

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES

MARCH 23, 2021

Pursuant to Governor Newsom’s Executive Orders N-29-20 this meeting was conducted 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 Andrea Jones, Administrative Assistant
- X Karen Osborn, Office Secretary
- X Marty Bailey, Assessor/Treasurer/Tax Collector
- X Chase Hurley, Orland A Farmers Group

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Roll was taken and is indicated above.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes of the February 16th Board meeting were reviewed. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Jones) to approve the February 16th Board meeting minutes by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: AYE
Ernie Pieper: AYE
John Erickson: AYE
Jim Jones: AYE
Chuck Schonauer: AYE

MINUTES APPROVAL:

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

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: AYE
Ernie Pieper: AYE
John Erickson: AYE
Jim Jones: ABSTAIN
Chuck Schonauer: AYE

PUBLIC FORUM:

No comments from the public.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND APPROVE CHECKS:

The Directors reviewed the financial transaction summary for January and February. The Board also reviewed the check register. Manager Cavagnolo answered any questions the Board had regarding the financials and the check register. Manager Cavagnolo advised the Board he would ask Mary to attend a Board Meeting after the District audit in May so that she could go over the audit and answer questions the Board has regarding the Profit & Loss statement and how to address the credit the District has with Sites. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Jones/Pieper) to approve the January and the February Financial Reports and check #12845 through check #12896 by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: AYE
Ernie Pieper: AYE
John Erickson: AYE
Jim Jones: AYE
Chuck Schonauer: AYE

WATER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

The Board reviewed the Water Superintendent's report, which was included in the Board Packet. The report updated the Board on District Operations, Water Use, Meter repairs, 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.

Manager Cavagnolo advised the Board the Bureau announced that below the Delta the 5% water allocation is not available.

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. Director Jones updated the Board he on the TCCA meetings he participated in on 2/25/2021, 3/03/2021, and 3/09/2021. Rich Robertson, from the Bureau of Reclamation, updated the Board on the current water situation at the 3/03/2021 meeting.

- B. **The Board to discuss and consider adjusting Operations Charge 2021 rate due to TCCA adoption of a drought budget.**

Manager Cavagnolo discussed with the Board whether or not they wanted to consider adjusting the District's 2021 Operations Charge rate due to the TCCA's adoption of a drought budget. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Schonauer/Jones) to adjust the rate for the 2021 Operations Charge from \$40.74 per assessed acre to \$38.12 per assessed acre. Anyone who has already paid will receive a credit. The vote was as follows:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: AYE

Ernie Pieper: AYE

John Erickson: AYE

Jim Jones: AYE

Chuck Schonauer: AYE

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

Director Schonauer updated the Board on the Glenn Groundwater Authority activities and meeting he participated in on 3/09/2021. Director Schonauer advised the Board they are working on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The next GGA meeting is scheduled for 4/12/2021.

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the GGA/CGA Joint TAC meeting he participated in on 2/24/21.

- D. **The Board to receive an update on current and future annexations.**

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on current and future annexations.

Chase Hurley, of the Orland A Farmers Group, updated the Board on a future improvement district and annexations. Chase advised the Board he has been working very closely with

Emil. Chase informed the Board there is approximately 8,300 acres involved and he feels they are about 90% through with the applications. Chase is hoping to have a final annexation application for our April Board meeting.

E. **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 which included water needs assessment, TCCA Transfers, the TCCA- Districts 2021 Water Purchase delivery Agreement Transfer Documents, and the outlook for additional water transfers.

F. **The Board to consider Resolution 2021-03; to give the Board President and General Manager authority to Negotiate and to Execute Contracts and Agreements to procure Project Water from other Water Districts and Settlement Contractors.**

Manager Cavagnolo reviewed with the Board Resolution 2021-03 which was included in the Board packets. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Pieper/Jones) to approve Resolution 2021-03, giving the Board President and the General Manager authority to negotiate and to execute contracts and agreements to procure project water from other water districts and settlement contractors. The vote was as follows:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: AYE

Ernie Pieper: AYE

John Erickson: AYE

Jim Jones: AYE

Chuck Schonauer: AYE

ADJOURNMENT:

Being there was no further business, President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 2:32p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Emil Cavagnolo
Manager

APPROVED AT THE 04/20/2021 BOARD MEETING