South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Regular Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. 429 C Street, Lemoore, CA 93245

Members Present: Members Absent:

Joe Neves, County of Kings (Chair)

Ceil Howe, Jr., Empire West Side Irrigation District (Vice Chair)

Directors Gornick, and Mercer

Frank Gornick, City of Lemoore (Secretary)
Scott Mercer, Stratford Public Utility District
Michael Newton, Stratford Irrigation District

Others Present:

Paul Stiglich, General Manager

Amer Hussain, Geosyntec (Engineering Consultant)

Alison, L + T Municipal Consultants

Ken Richardson, Peltzer & Richardson LC

Item 1: CALL TO ORDER Presenter: Chair Neves

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., and the Roll was called to establish a quorum.

Roll Call: Director Neves: Present

Director Howe: Present

Director Gornick: Arrived at 5:38

Director Newton: Present Director Mercer: Absent

Item 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Presenter: Chair Neves

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

Discussion: None

Actions: At 17:40 Attorney Richardson requested (and was granted) a 5-minute recess from the Chair.

At 17:46 the meeting resumed.

Item 4: PUBLIC COMMENT Presenter: Chair Neves

<u>Discussion</u>:

1. Mrs. Dias, Not supporting the Proposition 218 assessment.

2. Larry, Not supporting the Proposition 218 assessment.

Actions:

None.

Item 5:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Presenter:

Chair Neves

Discussion:

None.

<u>Actions</u>: It was moved by Director Howe, seconded by Director Newton, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2023, Special Meeting. Moved by Director Howe, Seconded by Director Newton

(Ayes: Directors Neves, Gornick, Newton, Howe, and Mercer; Noes: None; Abstentions; None; Absent: Mercer)

Item 6:

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Presenter:

Chair Neves

Discussion:

None

Actions:

None.

Item 7:

SFK GSA ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Presenter:

Chair Neves

Discussion:

Chair Neves announced that the office of Chair is open and asked for nominations.

Actions:

Moved by Director Newton declaring Director Neves as Chair; Seconded by Director Gornick.

As there is no further discussion, Director Neves asked that the nominations for Chair be closed.

Moved by Director Howe, Seconded by Director Gornick. The nomination for Chair is now closed. Director Neves called for the vote for Director Neves to remain the SFKGSA Board Chair.

Ayes, Newton, Gornick, Howe, Neves.

Noes, none.

Absent Mercer

Chair Neves declared the office of Vice Chair vacant and asked for nominations.

Director Howe moved for a slate of officers to continue as before.

Vice Chair, Howe,

Secretary, Gornick.

There being no discussions, Chair Neves asked for nomination for Board Officers to be closed.

Moved by Director Gornick, Seconded by director Howe.

Chair Neves called for the vote.

Ayes, Newton, Gornick, Neves, Howe.

Noes, none.

Absent, Mercer.

The office of the Treasurer is to be determined at a later meeting.

Item 8: AP

APPROVE AUDIT SERVICES FOR F/Y 2022/2023

Presenter:

GM Stiglich

Discussion:

Approve audit services from CPA's Cuttone & Mastro for f/y 2022/2023, not to exceed \$8,000.

Actions:

It was moved by Director Gornick, seconded by Director Howe, and unanimously carried to approve CPA's Cuttone & Mastro as auditors for the fiscal year 2022/2023 for a cost not to exceed \$8,000.

(Ayes: Directors Neves, Gornick, Newton, Howe, Noes: None; Abstentions; None; Absent: Mercer)

Item 9: GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Presenter:

GM Stiglich

<u>Discussion</u>: GM Stiglich provided the Board a written report of his activities, meetings, and correspondence with others and gave a brief narrative of the same.

Actions: None

Item 10: LECHOWICZ + TSENG MUNICIPAL CONSULTANTS

Presenter:

Alison Lechowicz

Municipal Consultants to count the ballots for the Proposition 218 election and announce the results.

Discussion:

At this juncture Attorney Richardson advised the Board that items 10,11, and 12 be deferred to another meeting (due to a technical error in the agenda), to be held at the same venue on July 27, 2023, at 5:30 PM.

Action: Moved by Director Howe to concur with the Attorney's recommendation, Seconded by Director Newton.

(Ayes: Directors Neves, Gornick, Newton, Howe; Noes: None; Abstentions; None; Absent: Mercer)

Item 11: RESOLUTION 2023 – 04 DECLARING THE ELECTION

Presenter:

Chair Neves

<u>RESULTS</u>

<u>Discussion</u> None Actions: Deferred

Item 12:

RESOLUTION 2023 – 05 DECLARING THE ELECTION

RESULTS TO THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

Presenter:

Chair Neves

Discussion: None

Discussion. None

Actions: Deferred

Item 13:APPROVE GEOSYNTEC CONTRACTPresenter:

Discussion:

Engineer Amer is requesting approval of Task Order No. 1, SIGMA support for fiscal year 2023/2024. Not to exceed \$25,000, written agreement attached.

Actions:

Authorize the General Manager to enter into Task order No. 1 agreement as written.

Moved by Director Howe, Seconded by Director Gornick.

(Ayes: Directors Neves, Gornick, Newton, Howe; Noes: None; Abstentions; None; Absent: Mercer)

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Item 14: <u>NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS</u> Presenter: Chair Neves

Discussion: None

Actions:

Next Special Board meeting will be July 27, 2023, at 5:30 Lemoore Council Chamber. Additionally, the Municipal Consultant from Lechowicz & Tseng will count the Proposition 218 property assessment ballots and announce the results.

Item 15: ADJOURNMENT Presenter: Chair Neves

Discussion: None

Actions: Adjourned at 6:35 PM