

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FLORIN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

The regular meeting of the Florin Resource Conservation District Board of Directors was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Sophia Scherman at 9829 Waterman Road, Elk Grove, CA.

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present: Sophia Scherman, Tom Nelson, Paul Lindsay, Lisa Medina, Elliot Mulberg
Directors Absent: None
Staff Present: Bruce Kamilos, General Manager; Patrick Lee, Finance Manager/Treasurer; Stefani Phillips, Human Resources Administrator/Board Secretary; Donella Murillo, Finance Supervisor; Ben Voelz, Associate Engineer; Amber Kavert, Human Resources Technician
Staff Absent: Travis Franklin, Program Manager
Associate Directors Present: None
Associate Directors Absent: None
General Counsel Present: Ren Nosky, JRG Attorneys at Law
Consultant Present: Theresa Jurotich, Raftelis
Public Present: Robert Blank

Public Comment

No comment.

1. Proclamations and Announcements

Nothing to report.

2. Oath of Office

Board Secretary Stefani Phillips presented the item to the Board.

In summary, every two (2) years following a statewide election, the Board Secretary administers the Oath of Office to the newly elected Florin Resource Conservation District (FRCD) Board of Directors (Board). Directors Paul Lindsay, Elliot Mulberg, and Tom Nelson each pulled and filed candidacy papers for the November 8, 2022, election. The FRCD did not exceed the number of offices to be filled at the General Election and therefore an election was not held. A petition signed by 10% of the voters or 50 voters, whichever is the smaller number, in the district or trustee area if elected by trustee area, requesting that the district general election be held was not presented, therefore, in accordance with Elections Code §10515, the Board of Supervisors were requested to appoint Paul Lindsay, Elliot Mulberg, and Tom Nelson who filed a declaration of candidacy to take office and serve exactly as if elected in the general district election.

The Oath of Office was administered for Directors Paul Lindsay, Elliot Mulberg, and Tom Nelson.

3. Consent Calendar

- a. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of November 15, 2022
- b. Minutes of Special Board Meeting of December 13, 2022
- c. Accounts Payable Check History – November 2022
- d. Accounts Payable Check History – December 2022
- e. Board and Employee Expense/Reimbursements – November 2022
- f. Board and Employee Expense/Reimbursements – December 2022
- g. Active Accounts – November 2022

- h. Active Accounts – December 2022
- i. Bond Covenant Status for FY 2021-22 – November 2022
- j. Bond Covenant Status for FY 2021-22 – December 2022
- k. CASH - Detail Schedule of Investments– November 2022
- l. CASH - Detail Schedule of Investments– December 2022
- m. Consultants Expenses – November 2022
- n. Consultants Expenses – December 2022
- o. Major Capital Improvement Projects – November 2022
- p. Major Capital Improvement Projects – December 2022

Items c, d, and e were pulled for questions.

Questions were asked and answered regarding items c and d. The action of pulling item e was withdrawn.

MSC (Medina/Mulberg) to approve Florin Resource Conservation District Consent Calendar items a-p. 5/0: Ayes: Lindsay, Nelson, Medina, Mulberg, and Scherman.

4. 2024-2028 Water Rate and Connection Fee Study Financial Plan

Finance Manager Patrick Lee introduced Theresa Jurotich with Raftelis to present the Water Rate Study PowerPoint, and General Manager Bruce Kamilos introduced the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair Robert Blank who would later be called on to discuss the CAC meeting that was held prior to the board meeting.

Discussion ensued after the PowerPoint presentation. Director Elliot Mulberg asked how the formula was created for the Water Rate Study. Mr. Kamilos explained to Director Mulberg, the Water Rate Study is following the rate study principles described in the American Water Works Association M1 manual.

Mr. Kamilos had CAC Chair Blank give the overview of what was discussed at the CAC meeting. Mr. Blank explained some of the conversations the CAC had. He also explained to the Board that the CAC would like a scenario #4, which would be based on keeping the Fiscal Year 2021-22 actuals of 6481 acre feet of demand constant over the future years (no account growth) to figure out what revenue rates would be required over the five (5) years to be stable. Mr. Kamilos explained he believes the CAC would support this scenario #4, with the commitment that the District will be managed to keep rates at a minimum, while allowing a cushion for unforeseen events.

Director Mulberg asked if the Cost-of-Living Adjustments (inflation) were in the Prop 218 language. Staff and Raftelis will work on providing the answer to that question.

5. Florin Resource Conservation District Election of Officers - 2023

Ms. Phillips presented the item to the Board.

In summary, each year, the Board elects a Chair and Vice-Chair to serve as officers of the Board for a period of one (1) year or until successors are elected.

Chair Sophia Scherman asked about the discussion of having an agenda item to consider a policy for rotating chair. Mr. Kamilos mentioned the appropriate time to have addressed the rotating chair would have been during the agenda item for the Bylaws brought by staff at the November board meeting.

Director Paul Lindsay nominated Director Tom Nelson for Chair. Director Lisa Medina seconded.

Director Elliot Mulberg nominated himself for Chair. Without a second, the motion died.

MSC (Lindsay/Medina) to nominate Director Tom Nelson as Chair. 4/1: Ayes: Lindsay, Medina, Nelson and Scherman Noes: Mulberg

Director Tom Nelson nominated Director Paul Lindsay as Vice-Chair. Director Lisa Medina seconded.

MSC (Nelson/Medina) to nominate Director Paul Lindsay as Vice-Chair. 5/0: Ayes: Lindsay, Medina, Mulberg, Nelson and Scherman.

6. Florin Resource Conservation District Committee Appointments and Outside Agency Representation – 2023

Ms. Phillips presented the item to the Board, providing the various committees and various outside agency representation.

The new committees are as shown:

Conservation Committee – FRCD:

**Sophia Scherman
Elliot Mulberg**

Infrastructure Committee – EGWD:

**Paul Lindsay
Lisa Medina**

MSC (Lindsay/Scherman) to appoint Directors to sit on the Conservation and infrastructure Committees of the Florin Resource Conservation District as follows: Director Sophia Scherman and Director Elliot Mulberg were appointed to sit on the Conservation Committee; Vice-Chair Paul Lindsay and Director Lisa Medina were appointed to sit on the Infrastructure Committee. 5/0: Ayes: Lindsay, Medina, Mulberg, Nelson and Scherman.

The outside agency representation are as shown:

Association of California Water Agency/Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA) – Representative of Elk Grove Water District (EGWD)

**Tom Nelson
Bruce Kamilos (Alternate)**

California Special District Association (CSDA)

Elliot Mulberg

Regional Water Authority (RWA) Board of Directors

**Tom Nelson (Primary)
Bruce Kamilos (Primary)**

Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA)

**Bruce Kamilos (Primary)
Tom Nelson (Alternate)**

There was a discussion on multiple Board members attending the ACWA conferences. Staff will look into budgeting for multiple Board members.

Staff will look into multiple alternates for ACWA.

MSC (Medina/Scherman) to appoint representatives for outside agency participation as follows: Chair Tom Nelson to be the representative to the ACWA/JPIA, representing EGWD with General Manager Bruce Kamilos as alternate; Director Elliot Mulberg to be a representative to the CSDA; Chair Nelson and Mr. Kamilos to be primary representatives to the RWA Board of Directors; and Mr. Kamilos to be a representative to the SCGA and Chair Nelson to be an alternate. 5:0 Ayes: Lindsay, Medina, Mulberg, Nelson, and Scherman.

7. Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission Special District Advisory Committee Member Nominations

Ms. Phillips presented the item to the Board.

In summary, Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) is soliciting nominations for members to serve on the Special District Advisory Committee (SDAC). There are seven (7) vacant seats for Office B for two-year terms (1/23 – 12/24). Office A has three (3) vacant seats, with the remaining term (1/22 – 12/23).

The Board chose to not nominate anyone.

8. Elk Grove Water District Fiscal Year 2022-23 Quarterly Operating Budget Status Report

Mr. Lee provided an update to the Board.

In summary, revenues collected through the second quarter of the fiscal year total \$8,599,492 which is 54.18% of the \$15,873,385 annual budget. The revenues are \$80,629 or 0.93% below the same quarter of the prior year due to an overall slight reduction in consumption for the months of July, August, and September 2022 as a result of conservation efforts.

9. Elk Grove Water District Fiscal Year 2022-23 Quarterly Capital Reserve Status Report

Mr. Lee provided an update to the Board.

In summary, through the second quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23, the District expended \$1,478,280 for capital projects leaving a remaining total reserve balance on December 31, 2022 of \$17,939,676.

10. Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Proposal Resolution

Mr. Kamilos presented the item to the Board.

In summary, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program will award approximately \$205 million to Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) that oversee medium or high priority basins. The South American Subbasin (SASb) is a high priority basin. The District has teamed with SASb GSAs to submit a grant proposal for a SASb Implementation Project (Project). The Project includes a Recharge Well Planning project that the District has been leading. This is a project that has the potential to improve California's water resilience, an objective of FRCD's Strategic Plan. The Omoichumne-Hartnell Water District (OHWD) is the lead agency for the SASb Implementation Project. Resolution No. 01.17.23.01 supports OHWD submitting a grant proposal on FRCD's behalf.

MSC (Medina/Mulberg) to adopt Resolution No. 01.17.23.01, authorizing Omoichumne-Hartnell Water District to submit a grant proposal for the South American Subbasin on its behalf. 5/0: Ayes: Lindsay, Medina, Mulberg, Nelson and Scherman.

11. General Managers Report

Mr. Kamilos presented the item to the Board.

In summary, the Administration Building Tenant Improvements final costs were distributed, and the District got a total of \$160,092 back from AP Thomas. The District received the ACWA/JPIA Presidents Special Recognition Award, which is given to districts that have a Loss Ratio of 20% or less in their Liability, Property or Workers' Compensation programs. Mr. Kamilos mentioned that he was elected Vice-Chair of the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority for the 2023 calendar year and was elected to serve on the Regional Water Authority Executive Committee for the 2023 calendar year.

12. Elk Grove Water District Operations Report – November and December 2022

Mr. Kamilos presented the EGWD Operations Report – November and December 2022 to the Board.

He highlighted how well the District employees responded to the storm events in early January.

13. Directors Comments

Chair Sophia Scherman expressed her great pleasure in serving as the Chair for the District the past two (2) years.

Adjourn to Regular Board Meeting on February 21, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Stefani Phillips

Stefani Phillips, Board Secretary

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