

STRATFORD IRRIGATION DISTRICT
May 21, 2020
LEMOORE CANAL & IRRIGATION COMPANY OFFICE
877 W. Iona Ave., Lemoore, CA 93245

The regular meeting of the Stratford Irrigation District Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Vice-President Scott Stanton. Other Directors present were T. Azevedo, M. Newton and B. Newton; Dir. C. Meyer was absent. Others present were Manager R. Silva, Secretary J. Baley, Steve Jackson, John Vidovich, Ted Page and Jim Wilson.

Because no meeting was held last month, the minutes of the March 19, 2020 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Dir. B. Newton, seconded by Dir. Azevedo and carried to approve the March 19, 2020 minutes as mailed.

The current financial report was presented by Treasurer J. Baley and included the following bills for payment:

LC& IC (Waterman, Power, Maint.)	\$ 3,251.70
M. Green & Company, LLC	125.00
Joanne Baley (Postage)	11.00
Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP	625.00
Summers Engineering	817.78
Joanne Baley (May)	554.10
IRS (e-pay payroll withholding)	91.80
LC & IC (Asmt. #597; due 6/10/20)	41,100.00

A motion was made by Dir. M. Newton, seconded by Dir. B. Newton and carried to approve payment of the bills as listed and to ratify payment of the bills (checks #1069-1073) which were paid in April.

Copies of a Budget Update report for the period ending 4/30/2020 were distributed and reviewed by the Board.

John Vidovich appeared before the Board. He has bought a substantial amount of ground in Stratford Irrigation District and is noticing a subsidence in sections of the SID main and other laterals. Mr. Vidovich indicated he would like to be involved in finding a solution for subbing of water and leaching into the planted ground. He suggested selling water to raise funds to install pipelines, which would eventually result in water savings to the District. He also suggested having a committee of interested landowners get together to pursue the idea. Mr. Vidovich offered to arrange a meeting at Buena Vista Water Storage District to further discuss the matter, because that district has pipelined its canals.

Manager Silva reported that Pine Flat storage is 787,193 a/f; the natural flow is 4,184 c.f.s. Precipitation is 13.39", which is 71% of normal. Stratford has approximately 10,375 a/f in storage. Stratford has used 1,930 a/f of its Lemoore Canal "A water this water season. This

year's coordinated run is from June 1st to August 31st. Peoples and Last Chance plan to start on June 1st.

There was nothing new to report on the Lemoore Canal meeting held earlier this month.

Because there was no SID meeting last month, a motion was made by Dir. B. Newton, seconded by Dir. Azevedo and carried to ratify the allocation of ¼ a/f per acre of Stratford River Water.

The painting of tainter gates and sluice gates at Pine Flat Dam has been completed.

A tentative meeting has been scheduled for June 19th to discuss the imported water agreement.

J. Baley reported that the new District Map will be completed in time for submission to Kings County by July 1st.

Ms. Baley received the packet from Kings County's Elections Dept. which requires adoption of a Resolution for General District Election. A motion was made by Dir. Azevedo, seconded by Dir. M. Newton and carried to adopt Resolution No. 20-02 Resolution Calling for General District Election.

Ms. Baley reported she is retiring at the end of August and the Board should consider hiring a new Secretary, Treasurer, Assessor and Collector. After discussion, a motion was made by Dir. B. Newton, seconded by Dir. M. Newton and carried to offer the position to Wendee Areias and to begin paying Mrs. Areias in June, 2020 to begin training.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Baley, Secretary