

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES**

**June 15, 2021**

Pursuant to Governor Newsom’s Executive Orders N-29-20 this meeting was conducted live and 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   Chris Drouillard Water Superintendent
- X   Andrea Jones, Administrative Assistant
- X   Chase Hurley, Orland A Farmers Group
- X   Jennifer Buckman, attorney, for closed session only.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President of the Board Mike Vereschagin called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll was taken and is indicated above.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

The minutes of the May 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting were reviewed. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson/Pieper) to approve the May 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting minutes by the following vote:

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

## **PUBLIC FORUM:**

There were no comments from the public.

## **FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND APPROVAL OF CHECKS:**

The Directors reviewed the financial transaction summary for May 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 May Financial Report and checks#12991 thru #13037 by the following vote:

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

## **WATER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Water Superintendent, Chris 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**

- 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. The Board directed Manager Cavagnolo to not go forward with a new hire to replace the administrative assistant. The Directors would like to have this on the July's agenda to discuss the organization of District personnel for the future.

## **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 6/02/2021.

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

Director Schonauer reported to the Board that the GGA Board Meeting will be on 06/16/21, so there was no update.

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the GGA/CGA Joint TAC meetings he participated in on 5/19/21 and 6/11/21.

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

Chase Hurley, of the Orland A Farmers Group, updated the Board on a future Orland A Farmers Group Annexation. He felt that his group would sign a funding agreement for as soon as it is ready and not having it today would not slow them down. His landowner group is being invoiced for the deposit amount. Chase is working with Manager Cavagnolo on an updated letter requesting a Letter of Agreement from Reclamation and for the project. The LOA will have the deposit amount required by Reclamation. Chase had a meeting with Glenn County LAFCo and is starting to work on that application. Chase met

with the USBR and the USBR will allow the engineering firm the landowner group hired to be the NEPA lead, this should speed up the environmental process.

Director Jones made a motion that the Orland A Farmers Group Annexation Funding Agreement be tabled this month and have a Closed Session at the July Board Meeting to discuss the agreement. He would also like to have an ad-hoc committee appointed by the President of the Board in place before the agreement is approved. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/Erickson) to approve by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: None

President of the Board Vereschagin appointed Director Schonauer and Director Jones to serve on the Ad-Hoc Annexation Committee.

The Board directed Manager Cavagnolo to work with Chase Hurley and set up a date for the committee and Chase to meet.

**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. We lost our 5% water allocation from the Bureau and Emil is looking for ways to replace the lost water.

**E. The Board to consider Resolution 2021-05, Resolution Certifying Delinquent Water Service Charges to be collected as part of District Assessments.**

Manager Cavagnolo reviewed with the Board Resolution 2021-05, Resolution Certifying Delinquent Water Service Charges to be collected as part of District Assessments. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Pieper/Jones) to approve by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: None

**F. 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 3:10 PM, Attorney Jennifer Buckman joined the Directors and Manager Cavagnolo by telephone.

**G. Report from Closed Session:**

The Board came out of closed Session at 3:28 PM and there was nothing to report.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being there was no further business, President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.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 JUNE 15, 2021 MEETING OF THE OAWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**