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ORLAND-ARTOIS WATER DISTRICT

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

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2023

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President of the Board Mike Vereschagin called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum.

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Emil Cavagnolo, Manager.
- Angel Stephens, Administrative Assistant.
- Chris Drouillard, Water Superintendent.
- Josh Horowitz, District Counsel.
- Chase Hurley, Water & Land Solutions.
- Brad Samuelson, Water & Land Solutions.
- Jenny Scheer, Water & Land Solutions.
- Marty Bailey, Assessor/Treasurer/Tax Collector.
- Larry Reimers, Landowner.
- Lorraine Reimers, Landowner.
- Brian Erickson, Erickson Orchards & Director Elect.
- Jason Kilmer, Kilmer Brothers & Reimann Properties.
- Wes Battson, Capay Farms.
- Steve Carlos, Capay Farms and JSR Farms & Director Elect.

Roll call was as above and a quorum was determined.

1. Public Hearing at 1:30 PM. The Board to Consider Resolution 2023-07 Establishing Per-Acre Valuation for District Lands.

President Vereschagin opened the Public Hearing at 1:32 PM. There were no comments from the public. The Directors reviewed Resolution 2023-07, and after Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Pieper) to approve Resolution 2023-07, Establishing Per-Acre Valuation for District Lands by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

President Vereschagin closed the Public Hearing at 1:35 PM.

2. Public Hearing at 1:40 PM. The Board to review and consider Resolution 2023-08, Adopting a CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Orland-Artois Water District Annexation, Sphere of Influence Update, and Infrastructure Project (Orland A Farmers Group).

President Vereschagin Opened the Public Hearing at 1:45 PM. Chase Hurley, Water and Land Solutions, explained the Draft CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Orland-Artois Water District Annexation, Sphere of Influence Update, and Infrastructure Project (Orland A Farmers Group) received several comments during its public review. Provost and Pritchard Engineering, the document writers, responded to all of the comments and will add the comments and responses to the final document. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Pieper) to approve Resolution 2023-08, A CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Orland-Artois Water District Annexation, Sphere of Influence Update, and Infrastructure Project (Orland A Farmers Group) by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

President Vereschagin closed the Public Hearing at 1:50 PM

3. Approval of the Minutes of the October 17th Board Meeting.

The Directors reviewed the October 17th minutes, and after Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/Pieper) to approve the October 17th minutes by the following vote:

AYES: E. Pieper, J. Erickson, J. Jones, C. Schonauer.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: M. Vereschagin

ABSENT: None

4. Approval of the Minutes of the November 8th Special Board Meeting.

The Directors reviewed the November 8th minutes. President Vereschagin suggested that the minutes should include the total per acre amounts for the CVP Construction Charge and the Distribution System Assessment, agenda items 1b and 1c respectively. After Board

discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/Erickson) to approve the November 8th minutes, with the total per acre amounts, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

5. Public Forum.

There were no comments from the public.

6. The Board to Review and Approve the October Internal Financial Statements.

The Directors reviewed the financial transaction summary for October 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 (Erickson/Jones) to approve the October Financial Report and checks#14388 thru # 14435 by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

7. Water Superintendent's Report:

Water Superintendent Chris Drouillard reported on the shop and field activities over the past month. He reported about the current status of the company vehicles and that a replacement pickup was purchased. It is a used Chevrolet C1500 with about 8,000 miles. It was purchased from Abel Chevrolet in Rio Vista and they delivered it. The purchase price was \$32,200, well below our \$40,000 budget. The 2014 Ford F150 will be sold in a public auction. Superintendent Drouillard reported the District billed 2,227 AF of water for the month of October and delivered approximately 410 AF so far for November. Chris reported that the wells are still low. Water quality has improved with very little debris floating, and the screens do not need much maintenance.

8. Manager's Report:

Manager Cavagnolo reviewed the manager report in the Board Packet and answered any questions the Board had. Manager Cavagnolo thanked the Board for the support they gave the OAWD staff during his 2 1/2-month medical leave. He also thanked and commended the staff for how well they operated the District in his absence. Manager Cavagnolo reported that the office and shop septic system has been repaired, pumped out, and upgraded.

9. General Business:

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

Director Jones reported to the Board on the 11/01/2023 TCCA Board meeting and it was reported that on Dec. 1st the Canal would be shut down for maintenance.

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

Director Schonauer reported to the Board on the GGA Board Meeting on 11/13/2023 and the 11/15/2023 Recharge Pilot Project Ad Hoc Committee Meeting.

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 updated the Board on annexation activities since the special meeting on 11/08/2023.

ii. The Board will discuss Distribution System charges for annexed acres.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Distribution System Assessment as it will apply to annexed acres and confirmed the explanation in the November 8th meeting minutes.

iii. The Board to discuss CVP Construction Charges for annexed acres.

The Board reviewed and discussed the CVP Construction as it will apply to annexed acres and confirmed the explanation in the November 8th meeting minutes.

D. The Board to review and consider Resolution 2023-09, Making Application to the Glenn County Local Agency Formation Commission to Expand the District's Sphere of Influence to Permit Annexation of and Service to Orland A Farmers Group Lands.

The Board reviewed Resolution 2023-09, after Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Erickson) to approve Resolution 2023-09, Making Application to the Glenn County Local Agency Formation Commission to Expand the District's Sphere of Influence to Permit Annexation of and Service to Orland A Farmers Group Lands by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

E. The Board to review and consider Resolution 2023-10, Making Application to the Glenn County Local Agency Formation Commission to Take Proceedings for the Annexation of Approximately 11,000 Acres into the District.

The Board reviewed Resolution 2023-10. Chase Hurley explained that there were still three landowners that have not signed annexation agreements. Two will be signing in the next few days. One landowner is still undecided. Unfortunately, the undecided landowner's dropping out will negatively affect an upstream landowner. Chase asked the

Board for a few more days, either by approving the resolution pending the landowners signing the agreement or having another special board meeting. Chase said that the documents had to be submitted to LAFCO by December 6th. The Board chose to table Resolution 2023-10 and to schedule a Special Board Meeting on November 29th.

F. The Board to consider Resolution 2023-11, Annual Estimate Necessary to Meet District Obligations, approving Assessment Book, proposing a Benefit Assessment, and setting a hearing as a Board of Equalization for December 19, 2023 at 1:30 PM.

The Board reviewed Resolution 2023-11, after Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Pieper) to approve Resolution 2023-11, Annual Estimate Necessary to Meet District Obligations, approving Assessment Book, proposing a Benefit Assessment, and setting a hearing as a Board of Equalization for December 19, 2023 by the following vote:

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

G. CLOSED SESSION: Public employee appointment or employment involving the position of General Manager. (Government Code section 54957(b)).

President Vereschagin closed the regular meeting and the Board went into closed session at 2:52 PM.

The Board came out of closed session at 3:30 PM, and President Vereschagin resumed regular session.

H. Report from Closed Session.

President Vereschagin reported that the GM Interview Committee will interview 4 applicants on November 29th following the Special Board Meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Being there was no further District business, Board President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 3:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Emil Cavagnolo
Manager

**APPROVED BY THE OAWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE DECEMBER 19, 2023
MEETING OF THE BOARD**