SEAL ROCK WATER DISTRICT MINUTES OF THE

Regular Board Meeting, Budget Hearing and Rate Hearing May 11, 2017

Call Regular

Board Meeting: Board President John Garcia called the regular board meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.,

Thursday, May 11, 2017.

Present: John Garcia, Board President; Glen Morris, Treasurer; Rob Mills, Member.

Staff: Adam Denlinger, General Manager; Joy S King, Office Manager. See sign in sheet

for public attendance.

Excused Absences: Karen Otta, Saundra Mies-Grantham

Announcements: Commissioner Mills complimented the staff for the excellent way that the documentations

for the board meeting packet were put together that promotes transparency.

Public Comments: None

Agenda Calendar: Items on the consent calendar are Invoice Lists for April/May 2017; minutes of the April

13, 2017 regular board meeting and April 20 budget committee Meeting; April/May 2017 Financial Report/Invoices to approve; USDA Phase 3- Project Monitoring Report No. 19; General Manager's Report. Glen Morris motioned to approve the consent calendar not including the minutes since he was not present at the April 13 board meeting. Motion Seconded by Rob Mills. Motion carried 3-0. The minutes will be presented at the June 8,

2017 board meeting for approval.

Discussion and Information Item:

Phase IV: The Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Report for Phase IV Project have

been completed by CH2M Hill Engineering. Copies are available for the board to review and comments. A copy has been sent to USDA engineer for his review and comments. Final copies of the reports will be presented to the board at the June 8, 2017 board

meeting for approval.

Lincoln County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural

Hazard Mitigation Plan: The District has applied for FEMA grant to fund the raw water pipeline from Beaver Creek

to the treatment plant. Most of the requirements have been achieved to qualify for the grant except having a natural hazard plan. District staff is working with Lincoln County planning for the District to become a part of the Lincoln County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (LCMJNHMP). Adam Denlinger, GM has been working with Lincoln County representatives and FEMA Mitigation Planners to complete the required documentations to be a part of the LCMJNHMP. Staff will find out in July if the District is approved to be part of the mitigation plan. The Multi-Jurisdictional Summary Sheet of the application shows all cities of Lincoln County and Central Lincoln PUD as part of the

LCMJNHMP.

Total Eclipse: Adam Denlinger, GM had a meeting with the fire chief of Seal Rock Rural Fire District and

discussed issues that may result in a high volume of people coming to the coast to witness the total solar eclipse on August 21, 2017. The fire chief is considering closing Grebe Street to public parking but having it accessible to those who live in the area, in case they have to respond to emergency calls. It might need board action to close Grebe

Street. It's a county road but maintained by SRWD and SRRFD.

Bond Counsel- RFP: The board reviewed and discussed the draft Request for Proposal for Bond Counsel

Services. The District is facing several financings in loans and grants to fund Phase IV Projects and the board directed staff to put out an RFP to solicit statements of qualifications and fee proposals to provide bond counsel professional services in

connection with multiple issues resulting in \$12.7 million in loans and grants. The RFP will be advertised in the Daily Journal of Commerce in Portland. It may attract bond counsel from out of state. The final RFP will be presented to the board for approval at the June 8,

2017 board meeting.

Public Hearing: Water Rate

Adjustments: John Garcia, Board President recessed the regular board meeting at 4:25 pm and opened

the public hearing in accordance with ORS Chapter 254.312, to receive public testimony regarding the proposed water rate adjustment for FY 2017-18. A letter from a customer, Larry Coryell was read as part of the public testimony. There was no other public

testimony heard. John Garcia closed the rate hearing at 4:35 pm.

Budget Hearing: John Garcia opened the budget hearing in accordance with ORS Chapters 294.453 and

294.456 to receive public testimony regarding the SRWD proposed budget for FY 2017-18. There was no public testimony regarding the FY 2017-18 budget. John Garcia closed

the budget hearing at 4:37 pm.

Reconvened Regular

Meeting:

Joh Garcia reconvened the regular board meeting at 4:38 pm.

Decision Items:

Chase Park Grants:

Glen Morris motioned to approve an agreement with Chase Park Grants for technical grant specialist services. Motion seconded by Rob Mills. Discussion ensued. It was discussed if the district needs the service offered by Chase Grant Parks now. Staff have been successful in obtaining loans and grants to fund the projects in the past. The Phase IV project will be funded by grants and loans from USDA and IFA. The district has no other projects that would need loans and grants at this time and therefore there is no need to have the services offered by Chase Park Grants. There would be a need in the future to update the master plan to identify projects that would need funding. In such time, the services of Chase Park Grants would be beneficial to the district. Motion was not carried. Voted YES – 0 and voted no – 3. The board directed Adam Denlinger, GM to communicate with Tia Cavender, Chase Park Grants' President and Owner and let her know of the board's decision that the district doesn't need their services for now, but might need their services in the future after a Master Plan update to identify other projects is completed.

Mid-Coast Watershed Council:

This discussion is a continuation from last month's meeting. The Mid-Coast Watershed Council (MCWC) is applying for a loan from OWEB to rehabilitate an area upstream of the district's planned Beaver Creek intake location and asking for the district's support of their project. The stream corridor is critically lacking in native riparian vegetation, and mostly dominated by a vast monoculture of Reed Canary Grass. The total cost of the project is \$300,000 and \$225,000 of that would come from grant. The MCWC needs to come up with \$75,000 before the grant is approve and they are asking support from other stakeholders to donate monetary support and/or support in kind. This project would be beneficial for the district since it is located above the district's proposed intake location. It will protect the environment and improve the water quality. The district is currently monitoring the water temperature and water quality of Beaver Creek and will continue to monitor for 2 years before the district would draw water for consumption. Glen Morris motioned to approve to support the Mid-Coast Watershed Council's Beaver Creek rehab project by donating not more than \$10,000 and in kind by sharing the monitoring data that the district is gathering. Rob Mills seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 – 0.

Reports, Comments, and Correspondence:

ER & PER:

Adam Denlinger, GM will attend a USDA-RD Community Programs Made Easy Training in Portland on May 16. He will also meet with USDA State engineer to discuss the completed Environmental Report (ER) and Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for Phase IV project.

Workshop:

There will be a Collaborative Planning for Water Future Workshop in Bend, Oregon on May 24 and 25. Adam Denlinger, GM was elected as a delegate to represent the Mid-Coast Basin. Delegates from the Deschutes area and Eastern Oregon will also attend the workshop.

Executive Session: None

Next Board Meeting: June 8, 2017 @ 4:00 pm Regular Board Meeting.

Adjournment: John Garcia adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.