



MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, August 18, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.
via Zoom, due to COVID-19 Meeting Protocol

MINUTES

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE

Michael (Mike) Mobley, Chair
Elizabeth (Betsy) Cooper, Vice-Chair/Secretary
Arne Anselm, Treasurer
Conner Everts

DIRECTORS ABSENT

James (Jim) Chambers

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Bryan Bondy, Executive Director
Joseph Hughes, Legal Counsel
Jackie Lozano, Clerk of the Board
Daryl Smith, UWCD Finance
Ambry Tibay, UWCD Finance
Brian Zahn, UWCD Finance

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Burt Handy
Mohammed Hasan, UWCD
Kathleen Kuepper, UWCD
John Lindquist, UWCD

CALL TO ORDER 1:01 p.m.

Chair Mobley called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Mobley led the participants in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROLL CALL

The Clerk of the Board called roll. Four Directors were present (Anselm, Cooper, Everts, and Mobley) and one Director was absent (Chambers).

3. Adoption of Alternative Teleconferencing Requirements Under AB 361

Motion

Following discussion, on motion of Director Everts, seconded by Director Cooper, the Board made the determination that, due to continuation of the Governor's Executive Order and the imminent risk to health and safety, the Board will continue with the previous teleconferencing determination under AB 361, on the following roll call vote: Four ayes (Cooper, Anselm, Everts, Mobley); none opposed; one absent (Chambers). Motion carried 4/0/1.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

Chair Mobley asked if there were any public comments. None were offered.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Director Everts moved Agenda approval; Seconded by Director Anselm. Roll call vote: Four ayes (Anselm, Cooper, Everts, and Mobley), none opposed, one absent (Chambers). Motion carried 4/0/1.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine by the Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member pulls an item from the Calendar. Pulled items will be discussed and acted on separately by the Board. Members of the public who want to comment on a Consent Calendar item should do so under Public Comments. (ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)

6a. Approval of Minutes

Motion

The Board will consider approving the Minutes from the June 16, 2022, Regular Mound Basin GSA Board of Directors meeting. A meeting cancellation notice was emailed to the Board of Directors and interested parties list as well as posted to the Mound Basin website and Facebook page regarding the July 21, 2022, Regular Board of Directors meeting.

6b. Approval of Warrants

Motion

The Board will review the warrant payment registry for previously paid invoices and consider approving payment of outstanding vendor invoices.

6c. Monthly Financial Reports

Information Item

The Board will receive monthly profit and loss statements and balance sheets for the months of June and July 2022.

After the Board's review of Consent Calendar items, Director Cooper requested a modification to her name in the meeting minutes to show as Elizabeth (Betsy) Cooper, rather than Betsy Cooper or Elizabeth Cooper.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar including the June 16, 2022, meeting minutes modification as requested above, Director Everts; Seconded, Director Cooper. Roll call vote: Four ayes (Everts, Mobley, Cooper, Anselm), none opposed, one absent (Chambers). Motion carried 4/0/1.

7. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no updates provided by the Directors.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Executive Director Bryan Bondy briefly reviewed the staff report regarding updates on Agency activities since the last Regular Board of Directors meeting. Chair Mobley was pleased to hear that things are going great with the monitoring well project.

Informational item. No questions were offered, and no further comments were offered by the Directors. No public comments were offered.

9. MOTION ITEMS

9a. Reappointment of Stakeholder Directors

Motion

Chair Mobley briefly summarized the need to reappoint the Agriculture and Environmental Stakeholder Directors for a new one-year term (August 2022-August 2023).

No comments or questions were offered by the Directors. No public comments were offered.

Motion to reappoint Director Jim Chambers to serve as the Agriculture Stakeholder and Director Conner Everts to serve as the Environmental Stakeholder for the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors for a new one-year term (August 2022-August 2023), Director Cooper; Seconded by Director Anselm. Roll call vote of the Member Directors: Three ayes (Mobley, Anselm Cooper), none opposed. Motion carried unanimously.

9b. Professional Services Contract for GSP Implementation Grant Application

Motion

Executive Director Bryan Bondy summarized the motion item for the Board, as provided in the staff report. It was Mr. Bondy's recommendation to contract Kennedy/Jenks Consultants to assist with preparation of the Round 2 SGMA Implementation Grant application. He explained that Kennedy/Jenks is uniquely qualified for this project given their local knowledge and experience preparing grant applications for other local GSAs and the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County for the Integrated Regional Water Management program.

After discussion with Directors, Director Anselm provided that in the future he would prefer a request for qualifications process but agreed that the cost seems reasonable. Chair Mobley said the Agency is trying to get an early start on the application and Kennedy/Jenks is perfect for this project since they do this all the time and provide a great work product.

No further comments or questions were offered by the Directors. No public comments were offered.

Motion to approve a master services agreement and work order for Kennedy/Jenks Consultants to prepare a GSP Implementation Grant Application in an amount not to exceed \$14,945 plus \$3,055 contingency to be authorized at the discretion of the Executive Director (\$18,000 total authorization), Director Anselm; Seconded by Director Cooper. Roll call vote: Four ayes (Everts, Mobley, Cooper, Anselm), none opposed, one absent (Chambers). Motion carried 4/0/1.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Mobley polled the Directors for any future agenda items. He mentioned that he was open to meeting in person and would like to invite John Lindquist of United Water Conservation District to provide his climate analysis presentation. Director Anselm liked the idea of hosting hybrid meetings. Director Everts concurred with either the hybrid or in-person option. It appealed to Director Cooper to meet in-person and she liked the idea of Mr. Lindquist presenting.

Mr. Burt Handy from the public commented it would be nice to have the Agency meetings hybrid and thought it was a good idea.

ADJOURNMENT 1:26 p.m.

Chair Mobley adjourned the meeting at 1:26 p.m. to the next Regular Board of Directors meeting on September 15, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. or call of the Chair.

I certify that above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Board of Directors meeting of August 18, 2022.

ATTEST: 

Elizabeth (Betsy) Cooper, Vice-Chair/Secretary

ATTEST: 

Jackie Lozano, Clerk of the Board