

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES**

**September 21, 2021**

Pursuant to Governor Newsom’s Executive Orders N-29-20 this meeting will be conducted by teleconference for Public Access. The meeting can be accessed by the public via telephone at: +1 (872) 240-3212 Code: 660-132-957 or by smartphone, computer, or tablet at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/660132957>

**DIRECTOR MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

- Emil Cavagnolo, Manager.
- Karen Osborn, Office Secretary.
- Marty Bailey, Assessor/Treasurer/Tax Collector.
- Marc Frelier, Representing the Foley Ranch.
- Jenny Scheer, Orland A Farmers Group.
- Jenifer Buckman, Bartkiewicz, Kronick & Shanahan, phoned in for Closed Session.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Roll was taken and is indicated above.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

The minutes of the August 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting were reviewed. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/ Pieper) to approve the August 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting minutes by the following vote:

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

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Marc Frelier, representing the Foley Ranch, presented a proposal for annexing land into the District.

**FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND APPROVAL OF CHECKS:**

The Directors reviewed the financial transaction summary for August 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 August Financial Report and checks#13149 thru #13200 by the following vote:

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

**WATER SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

Manager Cavagnolo 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 the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority activities and the meeting he participated in on 09/01/2021.

Director Schonauer joined the meeting via Go to Meeting at 2:00 PM.

Director Erickson departed the meeting at 2:01 PM.

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

Director Schonauer reported to the Board on the GGA Board Meeting on 09/14/2021. Director Schonauer reported that The GSP draft is completed and out for public review.

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

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the Tuscan Land pumping facility USBR license progress. The license has been applied for and the Cultural Resource Report has

been submitted. Director Jones noted the deposit balance was below \$15,000 and asked if the District should ask for it to be increased. Manager Cavagnolo explained the District's work was mostly done and the remaining funds in the deposit should be sufficient to finish the project.

There were no Annexation Committee meetings.

Jenny Scheer updated the Board on the progress of the Orland A Farmers Group annexation. Jenny presented the Board with signed signature pages for 11,330 acres of land to be annexed into the District.

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

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Directors on the status of 2021 water transfers and the needs of the OAWD water users. He reported that he purchased 500 acre-feet of project water from R.D. 1004 to replace part of the water lost when the contract allocation was lost. The District is working with water users to move water from those who have more water than they will need to those who are running out. The Deep wells are currently off, they will be used to deliver water after October 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

The Board went into closed session at 2:55 PM, Attorney Jennifer Buckman joined the Directors and Manager Cavagnolo by telephone.

**F. Report from Closed Session.**

The Board came out of closed Session at 3:08 PM and there was nothing to report.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

Being there was no further business, President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 3:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Emil Cavagnolo  
Manager

Approved by OAWD Board of Directors  
at the October 26, 2021 Special Board Meeting