

MINUTES OF THE TUSCAN WATER DISTRICT

Meeting of Wednesday, July 17, 2024; 9:00 a.m.

Chico State University Farm, 311 Nicholas C Schouten Lane, Room 104, Chico, CA 95928

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

- Board members present: Rich McGowan, Steve Koehnen, Andrew Mendonca, Craig Knight, Brian Mori, Todd Turley, Bill Chance
- Board members absent: James Paiva Jr., Rayme Antonowich
- Public Present: Emily Alma, Danny Kerns, Steve Lucas, Alex Dominguez, Jenny Scheer, Tovey Giezentanner

Item 2 – Meeting Minutes for the TWD Board Meeting on June 19, 2024

- Board comment: Add Joe Hughes to public attendees
- Public comment: None
- Approved 7-0: Knight motion, Chance second.

Item 3 – McLaughlin Resolution

- Staff provided update on next steps – sign, create plaque/display, return at future board meeting to honor Ed. Invite family.
- Public comment: None
- Approved 7-0: Mori motion, Koehnen second

Item 4 – Financial Issues

- Staff provided update on bank account, EIN, cash on hand, status of invoice payment. Reviewed Financial Issues overview.
- Turley requested additional column on Financial Issues overview so Board knows how much is in each expense category.
- Board discussion: 4 people on account to sign. 2 signers on each check. Rich makes deposits. Reviewed 2 invoices – Legal, staff support.
- Public comment: None.
- Approved Invoices 7-0. Koehnen motion, Mendonca second.

Item 5 – Resolution to Butte County Board of Supervisors re: District Divisions (LAFCO Condition 9)

- Staff provided overview of Resolution, Map, and Districts.
- Board questions re:
 - If acreage is added or removed in the future, how does that change the district map and what's the process for revising the map? (Will need to check w/ attorney, if and when that happens.)
 - Can a landowner who owns property in two districts run two candidates? (Yes)
 - If two landowners reside in the same district, can one of the landowners run in a different district? (Yes, as a proxy for another landowner.)
 - Any of the districts earmarked for a certain type of groundwater user, like a domestic well user? (No. The Water Code doesn't have a provision for doing that.)
 - How is GCID different? (GCID is formed under the irrigation district code, so all landowners vote on each director.)

- Public comment:
 - Steve Lucas:
 - No questions. Coming up with equal size (acres) districts is as fair as possible. Integrity of map looks fine to me. BOS is obligated to create districts. TWD is obligated to run the election. TWD will decide which seats are staggered, etc.
 - Emily Alma: Requested a copy of the district map
- Resolution approved 7-0. Turley motion. Mori second.

Item 6 – Proposition 218 Proposals and Contracts

- Staff provided an overview of the plan for implementing a Proposition 218 election and requested approval from the board for 2 contracts (Engineer, Elections Consultant). Staff also requested that the Board authorize formation of an Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of engaging with P&P, attorney, and staff during the months of July, August and September to review and provide input on the Proposition 218 process and various issues.
- Board questions:
 - Does the County Elections Department conduct the Prop 218 election? (No. TWD will conduct the election, via the 3rd party election consultant, MKE.)
 - When will outreach/communication occur? (See Schedule in P&P Contract.)
- Public comment:
 - Danny Kerns: Works well to have an Ad Hoc to enable early input in the process and ensure we get off on the right foot. We're on track to bring back Draft Engineer's Report in September/October.
- P&P Contract Approved 7-0. Mendonca motion. Turley second
- MKE Contract Approved 7-0. Mori motion. Koehnen second
- Ad Hoc formed – Koehnen, Mori, McGowan, Turley – focused on P&P Contract Task 1 issues.

Item 7 – Staff provided an update on the following:

- LAFCO Conditions 6(b) (MSR Application)
- LAFCO Condition 13 (MOUs with Vina GSA, Butte County, and RCRD)
- TWD Policy Development
 - Conflict of interest
 - Voluntary landowner contributions
 - Charitable contributions
- Website
- Ethics, Form 700s, Brown Act Training
- Meeting with Rock Creek Reclamation District

Item 8 – Announcements and reports from Board members – None.

Item 9 – Requests of Board members for future Agenda topics – None.

Item 10 – Public Comment – None.

Meeting Adjourned 10:30 a.m.