

Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District (EPCWD)

Special Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2020

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

ATTENDANCE

Directors Present: Lee Nesbitt
Jerry Reaugh
Hilary Graves
Dana Merrill
Herb Rowland (by phone)

Others attending: Alan Doud, District Counsel (by phone)
Paul Sorensen, GSI, Inc. (by phone)
Guests (by phone)

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:02PM.

ITEM 2: PUBLIC COMMENT

None submitted

ITEM 3: REPORT FROM THE GSP AD HOC COMMITTEE ON SUBMITTED COMMENTS. CONSIDER COMMENTS AND ADOPTION OF FINAL COMMENTS TO BE SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Jerry Reaugh requested that previous draft comment letters prepared by the Ad Hoc Committee be withdrawn in light of an alternative letter submitted by Hilary Graves, and also withdrew as chair of the committee. Hilary Graves described the alternative comment letter's intention to acknowledge feedback and input from members, both written and during the previous Special Board meeting on April 29. Much of the last version prepared by the Committee has been retained and the alternative letter focuses on a collaborative tone. Dana Merrill concurred, and indicated support for a motion to submit the alternative letter to DWR. Herb Rowland supported the submission of the alternative letter, indicating that it is important for the District to comment as it may be one of the few avenues to have the District's concerns heard. The comments need to include changes to the governing structure outline in the GSP which allows for additional representation for Ag and Community/Environmental, with which Lee Nesbitt concurred, and both expressed the work to date by Jerry Reaugh and the Ad Hoc Committee to bring the comments to this point. Lee Nesbitt also supported submission of the alternative comment letter.

Matt Turrentine (guest), Willy Cunha (guest), and Randy Record (guest) all tendered their support for the alternative letter.

Dana Merrill expressed the need for the District to lead by example and start moving forward on projects such as expanding the monitoring network, water infiltration, and blended water. He also supported the alternative letter.

MOTION TO ADTOP THE ALTERNATIVE LETTER DRAFTED BY HILARY GRAVES made by Lee Nesbitt, seconded by Dana Merrill, passed 5-0 on a roll call vote:

Dana Merrill – aye
Hilary Graves – aye
Lee Nesbitt – aye
Herb Rowland – aye
Jerry Reaugh – aye

Hilary Graves asked for clarification from Alan Doud as to whether editing changes that do not substantially change the document would require returning to the Board. Alan Doud responded that material changes need to come back before the board, but that editing/grammatical corrections/changes would not be included as material.

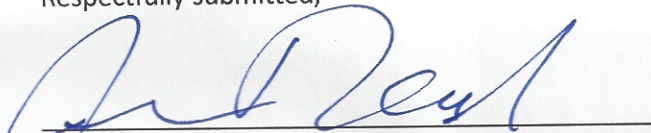
ITEM 4: NEW BUSINESS

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2020 at 3:00PM.

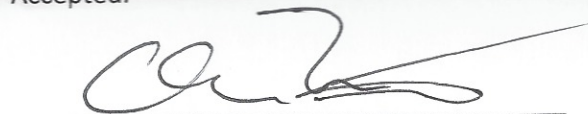
ITEM 5: ADJOURNMENT

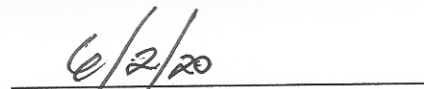
MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Hilary Graves, seconded by Lee Nesbitt, passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:29PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Jerry Reaugh, Secretary/Treasurer

Accepted:


Dana Merrill, President


Date