

Ballico Cortez Water District

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors Ballico Cortez Water District Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Chairman Dirk Ulrich called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. via conference call due to COVID-19 and shelter in place orders. California State Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, signed March 4, 2020 allows local and state legislative bodies to hold meetings via teleconference and to make meetings accessible electronically during the pandemic. Once the governor's shelter in place orders have been lifted the board will go back to regular meetings at the Cortez Hall, 12937 North Cortez Avenue, Turlock, CA.

Present Directors: **Roll Call** Larry Bettencourt (9:50 am), Jay Fiorini, Scott Severson, Dirk Ulrich, Victor Yamamoto, and Dennis Yotsuya

Others Present: Kip Hudson, Hudson, Henderson, and Company, Karen Whipp, Board Secretary

ITEM 2 There were no public comments.

ITEM 3 It was moved by Jay Fiorini, seconded by Dennis Yotsuya, and **carried unanimously** to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2020 board meeting. **Roll Call Vote: Jay Fiorini - Yes, Scott Severson - Yes, Dirk Ulrich - Yes, Victor Yamamoto - Yes, and Dennis Yotsuya – Yes.**

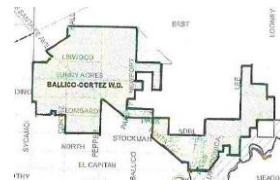
ITEM 4 It was moved by Scott Severson, seconded by, Victor Yamamoto, and **carried unanimously** to pay the bills as presented (*KL Whipp and Co., Hudson, Henderson, and Company, and the remainder of the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Contribution Share*) and accept the financial report as presented by Dennis Yotsuya. **Roll Call Vote: Larry Bettencourt - Yes, Jay Fiorini - Yes, Scott Severson - Yes, Dirk Ulrich - Yes, Victor Yamamoto - Yes, and Dennis Yotsuya – Yes.**

ITEM 5 Following the financial audit report given by Kip Hudson, with Hudson, Henderson, and Company, it was moved by Jay Fiorini, seconded by, Victor Yamamoto, and **carried unanimously** to accept the July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020 financial audit. **Roll Call Vote: Larry Bettencourt - Yes, Jay Fiorini - Yes, Scott Severson - Yes, Dirk Ulrich - Yes, Victor Yamamoto - Yes, and Dennis Yotsuya – Yes.**

ITEM 6 The board secretary reminded the board members to complete and mail her their Form 700 forms. **For information only.**

ITEM 7 The board secretary gave a brief report on the current board roster and upcoming elections. **For information only.**

ITEM 8 There was discussion about potential projects. A newsletter will be prepared and sent to landowners listing the projects. **For information only.**



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ITEM 9 The board secretary gave an update on the progress of the annexation. **For information only.**

ITEM 10 Old Business:

- a. Regarding current Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) updates:
 - Dennis and Karen gave an update on Proposition 218 planning process.
- b. There was nothing new to report on SGMA.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

I hereby certify that this is a full and correct copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors of the Ballico Cortez Water District of Merced County, California.

February 17, 2021

Karen Whipp

KAREN L. WHIPP
BALLICO CORTEZ WATER DISTRICT BOARD CLERK