

Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District (EPCWD)

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2021

Windfall Farms Conference Room, 4710 Flying Paster Lane, Paso Robles

ATTENDANCE

Directors Present:

Lee Nesbitt (by videoconference))
Jerry Reaugh (by videoconference)
Hilary Graves (by videoconference)
Herb Rowland (joins by videoconference at 3:33PM)

Others present:

Paul Sorensen, GSI
Nate Page, GSI
Alan Doud
Guests (by phone and videoconference)

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:03PM by Hilary Graves.

ITEM 2: REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2021 MEETING

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Lee Nesbitt, roll call vote:

Hilary Graves – yes
Jerry Reaugh – yes
Lee Nesbitt – yes

Motion passed 3-0.

ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments submitted.

ITEM 4: CLOSED SESSION: POTENTIAL LITIGATION (GOV CODE § 54956.9(D)(4))

No reportable action taken during closed session.

ITEM 5: UPDATE FROM PAUL SORENSEN ON PROPOSED GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY OF SELECTED AREAS OF THE BASIN

Paul Sorensen reported that Shandon-San Juan Water District has initiated a proposed project enhanced by geophysical and boring information to look at recharge locations on a Basin-wide basis. Paul will keep the Board informed on progress.

ITEM 6: UPDATE FROM PAUL SORENSEN ON THE PASO ROBLES SUBBASIN WATER YEAR 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2020 report is the second annual report. Nate Page presented basics on the report and the discussion touched on the changes to the "red zone" map and how the Annual Report differs in the information it offers. Also discussed was the apparent disconnect in understanding how the annual acre-foot decrease in Basin storage is calculated. The County is reviewing six wells on public property to consider for inclusion in

the GSP well-monitoring network. Kathleen March asked about the Santa Margarita dam and the impacts of raising the dam level on the flow through the Basin; there would likely be no impact under the current "live stream" agreement which requires a live stream to the 13th Street bridge in Paso Robles before water can be retained in the reservoir. Raising the reservoir level is a project in the very earliest stages of discussion and investigation, and the EPCWD is supportive of considering the project.

ITEM 7: UPDATE FROM AD HOC COMMITTEE ON STATUS OF WELL NETWORK EXPANSION PROJECT

Jerry Reaugh reported that 26 letters to selected landowners have been sent regarding inclusion in the expansion of the well monitoring network. All but two have been directly contacted. To date, two landowners have signed up and discussions with more are positive.

ITEM 8: TREASURER'S REPORT

Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Reaugh reported that the checking account balance remains steady. Work on the budget will be starting soon. The District has funds available for projects from last year, some of which will be going towards the well network expansion project.

ITEM 9: NEW BUSINESS – REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACE ON NEXT AGENDA

Updates on the SKYTem report, the March 16 and April 6 Board of Supervisors meetings, and the March 17 Paso Basin Cooperative Committee meeting were requested.

ITEM 10: SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2021.

ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Lee Nesbitt, seconded by Jerry Reaugh, roll call vote:

Hilary Graves – yes

Lee Nesbitt – yes

Jerry Reaugh – yes

Herb Rowland – yes


Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:38PM

Respectfully submitted,

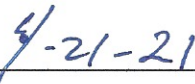


Jerry Reaugh, Secretary/Treasurer

Accepted:



Dana Merrill, President



Date