

STRATFORD IRRIGATION DISTRICT
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19813 Madison Avenue, Stratford, CA 93266
August 20, 2020

The regular meeting of the Stratford Irrigation District Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Charles Meyer. Other Directors present were S. Stanton, B. Newton, M. Newton and T. Azevedo. Others present were Manager R. Silva, Secretary J. Baley, Secretary W. Areias, J. Vidovich, J. Wilson, D. Wilson, Jimmy Wilson, C. Andrews, Steve Dufur, Josh Orton, Jason Orton and S. Jackson.

A motion was made by Dir. B. Newton, seconded by Dir. Azevedo and carried to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2020 meeting.

Sandridge Partners proposal of a pipeline on Lateral 23 – John Vidovich presented a drawing of a proposed pipeline to replace Later 23 open ditch.

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

Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP	\$ 275.00
Insurica Insurica	6,606.00
LC & IC (Waterman, Power, Maint.)	5,110.65
Summers Engineering	200.50
Joanne Baley – Domaine Name)	35.98
Wendee Areias (August)	554.10
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A motion was made by Dir. M. Newton, seconded by Dir. B. Newton and carried to pay the bills as listed.

Copies of a Budget Update report for the period ending July 31, 2020 were distributed and reviewed by the Board.

Version 1 of the 2020-2021 Budget was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Dir. B. Newton, and seconded by Dir. T. Azevedo and carried to pass Version 1 of the Budget.

Manager Silva reported that Pine Flat storage is 250,072 a/f; Total storage is 385,402; the natural flow is 329 c.f.s. SID storage is a total of approximately 8,500 a/f. Around 10,431 a/f of Stratford’s Lemoore Canal “A” water has been delivered to users so far. SID storage at the end of the run should be around 8,000 a/f.

Stratford Irrigation District will backstop Empire’s TCP storage up to 600 a/f for the filling up of the #1 Pool at the beginning of the water season if needed. Empire will reciprocate if SID needs to go into their TCP in the future.

Manager Silva reported that a portion of Lateral 32 has collapsed. It is 50-60 years old. Lemoore Canal has decided to eliminate Lateral 32 by installing a variable speed lift pump (20 cfs) at Pool #2 to replace a smaller pump (5 cfs) that the motor burned up recently.

Director Bill Newton reported that at Lemoore Canal's August meeting that they made a decision to run until September 15th.

New draft guidelines have been sent out regarding the Imported Water Agreement. Another managers meeting concerning the draft guide lines will be held August 24th @ 10 a.m. via conference call.

There was nothing new to report on SGMA.

The Water Rights Fees will likely increase 5.7%.

Mr. Silva reported that managers have had two conference calls with the Watermaster regarding how the river is running, water reports and timing to receive them.

The James ID trial will begin sometime in 2021. Declaration for support of motion to eliminate Stratford ID and other units from the law suit regarding how the Watermaster calculates the % water delivery was signed by Manager Silva.

The Verboon Court trial for damages is scheduled for October 5th.

A motion was made by Dir. B. Newton, seconded by Dir. M. Newton and carried to adopt Resolution No. 20-04 RESOLUTION TO SIT AS BOARD OF EQUALIZATION on September 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Wendee Areias, Secretary