hansen and seconded by Director Mowers to ratify the Tentative Agreement between Paradise Irrigation District and IBEW Local 1245 and update the terms of the Agreement in the Rules and Regulations Governing Employment Conditions, Salaries, and Benefits for Employees in the General Unit effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. (Document attached as part of this record for inclusion in the Rules & Regulations Governing Employment Conditions, Salaries and Benefits for Employees in the General Unit).

AYES: Directors Hansen, Boston, Kellogg, Mowers, and Sulik

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passes 5-0

DIRECTORS'
COMMENTS
(Item 12)

Director Hansen: Commented on the following: 1) Requested a discussion item regarding the Employee Assistance Program be placed on the October 23 special meeting agenda; 2) In the last thirty days he has received no calls from customers, which is a positive sign; and 3) Expressed appreciation for the card he received from staff and members of the Board.

Director Kellogg: Requested arranging a Paradise Lake & Recreation Committee meeting prior to the regularly scheduled November Board Meeting and extending an invitation to Paradise Recreation & Park District Manager Dan Efseaff to join the meeting.

Director Boston: Impressed with how quickly complaints are remedied.

President Sulik: Thanked Distribution Superintendent Jim Ladrini for taking the customer aside to speak with her further about her concerns discussed under public participation.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by President Sulik to adjourn the meeting. The regular meeting was adjourned at 10:29 p.m.


Georgeanna Borrayo, Secretary


Marc Sulik, President

Proposed Tentative Agreement Between Paradise Irrigation District and IBEW Local Union 1245

1. Medical Insurance Paragraph C(2):

The District will offer three (3) health plan options to employees. The employee may select the health plan in which he/she wishes to participate. Effective January 1, 2020, the District shall make monthly contributions to the employee's purchase of the health plan in an amount not to exceed:

Employee:	\$849.18
Couple:	\$1,698.36
Family:	\$2,250.33

Unless otherwise agreed between the union and the District, the District shall provide the ACWA Advantage Health Plan, Classic Health Plan, and Account Based Health Plan options, or their closest ACWA equivalents in the event of a plan change or elimination. *The parties agree to continue meeting to discuss a transition in health care providers.*

2. Term of Agreement: The term of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
3. Salary: Effective July 1, 2019, the salary range will be increased to provide a cost of living adjustment of 2.5%.