

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

MINUTES

APRIL 19, 2022

NOTICE OF TELECONFERENCE: Consistent with AB 361, this meeting will be conducted by teleconference. The public may attend the meeting and offer public comments by phone, using the call-in number provided below. Members of the Board will participate either in person or by teleconference from other locations.

DIRECTOR MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Emil Cavagnolo, Manager.
- Karen Osborn, Office Secretary.
- Chris Drouillard, Water Superintendent.
- Marty Bailey, Assessor/Treasurer/Tax Collector.
- Jenny Scheer, Orland A Farmers Group.
- Chase Hurley, Orland A Farmers Group.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Roll was taken and is indicated above and a quorum was determined.

AB361

Consider finding by a majority vote under Gov. Code, § 54953, subd. (e)(1)(B) that as a result of the COVID-19 emergency: (i) meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and (ii) the meeting is authorized to be held by teleconference pursuant to Gov. Code, § 54953, subd. (e)(1)(C). After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Pieper/Jones) to approve the above by the following vote;

AYES: M. Vereschagin, E. Pieper, J. Jones, C. Schonauer
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: J. Erickson

MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes of the March 19th Board meeting were reviewed. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Jones) to approve the March 15th Board meeting minutes with the mentioned corrections, by the following vote:

AYES: M. Vereschagin, E. Pieper, J. Jones, C. Schonauer
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: J. Erickson

PUBLIC FORUM:

There were no comments from the public.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND APPROVAL OF CHECKS:

The Directors reviewed the financial transaction summary for March 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 (Pieper/Jones) to approve the March Financial Report and checks#13483 thru #13535 by the following vote:

AYES: M. Vereschagin, E. Pieper, J. Jones, C. Schonauer
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: J. Erickson

WATER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Water Superintendent Drouillard reviewed the Water Superintendent's report, and updated the Board on District Operations, Water Use, Deep Wells, Vehicles, and Water Quality.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

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 Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority Activities.**

Director Jones updated the Board on TCCA activities and the meeting on 04/06/2022.

B. **The Board to Receive an Update on Glenn Groundwater Authority.**

Director Schonauer reported to the Board on the GGA Board Meeting on 04/11/2022.

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

The Board received an update from Chase Hurley and Jenny Scheer, Water and Land Solutions, on the Orland A Farmers Group annexation project. The hydraulic analysis for using existing infrastructure is proceeding, focus is on the 35.2 system. A meeting with District Counsel is scheduled to discuss Annexation agreements for the annexing landowners. The agreements will have to deal with new and existing infrastructure and ownership and maintenance of facilities.

The Board reviewed the Davids Engineering Proposal for engineering services. Davids Engineering will be reviewing the engineering for the annexation for OAWD. The District will be reimbursed for these costs by the Orland A Farmers Group. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/Pieper) to approve the Davids Engineering Proposal for engineering services by the following vote;

AYES: M. Vereschagin, E. Pieper, J. Jones, C. Schonauer

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: J. Erickson

D. The Board to receive an update on 2021 water use and costs.

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the actual cost of 2021 water. District Water was bill at \$190 per acre-foot, the final cost was \$172.27. Transferred water was billed at \$447.73 per acre-foot, the final cost \$419.24. These costs could change when the 2021 USBR Accounting Analysis comes out in August of 2022. After board discussion, the board directed the General Manager to add excess funds to the Water Contingency Reserve Account earmarked for O&M Deficit.

E. The Board to discuss drought year planning for the 2022 water year.

a. TC Transfers.

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the status of the TCCA transfer. OAWD will receive water from Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District and Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District.

b. Review Warren Act Water.

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the status of the use of Warren Act Water. The wells tested for water quality all passed and can now be used.

**F. CLOSED SESSION: Existing Litigation [Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)]:
A discussion on litigation resulting from the WIIN Act Loan Conversion.**

Due to the lack of an update, the Board did not go into closed session.

G. Report from Closed Session.

The Board did not go into closed session and therefore there is no report

1. ADJOURNMENT.

Being there was no further District business, President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 2:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Emil Cavagnolo
Manager

Approved by the OAWD Board of Directors at the May 17, 2022 Board Meeting.