

Reclamation District No. 2140
211 Main Street
Hamilton City, California 95951

Board of Trustees
Minutes of Special Meeting Held January 22, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No. 2140 (RD 2140) held on January 22, 2016, at the Hamilton City Community Services District office was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Board President LeeAnn Grigsby-Puente.

Board Members present: LeeAnn Grigsby-Puente, Walt Stile and Dawit Zeleke (arrived 1:40 p.m.).

Board Members absent: None

District representatives: William Paris, Counsel and Tom Anderson, Interim Secretary

GUESTS: Jose Puente, General Manager Hamilton City Community Services District; Erik Nagy, Principal Engineer, MBK (arrived 1:45 p.m.); and Seth Wurzel, Larsen Wurzel & Associates

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A discussion was held regarding the hiring of Larsen Wurzel and Associates (LWA) to assist RD 2140 in the development of benefit assessment proceedings in conformance with Proposition 218. Mr. Nagy introduced Mr. Wurzel and stated he and Kim Floyd (Kim Floyd Communications) were familiar with work LWA has done for other districts.

Mr. Wurzel stated he has a background in public finance and explained LWA's approach to the benefit assessment is to look at the data and set the assessment as related to the benefits received. This would be based on a variety of factors, including existing use of the property and the degree of flood damage protection provided for the potential depth of flood water at given areas. Mr. Wurzel outlined the activities which include data analysis, report preparation and assistance with the election. He estimated LWA's services to be \$40,000, at most, depending on the amount of work needed. He reminded the board of the need to establish a timeline to meet the County Assessor's office deadline to have the assessment included on the next property tax bill.

Board member Dawit Zeleke made a motion to authorize the Board President to negotiate an agreement with LWA not to exceed \$40,000.00. The motion was seconded by Board member Walt Stile and it passed by a unanimous vote.

2. A discussion was held regarding the use of District funds to cover costs of travelling to Washington, DC possibly February 28 through March 2, 2016, to help secure federal funding for FY 2017. A short discussion ensued on the importance of sending representatives, how many people should go at District expense and who should go. Interim Secretary Anderson advised that it generally costs \$3,000 per person and that \$6,000 was budgeted for travel.

Board member Dawit Zeleke made a motion to authorize the Board President to travel to Washington D.C. at District expense. The motion was seconded by Board member Walt Stile and it passed by a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT: 3:00 p.m.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held Friday, February 19, 2016, at the HCCSD office at 211 Main Street, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Respectively submitted,

Arthur T. (Tom) Tom Anderson
Interim Secretary