

**SOLANO IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Berryessa Room  
810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Suite 201  
Vacaville, CA 95688

**TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022**

**MINUTES**

The Solano Irrigation District Board of Directors met in regular session on this date, also via Zoom. Present were: President, **John Kluge**; Vice President, **Derrick Lum**; Director, **Michael Barrett**; Director, **Pete Sanchez**; Director, **Charles Herich**; General Manager, **Cary Keaten**; Water & Power Operations Manager, **Matt Hobbs**; District Engineer, **Paul Fuchslin**; Director of Finance, **Cammie Morin**, SID Legal Counsel, **Paul Minasian**, Interim Executive Assistant, **Jacqueline McBride**; and Executive Assistant, **Amber Rupp**.

Speakers: Alicia Minyen; Anthony Russo; and Solano County Supervisor, Jim Spring.

**THIS MEETING WAS AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM**

*This meeting is compliant with local and state orders, and the The Governor proclaimed a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic on March 4, 2020. The proclamation remains active and applies statewide. The Board is meeting pursuant to Section 54953(e)(1)(B) and 54953(e)(1)(A). The Board is complying with other public access and participation obligations, as required and to ensure that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the Board conduct their business.*

**1. PRELIMINARY**

**1.1. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Kluge.

**1.2. Roll Call – All Board Members were present.**

**1.3. Approval of Agenda**

Upon motion by Director Lum, seconded by Director Herich, the Board voted to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Herich, Sanchez, Barrett, Lum, and Kluge  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**1.4. Pledge of Allegiance**

President Kluge led attendees in the pledge of allegiance.

**1.5. Conflict of Interest Notification** *(Any Agenda items that might be a conflict of interest to any Board members should be identified at this time by the Director involved)*

None.

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

On behalf of the SID Board, President Kluge and General Manager Keaten presented William Jones, Jr. an award, and a check for 10 percent of his annual salary, in recognition of his 20-years of service with District.

On behalf of the SID Board, President Kluge and General Manager Keaten presented Faustino “Tito” Cuevas an award, and a check for 10 percent of his annual salary, in recognition of his 20-years of service with District.

On behalf of the SID Board, President Kluge and General Manager Keaten presented Alexander “Al” Taglieri, Jr. an award, and a check for 10 percent of his annual salary, in recognition of his 30-years of service with District.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)**

There were no public comments on Non-Agenda Items.

**4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**4.1. STATUS OF HUMAN RESOURCES ACTIVITIES: April/May 2022.**

**4.2. WATER AND POWER REPORT MAY 2022: Update on activities since the April 19th Board of Directors Meeting.**

**4.3. CLIMATE STATISTICAL REPORT AND RELATED ITEMS: Update on activities since the April 2022 Board of Directors Meeting.**

**4.4. 2022 R&B PROJECTS: Progress and Status Report of 2022 R&B Projects.**

**4.5. MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN BY GENERAL MANAGER TO EVALUATE AND PROCESS TORT CLAIMS AND TO ACCEPT, REJECT, OR SETTLE CLAIMS AGAINST THE DISTRICT AS ALLOWED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 935.4: A Summary of Actions Taken Related to Claims Filed against Solano Irrigation District for March/April 2022— INFORMATION ONLY.**

There were no questions or comments from the board, nor the public.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

*The Board considers all Consent Calendar items to be routine and will adopt them in one motion. There will be no discussion on these items before the Board votes on the motion, unless Board members, staff or the public request specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar.*

- 5.1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes from April 19, 2022 Regular Board Meeting and 5.1(a) Special Board Meeting of May 9, 2022.**
- 5.2. TREASURER’S REPORT: Accept April 2022.**
- 5.3. FUNDS INVESTED REPORT: Accept April 2022.**
- 5.4. INCOME STATEMENTS: Accept April 2022.**
- 5.5. CLAIMS REPORT: Accept April 2022.**
- 5.6. CONTINUATION OF TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS PURSUANT TO THE BROWN ACT, GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(E), AS AMENDED BY ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 361: Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 22-15 Re-Ratifying The Proclamation Of A State Of Emergency By Governor’s Order Dated March 4, 2020 And Re-Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings Of The Legislative Bodies Of The Solano Irrigation District Pursuant To Brown Act Provisions.**
- 5.7. AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2021: Review and Receive 2021 Audited Financial Report.**
- 5.8. CILKER GRANT OF EASEMENT AGREEMENT: Approve Resolution 22-16 Authorizing the General Manager to Execute Grant of Easements and Agreement for the Vaughn Lateral 6 Pipeline.**
- 5.9. DEEPWELL (VFD): Authorize the General Manager to Purchase Materials and Contract for Installation of Replacement VFD’s for an Amount Not to Exceed \$56,000.**
- 5.10. VACA VALLEY MAIN PUMP STATION – PUMP 1 REPAIRS: Authorize the General Manager to Approve Invoices Associated with the Repair of a Failed Pump at the Vaca Valley Main Pump Station.**

Upon motion by Director Sanchez, seconded by Director Lum, the Board voted to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, with the exception of Item 5.9, which was pulled by Director Herich for further discussion.

Ayes: Herich, Sanchez, Barrett, Lum, and Kluge  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Staff satisfactorily responded to inquiries from the Board pertaining to the age of the pump, its failure, and the fact that it is irreparable—regarding Item 5.9.

Upon motion by Director Herich, seconded by Director Lum, the Board voted to approve the Consent Calendar Item 5.9 as presented.

Ayes: Herich, Sanchez, Barrett, Lum, and Kluge  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Motion passed unanimously.

## **6. SCHEDULED ITEMS**

### **6.1. SAFETY/RISK MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY UPDATE: Accept the Summary of Safety/Risk Management Activity update for the Month of May 2022.**

General Manager, Cary Keaten reported that there have been no new incidents since last month. Staff responded to the Board's inquiries about the vehicle that recently crashed into the Weyand Canal. There was minimal damage to SID's property and damage claims will be submitted to the responsible vehicle owner's insurance company for costs incurred by the District.

Upon motion by Director Herich, seconded by Director Lum, the Board voted to Accept the Summary of Safety/Risk Management Activity update for the Month of May 2022.

Ayes: Herich, Sanchez, Barrett, Lum, and Kluge  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Motion passed unanimously.

### **6.2. MGVSP POTABLE WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT: Approval of Resolution 22-17 Authorizing the President and General Manager to Execute a Potable Water Service Agreement Between the City of Fairfield and Solano Irrigation District for the Middle Green Valley Specific Plan Area.**

General Manager, Cary Keaten opened this item and informed the Board that, the District received letters from the Solano County Orderly Growth Committee, signed by its Assistant Treasurer, Duane Kromm, opposing approval of this item and its legal counsel, Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger, LLP, outlining reasons for opposing the water service agreement. General Manager, Cary Keaten also informed the Board that the District's Legal Counsel, Paul Minasian was available via Zoom to respond to legal-related inquiries about this item. District Engineer, Paul Fuchslin, then gave a detailed summary of the staff report accompanied by a comprehensive presentation.

Staff responded to vital inquiries from the Board and the District's Legal Counsel representative, Paul Minasian, gave legal-related responses and information, along with plausible actions that opponents of the project might take. He provided critical details to the Board regarding its "Conditional Will Serve Letter" for a water service agreement within the development area.

There were three public speakers on this item.

The first speaker was Solano County Supervisor, Jim Spering, who shared details about Solano County's ("the County") approval of the Middle Green Valley Specific Plan. He commented that the project was part of its voter-approved General Plan which allows for development in this area, adding that the Green Valley Landowners are in support of the development. He then made comments regarding the letter that Solano County Orderly Growth Committee mailed to Solano Irrigation District, opposing the approval of the Resolution for this item. He stated that upon reviewing the County's meeting minutes of August 18, 2017, Mr. Duane Kromm stated: "Solano County Orderly Growth Committee is in support of the Middle Green Valley Specific Plan project." He added that the County has spent a lot of money on the project and that it will continue even if the District does not provide the water service.

The second speaker was Anthony Russo, the developer of the planned area, who was called upon to respond to the Board's inquiries about the Middle Green Valley Specific Plan Area project. He stated that the County has already approved all environmental-related permits and that the project was litigated causing extensive delays. He stated that the cost of the housing was not yet known. He commented that the development provides the Agricultural Conservancy money each time one of the 400 homes is sold.

The third and final speaker, Alicia Minyen, spoke virtually, via Zoom and asked a series of questions about the planned development. Her inquiries included: 1) How much larger could the development increase for commercial use, based on the wording of the agreement; 2) Why isn't the project being annexed, and are there other areas in the County or State where this type of water treating is occurring, and is it a common practice; 3) What is the source of financing; 4) What will rates be to attain water service in this development; and 5) Will there be sufficient water for firefighting in the area.

General Manager Cary Keaten satisfactorily addressed Alicia Minyen’s inquiries—with District Engineer Paul Fuchslin also providing more details. The responses were as follows: 1) The area is limited with regard to further expansions and the language in the agreement is to allow flexibility for service in that area only; 2) Any annexation inquiries should be directed to the County—the District doesn’t manage those details, and yes this type of water treatment and return practice is common, with Suisun-Solano Water Authority, Blue Ridge Oaks and Peabody System in Fairfield given as examples; 3) The Developer fronts money for development and design-related costs, as has been done in the past; 4) Presently, no rate study has been done because the agreement is not finalized; and 5) The District adheres to ACWA standards and ensures robust water pressure.

Public Speaker, Alicia Minyen stated: “I appreciate you answering my questions.”

Upon motion by Director Sanchez, seconded by Director Lum, the Board voted to Approve Resolution 22-17, Authorizing the President and General Manager to Execute a Potable Water Service Agreement between the City of Fairfield and Solano Irrigation District for the Middle Green Valley Specific Plan Area.

Ayes: Herich, Sanchez, Barrett, Lum, and Kluge  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Motion passed unanimously.

**6.3. PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 SSWA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: Consider Acceptance of SID’s Portion of the Proposed SSWA Fiscal Year 2022-23 Capital Improvement Program.**

District Engineer, Paul Fuchslin, gave a brief presentation informing the Board of the District’s portion of the Proposed FY2022-2023 SSWA CIP.

There were no questions from the public.

Upon motion by Director Barrett, seconded by Director Lum, the Board voted to Accept SID’s Portion of the Proposed SSWA Fiscal Year 2022-23 Capital Improvement Program.

Ayes: Herich, Sanchez, Barrett, Lum, and Kluge  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Motion passed unanimously.

**7. BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

**7.1. BOARD ACTIVITY UPDATES:**

**7.1.1. Non-SID Committees or Membership: (*Verbal Updates*)**

- SCWA Update - Solano County Water Agency
  - Kluge with Lum as Alternate
- SCWA LPCCC Update - Lower Putah Creek Conservation Committee
  - Kluge with Lum as Alternate
- SSWA - Suisun-Solano Water Authority (SSWA EC)
  - Kluge with Lum as Alternate
- ACWA General - Association of California Water Agencies
  - All

**7.1.2. SID Committees: (*Verbal Updates*)**

- Personnel Committee
  - Barrett and Herich
- M&I Committee
  - Kluge and Herich
- Ag Committee
  - Barrett and Lum
- Groundwater Committee
  - Kluge and Lum
- ACWA/JPIA –Joint Powers Insurance Authority
  - Sanchez and Keaten
- Maine Prairie Water District
  - Kluge and Barrett
- Messaging and Outreach Committee
  - Kluge and Lum
- Finance Committee
  - Kluge and Sanchez
- Ad-Hoc Generator Update Committee
  - Kluge and Herich

**7.2. GENERAL MANAGER'S ACTIVITY UPDATES (*Verbal Updates*)**

**7.3. BOARD OF DIRECTOR REFERRAL REQUESTS (*Verbal Updates*)**

**8. ADJOURN: 7:11 P.M.**



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Cary Keaten