

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD JANUARY 7, 2021

At approximately 2:00 p.m. on January 7, 2021, Chairman Eric Borba called to order the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority ("ETGSA"). Consistent with Executive Order N-29-20 and social distancing directives, the meeting was conducted by teleconference only, with no physical location for the meeting.

Members Present: Eric Borba Dyson Schneider

Steve Kisling John Corkins

Curt Holmes Geoffrey Galloway

Matthew Leider Monte Reyes

Dennis Townsend

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Aubrey Mauritson Rogelio Caudillo

David De Groot Joel Kimmelshue

Scott Hamilton

ROLL CALL

General Manager Caudillo called the roll as follows:

Director Corkins

Director Galloway

Director Schneider

Director Leider

Director Holmes

Director Reyes

Director Townsend

Director Kisling

Chairman Borba

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Borba announced the public comment period. Phillip Cooksey provided public comment.

ANNOUNCMENTS

General Manager Caudillo announced that the login info and registration for groundwater accounts are available on the ETGSA website.

MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of the December 3, 2020 Meeting of the Board Minutes

Director Corkins moved for the approval of the minutes of December 3, 2020 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Kisling, and unanimously approved by way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Director Corkins

Director Galloway

Director Schneider

Director Leider

Director Holmes

Director Reyes

Director Kisling

Director Townsend

Chairman Borba

Opposed: None

ADMINISTRATION

Consider Appointment of Agency Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary)

General Manager Caudillo provided a report, noting that the current officers are Chairman Borba, Vice Chairman Kisling, and Secretary Caudillo.

Director Corkins moved to reappoint the existing slate of officers. The motion was seconded by Director Holmes, and unanimously approved by way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Director Corkins

Director Galloway

Director Schneider

Director Leider

Director Holmes

Director Reyes
Director Townsend
Director Kisling
Chairman Borba

Opposed: None

Consider Appointment of Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs

General Manager Caudillo reported on the need to appoint Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5b is a list of the existing Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs.

Director Corkins moved to appoint the existing slate of Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs. The motion was seconded by Director Holmes, and unanimously approved by way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Director Corkins

Director Galloway

Director Schneider

Director Leider

Director Holmes

Director Reyes

Director Townsend

Director Kisling

Chairman Borba

Opposed: None

Consider Approval of Proposal for ITRC-Metric ETc relationship to Land IQ Etc.

General Manager Caudillo provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5c is a copy of the proposal.

Director Kisling moved to approve the proposal as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Holmes, and unanimously approved by way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Director Corkins

Director Galloway

Director Schneider

Director Leider

Director Holmes

Director Reyes

Director Townsend Director Kisling Chairman Borba

Opposed: None

<u>Consider Approval of ETGSA for Contribution to Water Blueprint for the SJV to identify Excess/Flood Water Supplies</u>

General Manager Caudillo provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5d is a copy of the request for contribution.

Scott Hamilton provided a presentation on the SJV Blueprint and request for contribution.

Discussion ensued regarding SJV blueprint contributions and improvement needs within the ETGSA. Discussion ensued regarding whether ETWAG has been approached.

Director Kisling recommends submitting payments in two parts.

Director Corkins moved to approve a financial commitment up to \$22,000.00, with payments, and approach ETWAG group to gauge their interest in the process. The motion was seconded by Director Leider.

Phillip Cooksey provided public comment.

The motion was unanimously approved by way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Director Corkins

Director Galloway

Director Schneider

Director Leider

Director Holmes

Director Reyes

Director Townsend

Director Kisling

Chairman Borba

Opposed: None

Presentation by LandIQ on Consumptive Use/Precipitation

Joel Kimmelshue, from Land IQ, provided a presentation. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #5e is a copy of his presentation.

Discussion ensured regarding the calculation of precipitation on bare and grazing ground.

Public comment was received from Phillip Cooksey.

Discussion ensued regarding the soil types, consumptive use measurement, and precipitation calculations and evaporation.

Report from 4Creeks on ETGSA Accounting and Invoicing

Consulting Engineer De Groot provided a presentation on the status of accounting and invoicing. Mr. De Groot has developed a frequently asked question list.

Discussion ensued regarding the status of the first billing. The first invoice will be First invoice will be the groundwater extraction fee, and the intent is to issue that once accounts are set up. As to the invoice for transitional pumping, there has been discussion of sending those out on quarterly basis. We will not receive the information for the month of December until the end of January, and this information will need to be analyzed. These invoices will be sent out in February, at the earliest.

Review and Discussion of ETGSA Rules and Regulations (board may take action to recommend further revisions to the Rules and Regulations)

This matter was tabled.

STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Report on Ongoing ETGSA Outreach Efforts

General Manager Caudillo provided a report on the ongoing outreach efforts and upcoming events. A copy of his report is attached as Agenda Item #6a and incorporated by reference.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

Receive Reports from Executive Committee Members

General Manager Caudillo provided a report on the meetings of the Executive Committee. A copy of his report is attached as Agenda Item #7a and incorporated by reference.

Ryan Jensen provided comment.

Receive Reports from Stakeholder Committee Members

General Manager Caudillo provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #7b is a copy of the report on the meeting of the Stakeholder Committee.

BILLS AND WARRANTS

Receive Finance Committee Monthly Reports

General Manager Caudillo provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8a is a copy of the report on the meeting of the Finance Committee.

Review the Financial Statements; Consider Ratification of Bills Paid and Approval of Bills to be Paid

General Manager Caudillo provided a report on current financial standing and accounts payable. The finance committee recommends payment of the accounts. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #8b is a copy of the financial statements.

Director Kisling moved to approve the financial statement, ratification of bills paid, and approval of bills to be paid, as presented in the agenda packet. The motion was seconded by Director Leider, and unanimously approved by way of the following roll call vote:

In Favor:

Director Corkins

Director Galloway

Director Schneider

Director Leider

Director Holmes

Director Reyes

Director Townsend

Director Kisling

Chairman Borba

Opposed: None

TULE SUBBASIN AND REGIONAL REPORTS AND ITEMS

Report on Tule Subbasin Coordination and TH&Co Task Items.

General Manager Caudillo provided a report. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #9a is a copy of the report.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Regular Meeting- Thursday February 4, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the ETGSA Joint Powers Authority shall be held on February 4, 2021, 2:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

[Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]

Number of Potential Cases: One Claimant: Friant Water Authority

The Board of Directors, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), met with General Counsel Aubrey Mauritson regarding one potential item of anticipated litigation.

<u>CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION</u>

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

[Government Code Section 54947]

Title: Administrative Assistant

The Board of Directors, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54947, met with General Counsel Aubrey Mauritson regarding public employment.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code 54957.1

Chairman Borba reported the ETGSA board unanimously approved a Settlement Agreement with FWA and Arvin Edison Water Storage District, contingent on the remaining parties' final approval. Once the other parties have approved, the document will be made publicly available.

ADJOURNMENT

There	being no	further	business	before	the E	Board,	Chairman	Borb	a adjo	ourned	the	meeting.

Respectfully submitted,	
Rogelio Caudillo, General Manager	