

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS PARADISE IRRIGATION DISTRICT MARCH 16, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Paradise Irrigation District (PID) was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Shelby Boston, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

OPENING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Directors Bob Matthews, Alan Hinman, Brian Shaw, Vice President Marc Sulik and President Shelby Boston (Director Shaw participating remotely via Zoom meeting platform – Joined meeting following roll call at 6:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: District Manager Tom Lando, Assistant District Manager Mickey Rich, Finance & Accounting Manager / Treasurer Brett Goodlin, Administrative Assistant Sarah Fenton, and Secretary Georgeanna Borrayo

ALSO PRESENT: PID Legal Counsel – Dustin Cooper, Consultants Sami Kader, Colleen Boak, and Esmeralda Diego with Water Works Engineers, Consultant Nicole Maddox with APTIM, and members of the public.

It was moved by Director Matthews and seconded by Director Sulik to adopt Resolution No. 2022-05; a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Paradise Irrigation District re-authorizing remote meetings consistent with AB 361. Directors' votes were polled as follows by roll call:

RESOLUTION NO.
2022-05 ADOPTED
RE-AUTHORIZING
REMOTE
MEETINGS
CONSISTENT WITH
AB 361
(Item 2)

AYES: Directors Matthews, Sulik, Hinman, and Boston

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Shaw absent during roll call vote

Motion passes 4-0

Community member Ward Habriel announced the Paradise Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2022, featuring examples and tips for bringing yards and gardens back to life after the 2018 fire. The PID Demonstration Garden will be included as one of the tours and will also be the location of the Garden Club's plant sale.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

President Boston announced the following items are being removed from the agenda: Closed Session agenda item 4.b. – Conference with Labor Negotiators, and Item 12.a. under new business regarding Consulting Services – Utility Billing Technician.

CLOSED SESSION
(Item 4.a., 4.b. & 4.c)

Following an opportunity for public comment, the Board adjourned to closed session at 6:35 p.m. regarding the following:

4.a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (California Government Code section 54956.9 (d)(1).) Pacific Gas & Electric Company Bankruptcy Proceedings, including PID claim against Fire Victim Trust. Bankruptcy Case No. 19-30088 (DM).

Closed Session Announcement: Direction has been provided to Legal Counsel.

CLOSED SESSION
ANNOUNCEMENT
(Item 5)

President Boston reconvened the regular meeting at 7:09 p.m. and announced direction has been provided to Legal Counsel in reference to agenda item 4.a. as noted on page one.

APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
CALENDAR
(Item 6.a. – 6.e.)

Board members reviewed consent calendar items as follows

- 6.a. Approval of Meeting Agenda Order
- 6.b. Approval of Minutes - Special Meeting of February 9, 2022
- 6.c. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of February 16, 2022
- 6.d. Approval to Purchase Utility Locator Equipment for Distribution Department
- 6.e. Approval of Short-Term Consulting Agreement – Safety & Operations Training

It was moved by Director Sulik and seconded by Director Matthews to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

AYES: Directors Matthews, Sulik, Hinman, Shaw, and Boston

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passes 5-0

ANNUAL AUDITED
FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS FOR
THE
YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2021
ACCEPTED
(Item 7)

CPA Sandy Sup with Fechter & Company provided an overview of the Independent Auditor's Report accompanying financial statements for Paradise Irrigation District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021. Their firm has issued an unmodified opinion, which means the financial statements are materially correct and comply with generally accepted accounting principles.

Following an opportunity for comments and questions, it was moved by Director Matthews and seconded by Director Hinman to authorize approval to accept the Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2021 and authorize the Finance & Accounting Manager to publish and file the report.

AYES: Directors Matthews, Sulik, Hinman, Shaw, and Boston

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passes 5-0

TREASURER'S
REPORT FOR
PERIOD ENDING
FEB. 28, 2022
ACCEPTED
(Item 8.a.)

Board members reviewed a written Treasurer's Report from Finance & Accounting Manager Brett Goodlin for the period ending February 28, 2022, highlighting the District's cash position, debt service analysis, operational overview, and recovery funding.

It was moved by Director Sulik and seconded by Director Matthews to accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 28, 2022.

AYES: Directors Matthews, Sulik, Hinman, Shaw, and Boston

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passes 5-0

EXPENSE
APPROVAL
REPORT
APPROVED FOR
THE MONTH OF
FEBRUARY 2022
(Item 8.b.)

Board members reviewed accounts payable expense reports for the month of February 2022. It was moved by Director Sulik and seconded by Director Matthews to approve General Fund check numbers 57474 through 57554 for the month of February 2022 totaling \$1,369,951.85, and authorization of a similar amount allowing or adjusting for extraordinary budget or Board approved items during the month of March 2022.

AYES: Directors Matthews, Sulik, Hinman, Shaw, and Boston
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
Motion passes 5-0

CONTINUED -
EXPENSE
APPROVAL
REPORT

Board members reviewed written staff report updates from Customer Service, Field Operations, Water Treatment, and Engineering. District Manager Tom Lando added the following comments: 1) Consultants for the draft "Options Report" postponed the planned March 10 Options Report, which was to be held via the Zoom meeting platform to learn about the various steps PID might consider taking to pursue greater financial stability. The consultant is anticipating this meeting to discuss the draft Study will be rescheduled in April; and 2) Paradise Welcome Sign: The sign is owned by Paradise Rotary and the Paradise Recreation & Park District (PRPD) maintains the sign under a maintenance agreement. Community service organizations and agencies that serve the local area may purchase a new medallion with the logo of their organization in the amount of \$500 with an annual subscription fee of \$150 for year 2-5. This item will be brought to the Board in April for review and consideration.

INFORMATIONAL
PID STAFF AND
CONSULTANT
REPORT UPDATES
(Item 9.a. – 9.h.)

Water Works Engineers provided an overview regarding reports presented in the agenda packet relating to the Water Supply Recovery Program and Engineering Support Services. Consultant Nicole Maddox with Aptim Environmental & Infrastructure discussed information regarding Public Assistance and Disaster Recovery Management Services and reviewed a new graph representing potential grant funding possibilities.
Informational updates only; no Board action taken.

Community Relations Committee: Assistant District Manager Mickey Rich reported agenda items for the March 8, 2022 meeting included a community relations activity update, annual "Voce of the Customer Survey" and communications to the public regarding the Options Study. Manager Rich further added Paradise Irrigation District also received a great compliment from Solano Irrigation District regarding PID's March newsletter and customer communications. The next committee meeting will be held on May 10, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL
COMMITTEE
REPORT UPDATES
(Item 10)

No unfinished business to report.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

President Boston confirmed there is no new business to discuss this evening as an announcement was made prior to entering closed session regarding the removal of two agenda items. In addition to removal of closed session item 4.b., new business item 12.a. regarding Consulting Services – Utility Billing Technician, was removed and no discussion or board action will be taken.

NEW BUSINESS:
NONE TO REPORT-
ITEM 12.a.
REMOVED FROM
AGENDA

Director Hinman: Expressed condolences to consultant for their recent loss of a family member.

DIRECTORS'
COMMENTS
(Item 13)

Director Matthews: Commented on the fantastic tour of PID facilities last week and opportunity to get acquainted with staff.

Director Sulik: Acknowledged everyone for the great work and noted a lot of progress has been made since the 2018 Camp Fire.

Director Boston: Expressed appreciation regarding the ongoing partnerships with the District's consultants and PID staff.

ADJOURNMENT OF
MEETING

There being no further business, it was moved by President Boston to adjourn the meeting. The regular meeting of the PID Board of Directors was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.


Georgeanna Borrayo, Secretary


Shelby Boston, President