

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

**Board of Trustees**  
**Minutes of Meeting Held February 19, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No. 2140 (RD 2140) held on February 19, 2016, at the Hamilton City Community Services District office was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board President LeeAnn Grigsby-Puente.

**Board Members present:** LeeAnn Grigsby-Puente, Walt Stile and Dawit Zeleke (arrived 9:12 a.m.).

**Board Members absent:** None

**District representatives:** Tom Anderson, Interim Secretary

**GUESTS:** Jose Puente, General Manager Hamilton City Community Services District; Erik Nagy, Principal Engineer, MBK; Kim Floyd, Kim Floyd Communications; Dan James, Hamilton City Fire Chief; Ryan Luster, The Nature Conservancy (TNC); Jesus Campos; and Megan Jonsson, Analyst II, Larsen Wurzel & Associates, Inc. (via telephone).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jesus Campos noted that people are “organizing” concerning the levee issues.

**MINUTES:**

Board member Walt Stile made a motion to approve the minutes for the meetings held January 15, 2016, and January 22, 2016, as written. The motion was seconded by Board member Dawit Zeleke and it passed by a unanimous vote.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Miscellaneous correspondence – no action required nor taken.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Status report of the project:
  - a. Mr. Nagy reported that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) is working with the contractor on the “pre-mobilization” process, with mobilization expected in 2-3 weeks. Efforts will include clearing the levee “footprint” (e.g. irrigation systems), setting protocols and talking with the various landowners/designated agents about construction activities. Mr. Nagy reaffirmed that the electric utility bill from P.G. & E. should not be paid.



- b. An agreement between RD 2140 and the Tribe for payment for Tribal monitoring activities. Mr. Nagy noted that the agreement will include a “scope of activities” with a cost limit (i.e. “not to exceed” amount). Mr. Nagy also noted that, as a matter of practice, the U.S. COE does not pay the costs for Tribal monitoring activities.
- c. The burial agreement plan previously submitted will be revised for review and approval by the Tribal Council.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A discussion was held on the need to transfer \$180,000.00 to the capitol account (07200) from the unanticipated revenues. The transfer is needed to pay PG&E pursuant to Contract ID No. 1194385 and also to PG&E for planning, coordination and design activities associated with the potential relocation of a gas pipeline located north of State Route 32, which the Board authorized on December 11, 2015, as well as \$20,000.00 for upcoming engineering expenses. An additional \$10,000.00 is needed in Services and Supplies to cover the costs for recent flood prevention work at the “Gunhill” property. Mr. Nagy advised that the District need not pay the \$79,000 to PG& E to relocate the as previously authorized. Resolution No. 2016-01 authorizing the budget transfer of \$210,000. was approved by a unanimous vote upon a motion by Stile and a second by Zeleke.
2. The Board discussed receiving a grant from The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in an amount not to exceed \$39,645 to cover a portion of the contracts with Kim Floyd Communications for Proposition 218 benefit assessment election and construction outreach support. Board member Zeleke recused himself from the discussion as he is a TNC employee. Mr. Luster suggested that any unused TNC grant funds from the levee repair effort could be redirected to the groundbreaking ceremony. Mr. Luster also advised that TNC would likely not be in a position to provide RD 2140 future grant monies as titles to the other TNC properties are transferred to RD 2140.

A motion to approve the TNC grant was made by Stile with a second by Grigsby-Puente. The motion was approved by the following vote: Ayes – Stile, Grigsby-Puente; Noes – None; Not Voting – Zeleke.

3. A discussion held on transfer of the 347-acre “Westermann Ranch” property (APN 032-230-018-9) from The Nature Conservancy to RD 2140. This property is currently being farmed in almonds, prunes and field/row crops with three separate leases to growers. Mr. Luster advised that the soonest any transfer could be accomplished would be two months. Issues surrounding the transfer include TNC’s ability to vote in the upcoming Proposition 218 benefit assessment

election and the eligibility of TNC representation on the RD 2140 governing board.

Note: The Board recessed at 10:55 a.m. at which time Ms. Floyd left the meeting. The Board resumed the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

**REVIEW of FINANCIAL ACTIVITEIS:**

1. The Board reviewed the Director's report from the County Department of Finance (DOF) for the period ending 1/31/2016. Interim Secretary Anderson also provided a general overview of the Financial Reports received from DOF.

**REPORTS:**

1. **Board:** No report.
2. **Secretary:** No report.
3. **Legal Counsel:** Not present.

**PAYMENT OF RD 2140 BILLS:**

Interim Secretary Anderson presented a list of claims for payment (bills) presented to the County Department of Finance for the period 1/15/2016 to 2/18/2016 and totaling \$15,039.58. Board member Dawit Zeleke made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Board member Walt Stile seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT: 11:30 a.m.**

The next regular Board Meeting will be held Friday, March 18, 2016, at the HCCSD office at 211 Main Street, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Respectively submitted,

Arthur T. (Tom) Anderson  
Interim Secretary