

MINUTES

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Reclamation District No. 537 August 12, 2021

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 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No. 537 was called to order by President William Mattos on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 9:10 am in-person and via Teams online meeting.

1. Meeting Attendance:
Meeting attended by Trustees William Mattos, Ray Yeung, Dan Ramos, and Thomas Ramos. Trustee Ross Peabody was absent. Attendees included the following staff and RD 537 Consultants: General Manager Kyle Lang, Dustin Dumars, Ric Reinhardt, Tina Anderson, Nichole Leonard, and Austin Cho.
2. Approval of Agenda:
Trustee Dan Ramos moved to approve the Agenda. Trustee Yeung seconded and the motion carried 4-0-1.
3. Approval of minutes of the Board meeting of June 10, 2021:
Trustee Mattos corrected the June 10 meeting minutes' Item No. 4: the funds due from the State Lands Commission are from Reclamation District 785, and not 827. Trustee Thomas Ramos moved to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of June 10, 2021, with the proposed edit by Mattos. Trustee Ray Yeung seconded and the motion carried 4-0-1.
4. District Finances:
Dustin Dumars reported that he was in contact with Yolo County and they are in the process of changing the payee for funds due from 827. RD 537 is still due for funds from FMAP, SAFCA and County assessments. The invoice for the tractor is in and will be paid for with FMAP funds, once received. He also reported that the audits of RD's 785, 827 and 537 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and RD 785 for Fiscal Years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 are complete and the District is waiting for the audit reports.
5. Public Comment:
No public comments were made.
6. Discussion of Budget Line Items:
Trustee Mattos reported that the District has experienced a reduction in normal O&M expenditures to date, due to purchasing their own equipment, avoiding maintenance actions around ongoing construction, and awaiting FMAP funding for 2021. The District has plans to move forward with deferred maintenance actions that have been delayed. The District will evaluate potential projects that address PIR and deferred maintenance and requested assistance from Tina Anderson in developing a proposal to move forward with corrective actions. The District will take into consideration public and private property boundaries and special status species avoidance work windows in developing their approach.
7. Notice Calling for Nominating Petitions:
The District will post notice calling for nominating petitions as the tenure of Trustees Dan Ramos and Ray Yeung are expiring in December. The District noted that Thomas Kane and Rich Yeung

will be running for Trustee position. Downey Brand will assist with the legal notice that the District will post in the Daily Democrat.

8. MBK Updates:

a. Lower Elkhorn Setback Levee/Pump Station/Interior Drainage Update:

The setback levee project, pump station, and ditch construction are progressing. SAFCA is awaiting final court decision regarding the Yeung property eminent domain action. If DWR is allowed to take possession Sukut will be able to construct the remainder of the ditch in the north this year.

b. Detention Basin Management:

RD 537 has a meeting scheduled with DWR to discuss maintenance of the Detention Basin and interior drainage on the 17th of August.

c. CAMU Update:

SAFCA has processed the amendment for CAMU. MBK is in the process of preparing a memo for SAFCA to justify the design of the Corp Yard including all of its facilities and amenities.

d. FMAP Update:

Tina Anderson informed the trustees that the District's advance payment is about 4 weeks out. The Agreement for 2021-22 was just received.

9. Update on Oroville Lawsuit Subpoena:

Austin Cho reported that there was a prior authorization for a potential waiver and the District will receive paperwork for signature soon.

10. WSAFCA Update:

Trustee Thomas Ramos said there is nothing to report currently until such time as the Federal budget is finalized.

11. Manager's Report:

General Manager Kyle Lang reported he has begun working on AB 156 on-line reporting, and that currently Districts 785 and 827 have not been consolidated with 537 on the reporting website.

Kyle Lang has received quotes for rodent control and will explore the possibility of employing owl boxes in addition to the District's regular use of bait stations.

The District is to review prevailing wage requirements relative to District staff patrolling bait stations.

Kyle Lang also reported he is arranging for the flood fight container and the files from Districts 537, 785, and 827 to be moved to the Elkhorn Fire Station and will also be installing additional trespassing signage along the levee.

Kyle Lang will assist in coordinating potential O&M and deferred maintenance actions relative to repairing erosion and how to approach vegetation control issues. He will also be coordinating staffing to operate the District's equipment.

12. Informational Items:

Rebecca Smith of Downey Brand is to resume consultant duties and is to be once again included in District communications.

Trustee Mattos executed MBK Engineer's Scope of Work for their continuing effort regarding CAMU and the upcoming Corp Yard construction.

Trustee Dan Ramos requested Tina Anderson follow up with DWR regarding needed repairs to the section of levee on the Yolo Bypass just north of the tie in with the new levee. MBK will send Mike Kynett, MBK Supervising Engineer, out to the site to inspect the cracking issue and

determine if it may be eligible under FRSP funding.

The District requested MBK engineers prepare a proposal to address relocating elderberry on the levee. MBK to work with a biologist in preparing the proposal.

13. Adjourn:

Trustee Mattos adjourned the meeting at 11:02am