

MEETING MINUTES
of the Board of Trustees Reclamation District No. 537
February 4, 2025

Pursuant to the foregoing consent and the notice thereof, duly and regularly posted and given to all members of the Board of Trustees, and by-laws of said District, a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No. 537 was called to order by Trustee William Mattos on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 9:07 am in-person and via Teams online meeting.

Meeting items

1. Meeting attendance/introductions:
The meeting was attended by Trustees William Mattos, Dan Ramos, Thomas Ramos, Ross Peabody, and Trustee Ray Yeung. Also in attendance were District staff and consultants Billy Mattos, Dustin Dumars, Rebecca Smith, Tina Anderson, and Nichole Leonard. One member of the public, Russel Maichel, attended the meeting.
2. Approval of agenda:
Trustee Dan Ramos made a motion to approve the agenda, Trustee Yeung seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.
3. Approval of minutes of the Board Meetings from December 3, 2024 and January 24, 2025.
Trustee Peabody made a motion to approve the agenda, Trustee Yeung seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items District

Russell Maichel attended the meeting to discuss his request for a legal crossing from the Bagga property. He stated he is willing to work with the District. Ms. Smith reported that the District cannot take action on non-agenda items, and that there are multiple parties involved. Ms. Smith suggested that Mr. Maichel write his specific request and send it to the board. The District will add this item for consideration at the next regular meeting.

Business/Action Items

1. Report on District Finances
Mr. Dumars presented informational items including the District's balance sheet and a summary of District funds.
2. Corp Yard
 - a. Extra Work
The District met with Forgen last week. Gary Albertson is coordinating the extra work and invoicing with Forgen.
 - b. Building Bid
The District has received and will review the bids for the 2025 Corporation Yard Building Project. The District will award the Contract within 60 days.
 - c. Discussion of Convault purchase
Trustee Mattos located a convault for fuel storage with safety features for \$6,400 including delivery. Trustee Dan Ramos made a motion to purchase the equipment, Trustee Peabody seconded, and the motion passed 5-0-0.
3. SAFCA Contribution to District Budget
The District reviewed the budget memo outlining SAFCA's contribution to offset the District's budget deficit due to lost revenue and increased O&M costs caused by the land

use changes from the LEBLS project. Ms. Anderson will check to ensure that all lost assessment funds are included in the budget numbers. The District also would like to ensure that they are not financially liable if the projected revenue from the proposed acreage is less than expected. Trustee Peabody made a motion to approve the outlined terms, pending review of the above items. Trustee Dan Ramos seconded, and the motion passed 5-0-0.

4. Engineers' Report and Updates (MBK):

a. FMAP

Ms. Anderson reported that FMAP 2025-2026 has not been funded and the status of the Program is uncertain at this time.

b. FEMA

Ms. Anderson stated that the FEMA reimbursement cannot be processed until the District's SAMS number is verified. Trustee Tom Ramos has had difficulty accessing the online portal for SAMS and requested a meeting with Ms. Anderson to help resolve the problem.

5. Attorneys' Report

Ms. Smith had no additional items.

Informational Items

1. Manager's Report:

Manager Mattos reported that he has been using the SCADA system and last week he adjusted the pumps and set them at 10 feet. He reported that if the pumps are set at 9 feet, they run constantly and cause costly spikes in power usage. He also reported that regular maintenance, including rodent and vegetation control will resume in spring.

2. WSAFCA Update:

Trustee Tom Ramos reported that Greg Fabin has retired and Paul Dirksen is now the Flood General Manager. The District appointed Trustees Dan Ramos and Tom Ramos to will look into the possibility of withdrawing from the JPA; and whether the District would be able to recoup some of the funds it invested at the time WSAFCA was formed.

3. Adjourn:

Trustee Mattos adjourned the meeting at 10:51 am.