

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**ORLAND-ARTOIS WATER DISTRICT**

(A UNIT OF THE SACRAMENTO VALLEY CANALS)

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**MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
ORLAND-ARTOIS WATER DISTRICT**

**TUESDAY JANUARY 16, 2024**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-President of the Board Chuck Schonauer called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

**Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum.**

- Mike Vereschagin
- X Steve Carlos
- X Brian Erickson
- X Jim Jones
- X Chuck Schonauer

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

- X Emil Cavagnolo, Manager.
- X Angel Stephens, Administrative Assistant.
- X Chris Drouillard, Water Superintendent.
- X Jenny Scheer, Water & Land Solutions.
- X Marty Bailey, Assessor/Treasurer/Tax Collector.
- X Chase Hurley, Water & Land Solutions.
- X John Erickson, Director retired.

Roll call was as above and a quorum was determined.

**1. Approval of the Minutes of the December 19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.**

The Directors reviewed the December 19<sup>th</sup> minutes, and after Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones / Carlos) to approve the December 19<sup>th</sup> minutes by the following vote:

- AYES: S. Carlos, B. Erickson, J. Jones, C. Schonauer.
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: M. Vereschagin.

**2. Public Forum.**

Vice-President of the Board Chuck Schonauer presented Retired Director, John Erickson, a plaque and a framed resolution in honor of the years of service Mr. Erickson spent on the District's Board of Directors.

**3. The Board to Review and Approve the December Internal Financial Statements.**

**4. The Board to Review and Approve Payment of Checks.**

Manager Cavagnolo Reported that LAIF interest, in the amount of \$53,832.40, was received for the last quarter of 2023. The Directors reviewed the financial transaction summary for December and the check register. Manager Cavagnolo answered questions the Board had regarding the financials and the check register. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones / Carlos) to approve the December Financial Report and checks #14483 thru #14525 by the following vote:

AYES: S. Carlos, B. Erickson, J. Jones, C. Schonauer.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: M. Vereschagin.

**5. Water Superintendent's Report:**

Operations.

Justin is working in the shop and out in the district. We are waiting for the T. C. to finish cleaning the canal south of road 33, they said should be done in a week or two, then they will drain it north of road 33. This will affect 33.6, 35.2, 38.6, 41.2 pumping plants.

Water Use.

We billed 221.90 acre-feet of water for the month of December and delivered approximately 24 acre-feet of water for January.

Deep wells.

DW 1 is at 135 feet, Monitoring well is at 57 feet and DW 2 is at 110 feet  
DW-1 up 5 feet, DW-2 up 4 feet, and Monitoring Well up 3 feet.

District Vehicles.

All the trucks are running good now.

Water quality.

The canal is clean now.

**6. Manager's Report:**

Manager Cavagnolo reviewed the manager report in the Board Packet and answered any questions the Board had. Manager Cavagnolo reported that he will be attending the Water Users Conference in Reno next week.

7. **General Business:**

A. **The Board to receive an update on the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority Activities.**

Director Jones reported to the Board on the 01/10/2024 TCCA Special Board meeting.

B. **The Board to receive an update on the Glenn Groundwater Authority.**

i. **Report on GGA Board Meeting.**

Director Schonauer reported to the Board on the 01/08/2024 GGA Board meeting.

ii. **Recharge well level update.**

Recharge well levels were in the Board Packet.

C. **The Board to receive an update on annexations.**

i. **The Board will receive an update from Water and Lands Solutions on the Orland A Farmers Group annexation project.**

Chase Hurley reported that the annexation was approved with 10,308 acres by Glenn County LAFCO. Mr. Hurley also reported that the NEPA document is being reviewed by Reclamation and going well.

ii. **The Board to discuss and consider the annexation of the Glenn County Transfer Station.**

Manager Cavagnolo reported that the County of Glenn will be submitting an application for the annexation of the Glenn County Transfer Station. There are 6 parcels totaling just over 400 acres.

D. **The Board to consider changes to the Healthcare Benefits Policy.**

Manager Cavagnolo presented the Board with the current healthcare policy and suggested it was insufficient to cover an employee's health insurance and the opt-out payment no longer was enough to cover the cost of an employee being added on to a spouse's insurance. He proposed having one cap for all employees of \$1,350 per month and increasing the opt-out payment to \$800. Manager Cavagnolo also suggested that this policy be reviewed annually. Director Jones felt the \$1,350 for an employee's insurance was good but suggested the Board increase the opt-out payment to \$600. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones / Carlos) to update the OAWD Healthcare Policy making the insurance cap for all employee's \$1,350 per month and the insurance opt-out payment \$600 per month by the following vote:

AYES: S. Carlos, B. Erickson, J. Jones, C. Schonauer.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: M. Vereschagin.

**E. CLOSED SESSION:**

- i. Public employee appointment or employment involving the position of General Manager. (Government Code section 54957(b)).**
- ii. Public Employee Performance Evaluation involving the position of General Manager. (Government Code section 54954.5(e)).**

Vice-President Schonauer adjourned the regular meeting and the Board went into closed session at 2:35 PM.

The Board came out of closed session and Vice-President Schonauer reopened the regular meeting at 2:55 PM

**F. Report from Closed Session.**

There was no report from closed session.

**G. The Board to consider appointing a General Manager and approving their compensation and benefits.**

The appointment of a General Manager was tabled for a future meeting.

**H. The Board to consider outgoing General Manager and approving their compensation and benefits for services to be rendered.**

Compensation and benefits for the outgoing General Manager was tabled for a future meeting.

**I. The Board to receive an update on 2024 water supply.**

Manager Cavagnolo reported that the 2024 water supply looks promising. Shasta is in very good shape and the two transfers are in place.

**8. ADJOURNMENT.**

Being there was no further District business, Board Vice-President Schonauer adjourned the meeting at 3:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Emil Cavagnolo  
Manager

**APPROVED BY THE OAWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE FEBRUARY 20, 2024  
MEETING OF THE BOARD**