South Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency SpecialMeeting Minutes

Members Present:

Ceil Howe, Jr., Empire West Side Irrigation District (Vice Chair) Frank Gornick, City of Lemoore (Secretary) Michael Newton, Stratford Irrigation District

Others Present:

Paul Stiglich, General Manager Amer Hussain, Geosyntec (Engineering Consultant) Ken Richardson PR Law Firm (General Council)

Members Absent:

Joe Neves, County of Kings (Chair) Scott Mercer, Stratford Public Utility District

Item 1:	CALL TO ORDER	Presenter:	Vice Chair Howe			
The meeting was called to order at 17:31, and the Roll was called to establish a quorum.						
Roll C	Roll Call: Director Neves: Absent					
	Director Howe: Present Director Gornick: Present Director Newton: Present Director Mercer: Absent					
A quorum is present.						
Item 2:	PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Presenter:	Vice Chair Howe			
Item 3:	ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA	Presenter:	Vice Chair Howe			
Discussion:						
•	None.					
<u>Actions</u> :						
	None.					
Item 4:	PUBLIC COMMENT	Presenter:	Vice Chair Howe			
Discussion:						
	None.					
Actions:						
	None.					

Item 5:		CONSIDER APPROVAL O	F THE MINUTES FOR	Presenter:	Vice Chair Howe
		JULY 27, 2023, PUBLIC H	EARING AND SPECIAL BOARD		
		MEETING			
Discussion: G.M Stiglich reported that the Proposition 218 campaign failed ,the coun			count is as follows:		
		Noes = 20,189 acr	es		
		Yeses = 16,810 ac	res		
	Actions:				
	It was moved by Director Newton, seconded by Director Gornick, and unanimously carried to appro the minutes of the July 27, 2023, Proposition 218 Public Hearing, and Special Board Meetings.				
	And to receive and file the ballots for two years.				

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

Item 6:	DIRECTOR REPORTS	Presenter:	Vice Chair Howe		
<u>Discussion</u> :	None.				
<u>Actions</u> :	None.				
Item 7:	GENERAL COUNCIL REPORT	Presenter:	General Council		
Discussion:					
	General Council Richardson gave a brief report on funding mechanism via Proposition 218 and Proposition 26. Additionally, he informed the Board that Proposition 218 can be used for a property assessment tax and Proposition 26 can be used for a per acre-foot fee on groundwater pumped.				
Actions:	·				
	None.				
Item 8:	FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT	Presenter:	Vice Chair Howe		
Discussion: Actions:	Vice Chair Howe reported to the Board the discussion of the SFKGSA financial status and the minutes the last two meetings held on March 3, 2023, and August 4, 2023.				
	Receive and file the Minutes from March 3, and August 4, 2023.				
Item 9:	GENERAL MANAGER'S FINANCIAL REPORT	Presenter:	GM Stiglich		
Discussion:	G.M. Stiglich reported to the Board that the SFKGSA will be insolvent within three months without an infusion of cash. And G.M. Stiglich asked the Directors to poll their agency that they represent for a lone to the GSA to finance activities through the next few months while the GSA considers another Proposition 218 campaign.				
<u>Actions</u> :	Receive and file financial statements.				

Item 10: **Presenter: GM** Stiglich GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT Discussion: The G.M. Stiglich reported to the Board meetings and activities that he attended and/or performed since the last Board meeting. Additionally, he informed the Board that the probation hearing with the SWRCB tentatively scheduled for December 2023 is cancelled without a new date at this time. Actions: None. Item 11: CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF A NEW PROPOSITION 218 Presenter: GM Stiglich CAMPAIGN Discussion: G.M. Stiglich reported to the Board the need for a new Proposition 218 campaign. Additionally, he presented to the Board a new five-year budget based on a property assessment of \$10.10 per acre of land and that this assessment will sunset in five years. Additionally, G.M. Stiglich reported to the Board that the Engineer's Report for this proposed Proposition 218 campaign is updated and ready for Board approval. Lastly, G.M. Stiglich requested that the Board approve the proposal from L + T Municipal Consulting, not to exceed \$45,860, for administering the Proposition 218 campaign and for bill collection of the property assessments once the property assessment is approved by the landowners. According to the SFKGSA policy, a 4/5ths super majority is required for approval of any contracts over \$25,000. Therefore, the Chair tabled the consultant's proposal to the next Board meeting and instructed the G.M. to schedule a new meeting when a super majority of the Board is available. Actions: Moved by Director Newton and seconded by Director Gornick to approve a new Proposition 218 campaign for \$10.10 per assessed acre, including a five-year sunset clause, and the accompanying Engineering's Report. (Ayes: Directors Gornick, Newton, and Howe; Noes: None; Abstentions; None; Absent: Neves, and Mercer)

 Item 12:
 REPORT FROM GEOSYNTEC ENGINEER
 Presenter:
 Engineer Amer

<u>Discussion</u>: Engineer Amer reported to the Board the series of meetings to be held with the SWRCB staff in preparation for the Probation Hearing (December's 2023 Hearing is cancelled), and the respective preparation activities of The TLSB managers. Additionally, Engineer Amer noted that the cost for engineering support will increase due to the SWRCB's staff requesting a rewrite of the GSP. Engineer Amer estimated that a GSP rewrite would cost upwards of \$500,000., split five ways with the other TLSB GSA's.

Item 13:

NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

Presenter: Vice Chair Howe

Discussion:

Discussion ensued on a meeting date to approve the L+T Municipal Consultant's proposal. The Vice Chair directed the General Manager to find a date for the next Special Board meeting.

Actions:

The G.M. will poll the Board members for a new meeting on August 24, 31, or September 7, 2023, to consider approval of the L+T Municipal Consultant's proposal to administer the Proposition 218 campaign, and property assessment bill collection.

Item 14: ADJOURNMENT

Presenter: Vice Chair Howe

Discussion:

Actions: Adjourned at 19:00