

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 16, 2021

Pursuant to Governor Newsom’s Executive Orders N-29-20 this meeting was conducted by teleconference. The meeting was accessible via telephone, computer, smartphone, or tablet.

DIRECTOR MEMBERS PRESENT

- X Mike Vereschagin
- X Ernie Pieper
- X John Erickson
- X Jim Jones
- X Chuck Schonauer

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

- X Emil Cavagnolo, Manager
- X Andrea Jones, Administrative Assistant
- X Karen Osborn, Office Secretary
- X Marty Bailey, Assessor/Treasurer/Tax Collector
- X Joshua Dowell
- X Josh Horowitz, Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

President of the Board Mike Vereschagin called the meeting to order at 1:31p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll was taken and is indicated above.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes of the January 19th Board meeting were reviewed. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/Pieper) to approve the January 19th Board meeting minutes by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: AYE
Ernie Pieper: AYE
John Erickson: ABSTAIN
Jim Jones: AYE
Chuck Schonauer: AYE

PUBLIC FORUM:

No comments from the public.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:

The Directors reviewed the financial transaction summary for January. Manager Cavagnolo answered questions the Board had regarding the financials. The Board requested several changes be made to the financials. The Board requested Manager Cavagnolo to check with the auditors regarding questions the Board had about the Profit & Loss Report. Director Jones requested Manager Cavagnolo send a letter to Sites JPA asking about our credit balance and to check with our auditor's on how to record the Sites credit on our financials. Manager Cavagnolo will report back to the Board at the next Board meeting on what he found out. No action was taken on the January Internal Financial Statement.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECKS:

The Board reviewed the check register. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/Erickson) to approve checks #12799 thru #12844 by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: AYE
Ernie Pieper: AYE
John Erickson: AYE
Jim Jones: AYE
Chuck Schonauer: AYE

WATER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Manager Cavagnolo reviewed with the Board the Water Superintendent's report, which was included in the Board Packet. The report updated the Board on District Operations, Water Use, Deep Wells, Vehicles, and Water Quality.

MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Manager Cavagnolo reviewed with the Board his Manager's Report, which was included in the Board packet, and answered any questions the Board had.

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Director Jones updated the Board on the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority activities and the meeting he participated in on 2/03/2021.

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

Director Schonauer updated the Board on the Glenn Groundwater Authority activities and meeting he participated in on 2/08/2021.

C. The Board to receive an update on current and future annexations.

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the current and future annexations

Joshua Dowell, of the Orland A Farmers Group, updated the Board on a future Improvement district and annexations. Currently they have 8,500 acres to be annexed. Joshua advised the Board they might end up at 10,000 acres.

D. The Board to discuss drought year planning for the 2021 water year.

Manager Cavagnolo discussed with the Board drought year planning for the 2021 water year and the RRA requirements for Transferred water.

The Board discussed the implications of RRA on water transferred from agencies which are not paid out. Attorney Josh Horowitz explained the RRA law which says that RRA follows the water and requires land receiving the water to comply with RRA rules. Attorney Horowitz explained several options for the District, including designating water use to acres not subject to RRA and to request an exemption from Reclamation. After Board discussion, the Board reached a consensus and directed Attorney Horowitz to compose a letter to Reclamation's Regional Director requesting an exemption from this rule. The letter will be from the Board of Directors and signed by the president of the Board.

Manager Cavagnolo reviewed with the Board Resolution 2021-01, which was included in the Board packet, confirming authority to sign contract for temporary water service between the United States & OAWD providing terms and conditions are acceptable. This contract allows the District to use Section 215 Water when available. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/Erickson) to approve Resolution 2021-01 by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: AYE

Ernie Pieper: AYE

John Erickson: AYE

Jim Jones: AYE

Chuck Schonauer: AYE

Manager Cavagnolo reviewed with the Board Resolution 2021-02, which was included in the Board packet, approving a one-year water transfer from Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District. Director Jones pointed out two clerical errors in the Resolution. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/Erickson) to approve Resolution 2021-02, with the requested corrections, by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: AYE
Ernie Pieper: AYE
John Erickson: AYE
Jim Jones: AYE
Chuck Schonauer: AYE

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the T-C Transfer Documents which are out for review for forbearance water. Manager Cavagnolo advised the Board this is an annual process.

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the Warren Act Water and the new discharge facilities for Emerald Farms and Erickson Orchards.

Manager Cavagnolo advised the Board the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA) is working with GCID on a water transfer proposal.

Manager Cavagnolo discussed with the Board Water Rates for 2021. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson/Jones) to approve \$190.00AF for the District's initial allocation of .34AF per acre by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: AYE
Ernie Pieper: AYE
John Erickson: AYE
Jim Jones: AYE
Chuck Schonauer: AYE

Manager Cavagnolo reviewed with the Board the 2021 Water Application process. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson/Jones) to approve the 2021 Water Application Process by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: AYE
Ernie Pieper: AYE
John Erickson: AYE
Jim Jones: AYE
Chuck Schonauer: AYE

E. **The Board to consider updating the District's Rules and Regulations.**

Manager Cavagnolo reviewed with the Board the District's Rules and Regulations.

After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson/Pieper) to approve the District's Rules and Regulations with some amendments by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: AYE

Ernie Pieper: AYE

John Erickson: AYE

Jim Jones: AYE

Chuck Schonauer: AYE

ADJOURNMENT:

Being there was no further business, President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 3:43p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emil Cavagnolo', written in a cursive style.

Emil Cavagnolo
Manager

Approved at the March 23rd Special Board Meeting.