

Keith Hadick, President (Division 3)
Greg Flores, Vice President (Division 1)
Casey Conrad, Treasurer (Division 6)
Andy Adam, Secretary (Division 2)
Gerald Mahoney, Director (Division 4)
Thomas Gibbons, Director (Division 7)
Vacant, Director (Division 5)



SANTA MARIA VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – August 4, 2022

District Office
2255 South Broadway, Ste. 8E
Santa Maria, California 93454

CALL TO ORDER: With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

ROLL CALL: Present were Directors Hadick, Flores, Conrad, Adam, Mahoney, and Gibbons.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Attorney Ross Trindle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Centennial Cattle Company: phone call this afternoon regarding where cattle will be located: It was moved and seconded by Director Conrad and Hadick: 6-0-0-1– added to end of agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved and seconded to approve the amended agenda Hadick/Mahoney: 6-0-0-1

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were tabled.

Action Items:

District Property Inventory - Treasurer Conrad update; some property has been returned as requested, but some outstanding: boat motors, GPS unit, weed eater; request as to a date certain when those might be returned.

Gibbons: Boat motors and electronic equipment will be delivered this Saturday; was supposed to be last Saturday but had problems with the flatbed that was fixed; may have to take two trips; pontoon boat bought by Gibbons, but not paid by District yet (?), comes with a trailer; show me the check for the payment and that will be fine; three motors are at Tom's property (25 HP and 2, 37 HP motors).

Flat-bottom boat is at the dam, along with tiller and related equipment; one 25 HP motor at the dam.

Adam: wants the property back to the dam right away; doesn't want to have to explain to the public why taxpayer paid for property is not on District property.

Hadick: Pontoon boat was purchased at a time when the District needed one, and the purchase was authorized; need to follow up on reimbursement request/issue: prior reimbursement provided or new reimbursement required? May need to revisit the topic once everything is at the dam, for possible payment of additional items, etc.

Conrad: need three motors and the pontoon boat delivered to the dam this weekend.

No action taken. Director Conrad: **place this item on the rescheduled meeting agenda.**

It was moved and seconded by Hadick and Mahoney to move Agenda item, Cloud Seeding Program, out of order: 6-0-0-1

Cloud Seeding Program - report from Matt Scudato of the County of Santa Barbara on program details for this year; presented two options for District participation based on method of dispersal—via ground-based flare launch and via aircraft.

Director Conrad asked for updated estimate for aircraft dispersal via email and further discussion at the August 18, 2022, meeting.

No action

USGS Stream Gauge Contract - update from Director Hadick; language is basically the same; contact information needs to be updated; cost went up ~ 2.5%, about \$960.

Director Conrad asked about discussion last year about getting a different service provider, having the District install and maintain its own; Hadick noted that the prior decision was made due to costs (cheaper to contract than install and maintain); Gibbons: there are other vendors with more and better experience, like Sierra (Shaver Lake project)

Motion to approve contract with USGS: Conrad and Hadick: 6-0-0-1

Resolution Numbering Update - Recommended Action: Motion to amend nunc pro tunc A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA MARIA VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT CALCULATING AND APPROVING AN ESTIMATE OF AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENT FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS, AND SPECIAL PROJECTS AT AND FOR TWITCHELL DAM AND RESERVOIR, PURSUANT TO WATER CODE SECTION 75370 ET SEQ. as Resolution No. 22-7. The recommended action was moved and seconded by Conrad and Hadick 6-0-0-1

District Office Access Policy – Recommended Motion: Motion and seconded to approve District Office Access Policy; Hadick and Mahoney: 6-0-0-1

Agenda out of order - Centennial Cattle Company: Director Conrad provides update on communication from Cole at CCC re moving ~200 head of cattle on/near District property; CCC rep indicates that “the fenced are where they are” and it’s up to the District if the cattle stray, call the ranch if you have problems; cattle has been an issue in the past, but it’s only been a few at a time; might be worthwhile to talk to Mark Brooks

Dam Tender Frazier provides additional information on history of the problem.

Director Gibbons provided history and context for prior and current fencing.

Director Adam suggests coming to arrangement on the fences and the grazing area.

Director Conrad requests Board authority to contact ranch owner to coordinate; consensus of the Board to do so.

District Credit cards – Director Conrad: combination issue from Carrie Troup, CPA and Dam Tender Frazier; US Bank/Cal Cards, vendor is difficult to deal with; why is the District stuck with US Bank/Cal Cards, or is the District “stuck”? What stops the District from getting credit cards via a community bank? A motion was made and seconded to refer issue to Finance Committee for further research and recommendation: Hadick and Adam: 6-0-0-1

Continue BOR inspection to TOC report on August 18 agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved and seconded Director Conrad and Hadick, motion carried: 6-0-0-1 Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM

Minutes approved on_____

Keith Hadick, President

Submitted by Jaamon Frazier