

South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Special Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.
Entirely Remotely via Zoom

Members Present:

Joe Neves, County of Kings (Chair)
Ceil Howe, Jr., Empire West Side Irrigation District (Vice Chair)
Frank Gornick, City of Lemoore (1:04 p.m.)
Michael Newton, Stratford Irrigation District

Members Absent:

Scott Mercer, Stratford Public Utility District

Others Present:

Paul Stiglich, General Manager
Corey McLaughlin, Kings River Conservation District
Brian Trevarrow, Kings River Conservation District
Ken Richardson, Legal Counsel

Amer Hussain, Geosyntec Consultant
Bill Miguel

Item 1: CALL TO ORDER **Presenter:** Chair Neves

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., and the Roll was called to establish a quorum.

Roll Call:

Director Neves: Present
Director Gornick: Present
Director Howe: Present
Director Newton: Present
Director Mercer: Absent

Item 2: TELECONFERENCE / WEBCONFERENCE MEETING **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion:

The Board will consider taking action to determine that the Board will conduct this meeting via teleconference/webconference provided for in Government Code Section 54953(e) as amended by AB361 (2021).

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Newton, and unanimously carried by Roll Call Vote to find, pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e), that a declared state of emergency exists and the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and to determine that the South Fork Kings GSA Board will meet entirely remotely at this time via teleconference/webconference.

Roll Call:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Gornick: Absent
Director Howe: Aye
Director Newton: Aye
Director Mercer: Absent

Item 3: ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

None.

Item 4: PUBLIC COMMENT **Presenter:** Chair Neves

Discussion:

None.

Actions:

None

Item 5: APPROVAL OF LEASE: OFFICE FOR GENERAL MANAGER **Presenter:** Mr. Stiglich

Discussion:

The Board received information from the General Manager regarding potential office space for lease.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Newton, seconded by Director Gornick, and unanimously carried by Roll Call vote meeting the 4/5 majority requirement, to authorize the General Manager to sign a lease with Heritage Realtors & Property Management for administrative office space located 321B C Street, Lemoore, CA 93245, in the amount of \$1,650.00 per month for a period beginning February 13, 2023 and ending at the conclusion of January 31, 2024.

Roll Call:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Gornick: Aye
Director Howe: Aye
Director Newton: Aye
Director Mercer: Absent

Item 6: APPROVAL OF REIMBURSEMENT TO PAUL STIGLICH – GM MOVING EXPENSES **Presenter:** Mr. Stiglich

Discussion:

The Board was presented with information related to the General Manager's moving expenses as compared to the previously authorized \$5,000.00.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Newton, and unanimously carried to authorize the payment of reimbursement for moving expenses to Paul Stiglich, General Manager, in the amount of \$4,278.09.

Roll Call:

Director Neves: Aye
Director Gornick: Aye
Director Howe: Aye
Director Newton: Aye
Director Mercer: Absent

Item 7: DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSITION 218 ELECTION AND/OR OTHER FUNDING MECHANISMS **Presenter:** Amer Hussain

Discussion:

Amer Hussain presented information to the Board regarding a potential schedule for a Proposition 218 election, as well as the potential items to be budgeted for under said election. Additional information was provided by Brian Trevarrow and Ken Richardson as needed. Directors provided feedback on the proposed schedule.

Actions:

None.

Item 10:

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned:

10:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Board Secretary

approved on _____
Joe Neves, Board Chair