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**MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES

MARCH 17, 2020

PRESENT: Mike Vereschagin, Ernie Pieper, Chuck Schonauer

ABSENT: John Erickson, Jim Jones

OTHERS: Emil Cavagnolo, Manager
Chris Drouillard, Water Superintendent
Andrea Jones, Administrative Assistant
Karen Osborn, Office Secretary
Marty Bailey, Assessor/Treasurer/Tax Collector
Brant Smith, Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co. LLC

MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes of the February 18th special Board meeting were reviewed. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Pieper) to approve the minutes as mailed. The vote was as follows:

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

No one from the public was present to address the Board.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS:

The Directors reviewed the financial transaction summary for February. Manager Cavagnolo answered any questions the Board had regarding the financials. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Pieper/Schonauer) to approve the February Financial Report by the following vote:

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

APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECKS:

The Board reviewed the check register. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Pieper/Schonauer) to approve checks #12237 thru #12290 by the following vote:

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

WATER SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

A. **Operations Report**

Water Superintendent Chris Drouillard updated the Board on District operations. Chris advised the Board Justin just finished greasing all the screens at the pumping plants and turning all the air vents back on at the plants and out in the District. We installed nine new meters at 33.6 and 35.2.

B. **Water Usage**

Chris stated we billed 854.17 acre-feet for the month of February. So far this month we have delivered approximately 1,233 acre-feet of water.

C. **Well Operations & Depths**

Chris advised the Board Deep Well #1 is at 109.2 ft., Deep Well #2 is at 102.7 ft., and the Monitoring well is at 46.8 feet. Chris reported Deep Well #1 is up 1.2 feet, Deep Well #2 is up .4 feet, and the Monitoring Well is down 1.6 feet from the previous month’s Board meeting report.

D. **Update on District Vehicles**

Chris updated the Board on the District vehicles. Chris advised the Board all of the District vehicles are good right now.

E. **Update on Water Quality**

Chris informed the Board the canal is a little bit dirty with some algae and some debris.

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.**

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority activities and the meeting he attended on 3/04/2020.

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

Director Schonauer updated the Board on the Glenn Groundwater Authority activities and the Board meeting he attended on 3/10/2020.

Brant Smith arrived at 2:12p.m.

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

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the status of the current annexations.

D. The Board to receive an update for WIIN Act Loan Conversion.

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the WIIN ACT Conversion. Manager Cavagnolo discussed with the Board whether or not they want to accept the current draft contract amendment and have Reclamation release it for the 60-day public review. Manager Cavagnolo advised the Board Jennifer Buckman, Bartkiewicz/Kronick & Shanahan has reviewed it and says it is acceptable. Manager Cavagnolo also discussed with the Board whether or not the Board wanted to pay off the District's CVP Construction Loan under the WIIN Act in a lump sum or 3 payments. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Pieper/Schonauer) to approve accepting the current draft contract amendment and having Reclamation release it for the 60-day public review. The above motion also included the Board's decision to approve paying off the District's CVP Construction Loan under the WIIN Act in a lump sum. The vote was as follows:

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

Brant Smith from Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co., LLC was present to update the Board and answer questions on the refinancing of the District's loans with Reclamation. Brant discussed and answered questions the Board had regarding Municipal Bond Sales and Bank Loans.

There is a TCCA Manager's meeting scheduled on March 31st at Westside Water District, at which 3 lenders will be presenting options to refinance the District's loans with Reclamation. There will be a lot of information available. The Board suggested the District needs to have a check list of questions to ask.

E. The Board to consider Resolution 2020-02, approving temporary contract between the United States and Orland-Artois Water District for conveyance of Non-Project Water.

Manager Cavagnolo reviewed with the Board Resolution 2020-02 approving a temporary contract between the United States and Orland-Artois Water District for conveyance of Non-Project Water (215 Water). After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Pieper) to approve Resolution 2020-02 by the following vote:

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

F. **The Board to consider adoption of Resolution 2020-03 approving Project Water Transfer from Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District**

Manager Cavagnolo reviewed with the Board Resolution 2020-03 approving a one-year Project Water Transfer from Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Pieper/Schonauer) to approve Resolution 2020-03 by the following vote:

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

G. **The Board to discuss starting negotiations with Maxwell Irrigation District for a multi-year water transfer.**

Manager Cavagnolo advised the Board we are in the last year of our water transfer contract with Maxwell Irrigation District. Manager Cavagnolo suggested to the Board the District start negotiations with Maxwell for a multi-year water transfer. After Board discussion it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Pieper) to authorize Manager Cavagnolo to enter into negotiations with Maxwell Irrigation District on a multi-year water transfer. The vote was as follows:

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

H. **CLOSED SESSION: Existing Litigation [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]: A Discussion on the State Water Resources Control Board's Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan Update Proceedings.**

The Board did not enter into Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being there was no further business, President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Emil Cavagnolo
Manager

Approved at the 4/21/2020 Board of Directors Meeting.