

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting¹
of
The Natomas Basin Conservancy**

August 4, 2021

**Offices of the Natomas Basin Conservancy
(Meeting held via Zoom)
5:00 p.m.**

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT:

= attended

= did not attend

- Melinda Bradbury
- Chandra Chilmakuri
- David Christophel
- Steve Cohn
- Michael Johnston
- Nancy Johnston
- Chris Norem
- John Shirey
- Paul Squires
- Gabrielle Stadem

**STAFF/LEGAL
COUNSEL/IT
CONSULTANT**

PRESENT:

John Roberts, Kim Burns, Jennifer Skupic,
Sierra Paul and Yvonne Melkonian

Ethan Walsh, Best Best & Krieger LLP; and Spencer Rees,
iGuys Consulting

GUESTS:

Nick Avdis, Michelle Havens, Steve Geiger

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was held for real estate.

CALL TO ORDER

Shirey called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 5:19 p.m., noting a quorum was present.




PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shirey called for public comments. None were heard.

¹ Notice of meeting posted on TNBC website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CONSENT ITEMS

Shirey requested following motion to approve the June 2, 2021 Board of Directors meeting minutes and the consent agenda items. Shirey pulled the June 2, 2021 regular meeting minutes from the consent agenda and requested a motion to approve the remaining consent items.

	<p>Approval of the minutes</p>	<p>The Board Chair will request approval of the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of June 2, 2021.</p>
	<p>Repairs to Bolen South well</p>	<p>The Bolen South groundwater well recently suffered a broken tube and shaft and emergency repairs were made to get the well through the growing season and avoid crop loss. The property has no surface water source, so the groundwater well on site is the only source of irrigation water. The Bolen South tract is one of the few that is capable of and regularly produces alfalfa, a preferred crop type for the Swainson’s hawk. The property lies in the NBHCP’s Swainson’s Hawk Zone.</p> <p>More complete and permanent repairs are needed to successfully utilize the farmland. The repairs to the well have been quoted at \$23,040. In addition, Conservancy staff requests a 10% contingency in the event of any other incidentals necessary to make the repairs complete. Staff recommends Board approval.</p>
	<p>Natomas Farms East tract fence settlement</p>	<p>This item requests the Board of Directors authorize the Conservancy’s Executive Director or Chief Financial officer to execute and deliver any and all necessary instruments to resolve a long-standing fencing matter on the Conservancy’s Natomas Farms East tract. After years of attempts to work out an arrangement whereby Conservancy livestock activity could take place on a portion of SAFCA property in exchange for SAFCA’s removal of a Conservancy livestock fence, this solution simply “cashes out” SAFCA’s obligation to make the Conservancy for</p>

		having removed a Conservancy fence in conjunction with a soil mining project on an adjacent property. See the attached draft agreement which is being presented to the SAFCA Board of Directors for acceptance and approval. Staff recommends approval.
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(Res.21.08.01) On a motion by Cohn and a second by Christophel, the Board unanimously approved Consent Agenda items, except for the June 2, 2021 minutes. (see below).

Board members

- Melinda Bradbury
- Chandra Chilmakuri
- David Christophel
- Steve Cohn
- Michael Johnston

- Nancy Johnston
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Vote symbols

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- = abstain or recuse

Shirey requested updated language in the June 2, 2021 minutes regarding the Implementation Annual Meeting. The new language clarifies that the Wildlife Agencies were given an opportunity to make comments, but none were heard.

(Res.21.08.02) On a motion by M. Johnston and a second by Shirey, the Board unanimously approved of the June 2, 2021 regular meeting minutes with new language pertaining to the Implementation Annual Meeting clarifying that the Wildlife Agencies were given an opportunity to make comments but none were heard.

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ACTION

2021 Budget Revision. When the 2021 Budget was proposed by staff in late 2020, staff shared that there were many variables in the 2021 budget and should any of these or other events be realized, a mid-year budget revision would be proposed. Since the Conservancy’s auditors check year-end financials against budget as a measure of financial discipline and control, it is especially important to maintain Board oversight of the budget.

Management reviewed the proposed budget revisions in detail at the Board meeting. Management recommended Board approval of the proposed 2021 mid-year budget revision.

(Res.21.08.03) On a motion by Chilmakuri and a second by Cohn, the Board unanimously approved the proposed 2021 mid-year budget revision.

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DISCUSSION

City of Sacramento report. There were no representatives from the City of Sacramento in attendance.

County of Sutter Report. Steve Geiger was available at the meeting, but no report was given.

Financial statement review. Burns presented unaudited June 30, 2021, financial statements. Additional information was provided.

Executive Director's Report. Various matters for Board members' general information were presented by the Conservancy's Executive Director.

ADJOURNMENT

Official adjournment of the meeting.

(Res.21.08.04) On a motion by M. Johnston and a second by Cohn the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Chandra Chilmakuri, Secretary

Date