

MINUTES
Minutes of the Board of Trustees Reclamation District No. 537
September 9, 2022

Pursuant to the foregoing consent and the notice thereof, duly and regularly posted and given to all members of the Board of Trustees, and by-laws of said District, a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No. 537 was called to order by Trustee Ross Peabody on Friday September 9, 2022, at 9:05 am in-person and via Teams online meeting.

Call to Order

1. Meeting attendance/introductions
Meeting was attended by Ross Peabody, Dan Ramos, Thomas Ramos, and Ray Yeung; William Mattos was absent. Also in attendance were the following RD staff and consultants: Kyle Lang, Dustin Dumars, Nicolas Chapman, Tina Anderson, and Nichole Leonard and two members of the public, Richard Yeung and Thomas Kane.

2. Approval of agenda
Trustee Thomas Ramos made a motion to approve the Agenda, Trustee Peabody seconded, and the motion passed 4-0-1.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items District Business/Action Items

Mr. Kane stated for the record that he was completely opposed to the resolution, that although there is a new District and new equipment, the levees still haven't been mowed. Mr. Kane further stated that he believes the District manufactured the issue of a shortage of labor, and that he believes the action is not legal, and is a conflict of interest and he was strictly against the action.

Trustee Dan Ramos reported that the levees are currently being well-maintained, as reflected in their DWR inspection and that this was just an unfortunate circumstance where there is a shortage of qualified operators. Ms. Anderson reported that Mr. Lang and Mr. Mattos reached out to several operators but could not find any available. The District said they would follow up with any referrals from landowners on available labor and has proactively approached this problem and will continue to do so.

District Business/Action Items

1. Discuss potential contract with William Mattos and consider Resolution 2022-9-01, a Resolution by the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No 537 to Authorize Contracting for Levee Repairs and Maintenance.

The District has significant trouble locating a vendor to perform the mowing. General Manager Kyle Lang reached out to several contacts but was unable to secure the labor to get the mowing accomplished. Therefor the District is considering having William Mattos perform the mowing.

Mr. Richard Yeung made a public comment stating that there was a large amount of vegetation on the levees and voiced concern about the temperature and time of year that mowing would take place. As the Fire Chief, he is requiring the District to have a 1,000-gallon water truck on standby if it is over 100 degrees during mowing.

Trustee Dan Ramos stated he understood the concern and appreciated the suggestion of having a water truck on hand. He asked if the Elkhorn Fire Protection District would be willing to coordinate with the District and provide a water truck. Mr. Richard Yeung agreed and stated there would be an hourly charge and the District would need to coordinate with the Fire Department regarding scheduling. General Manager Kyle Lang will coordinate with the fire department regarding the schedule for the water truck and mowing work.

Trustee Thomas Ramos reported that the District wanted to be transparent and to address the vegetation growth as soon as possible. Trustee Thomas Ramos made a motion to adopt resolution 2022, Trustee Yeung seconded, and the motion carried 4-0-1.

Adjourn

Trustee Peabody adjourned the meeting at 9:38 am