

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 17, 2020

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

 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 Brant Smith, Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co. LLC

X Chase Hurley, Water and Land Solutions

CALL TO ORDER

President of the Board Mike Vereschagin called the meeting to order at 1:33p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll was taken and is indicated above.

**PUBLIC HEARING AT 1.30 P.M. THE BOARD TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2020-13
ESTABLISHING PER-ACRE VALUATION FOR DISTRICT LANDS:**

The public hearing was opened at 1:35p.m. No members of the public were present. The public hearing was closed at 1:36p.m.

It was m/s/c (Schonauer/Pieper) to approve Resolution 2020-13 that based upon the proportional and relative benefits received by the lands in the District, all those lands shall be valued, for purposes of District Assessments, at \$100 per acre. The vote was as follows:

Roll Call Vote

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

MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes of the October 20th Board meeting were reviewed. It was pointed out on page 3 of the minutes the first word was spelled incorrectly. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson/Pieper) to approve the October 20th Board meeting minutes with a correction on page 3, first word should be '**and**' not "Ad "by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote

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

The minutes of the October 30th special Board meeting were reviewed. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson/Pieper) to approve the October 30th special Board meeting minutes by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

No comments from the public.

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND APPROVAL OF CHECKS:

The Directors reviewed the financial transaction summary for October and the check register. Manager Cavagnolo answered any questions the Board had regarding the financials and check register. After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Pieper/Erickson) to approve the October Financial Report and checks #12651 thru #12698 by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: AYE

Ernie Pieper: AYE

John Erickson: AYE

Jim Jones: ABSENT

Chuck Schonauer: AYE

WATER SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Manager Cavagnolo reviewed with the Board the Water Superintendent’s report, which was included in the Board packet. The report 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.

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 participated in on 11/04/2020. Manager Cavagnolo advised the Board the USBR will be testing Warren Act Wells in the next couple of weeks. The TCCA announced it plans for winter maintenance, which requires draining the canal. The canal shutdown will occur between December 1st and February 15th. OAWD will be affected for 2 to 3 weeks during that time frame.

- 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 meeting he participated in on 11/09/2020. Director Schonauer advised the Board they are working on a management plan. Director Schonauer stated there will be a lot of meetings coming up.

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the GGA/CCA TAC meeting he participated in on 11/13/2020. Manager Cavagnolo advised the Board there will be a meeting on the 2nd Friday of every month.

- C. **The Board to receive an update for CVP Construction Loan Conversion.**

Brant Smith, Senior Vice President of Backstrom McCarley Berry & Co. LLC, updated the Board on the CVP Construction Loan Conversion. Brant advised the Board that everything was going smoothly. Brant advised the Board the money to pay off our 9(e) and 9(d) loans with the United States Bureau of Reclamation will be wired on November 24th.

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

Manager Cavagnolo updated the Board on the Worthington Trust Annexation and the Tuscan Land Annexation.

Chase Hurley, of the Orland A Farmers Group, updated the Board on a future improvement district and annexations. Chase advised the Board they have 11 landowners with 8,900 acres and are in Phase 2 of the process. Chase advised the Board Davids Engineering and Provost & Pritchard are giving proposals next Wednesday. Chase feels this will benefit everybody. President Vereschagin stated the District is looking forward to working with Chase and the Orland A Farmers Group.

E. The Board to consider Resolution 2020-14, 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 15, 2020 at 1:30pm.

After Board discussion, it was m/s/c (Erickson/Pieper) to adopt Resolution 2020-14, 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 15, 2020 at 1:30pm by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote

Mike Vereschagin: AYE

Ernie Pieper: AYE

John Erickson: AYE

Jim Jones: ABSENT

Chuck Schonauer: AYE

**F. CLOSED SESSION: (Government Code section 54954.5, subdivision (e))
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: General Manager.**

The Board went into closed session at 2:20p.m. to discuss and review public employee performance evaluation for Manager Cavagnolo.

G. OPEN SESSION REPORTING:

The Board came out of closed session at 3:04p.m. No report was given.

H. The Board to discuss 2021 O&M budget.

Manager Cavagnolo reviewed the 2021 proposed budget line by line with the Board and answered questions. Manager Cavagnolo provided the Board with two versions of the proposed budget, a high and a low one. The low version did not include a new part time position. The Board suggested some changes be made to the proposed 2021 Budget. The Board gave Manager Cavagnolo a 5% raise in his salary. The Board also approved a 5% overall raise for the remaining employees to be distributed at Manager Cavagnolo's discretion. Manager Cavagnolo will adjust the items discussed and present the revised 2021 Budget to the Board at the next Board meeting for their approval.

The Board thanked Manager Cavagnolo for all of his hard work.

I. **The Board to consider reducing the 2020 water rate for the remainder of the water year due to the buyout of the CVP Construction loan.**

Manager Cavagnolo discussed with the Board whether or not they wanted to reduce the 2020 water rate for the remainder of the water year due to the buyout of the CVP Construction loan. Director Pieper suggested waiting until next month to make any changes.

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

Manager Cavagnolo advised the Board they will be testing the Warren Act wells. Director Erickson advised Manager Cavagnolo he wants to do the crossing for the Warren Act. Manager Cavagnolo advised the Board he has talked to Lance Boyd, Princeton-Codora-Glenn Irrigation District, regarding our 5-year water transfer. Director Schonauer suggested the District go ahead and enter into another 5-year transfer water contract if they offer us the same deal with the same terms. Manager Cavagnolo will follow up and talk to Lance and report back to the Board at the next Board meeting.

Being there was no further business, President Vereschagin adjourned the meeting at 4:22p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Emil Cavagnolo
Manager

Approved at the December 15, 2020 Board Meeting